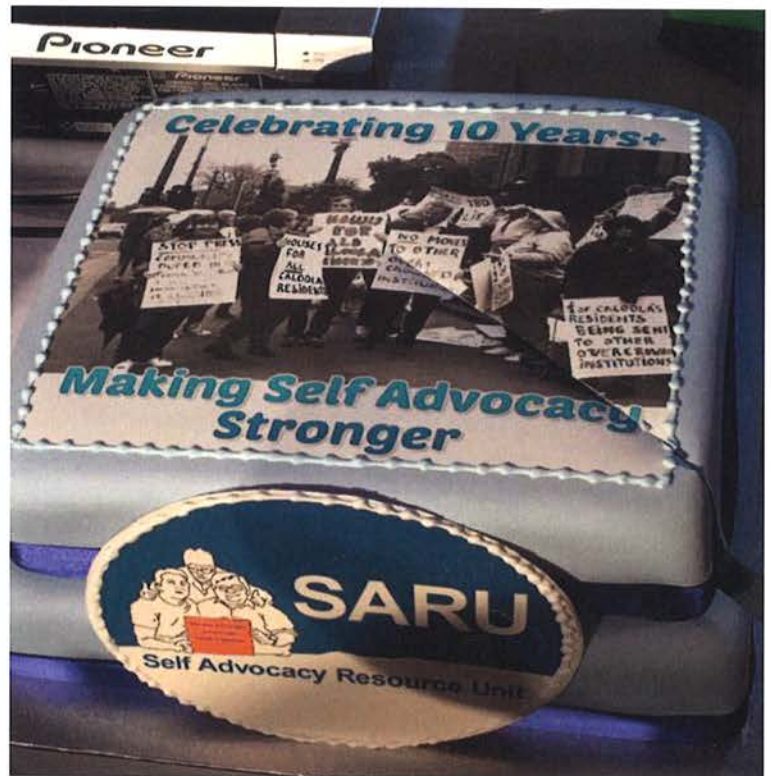




Action for More Independence and Dignity in  
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## Annual Report 2018

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# **Annual General Meeting**

**10th October 2018**

## **AGENDA**

- 10.00 Register Attendance
- 10.15 Welcome and Acknowledgement
- 10.20 Present/Apologies
- Endorsement of new members
- Confirm Minutes of the Previous AGM
- 10.30 Chairperson's Report
- 10.15 Treasurer's Report- Confirm auditor
- 10.20 Activities Report – AMIDA advocacy, SARU and Special Projects Partnerships and Voice at the Table
- 11.00 Nomination for and Election of committee members
- 12 noon Celebration Lunch
- 1.00 Close of meeting



**AMIDA  
AGM**

**10<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Janice Slattery, John Slattery, Susan Arthur, Lincoln Humphreys, Chris Lowe, Norrie Blythman, Carmel Laragy, Graham Binding, Amanda Millear, Lisa Wulfsohn, Pam Geoghegan, James Teekan, Esther Harris, Andrew Maurice, Julie Brasington, David Walker, Lisa Brumtis, Jeff Shaw, Peter Waters, Sue Smith, Jacqui Ward, Jan Coles, Ray Groves, Pauline Williams, Jane Rosengrave, Sally de Beche, Mel Keely, Susan Brunton, Gabrielle Dickinson

**Apologies:** Colin Hiscoe, Peta Ferguson, Ariane Garner-Williams, Karen Gughelmi, Rosie Furmeister

**Minutes of the previous AGM:**

‘that the minutes be accepted as a true and correct record’

**Moved** - John Slattery    **Seconded** - Susan Arthur    **Carried**

**Chairperson’s Report:** Presented by Peter Waters

**Activities Report:** Presented by Pauline Williams

SARU report presented by Jacqui Ward

**Treasurer’s Report:** The Treasurer’s Report was presented by Lincoln Humphreys

**Moved** - Lincoln Humphreys    **Seconded** - John Slattery    **Carried**

**Resolution:**

‘that AMIDA appoints Collins & Co as the Financial Auditor from the 2017/18 financial year’

**Moved** - Carmel Laragy    **Seconded** - Lincoln Humphreys    **Carried**

**Elections:** The Chair was handed to the Returning Officer, Esther Harris.

There were two continuing members:

Carmel Laragy

James Teeken

Nominations were received prior to the meeting from:

Peter Waters

Luke Stone

Norrie Blythman

Amanda Millear

Lincoln Humphreys

‘that the above nominations for the committee be accepted’

**Moved** - John Slattery    **Seconded** - Carmel Laragy    **Carried**

Esther Harris declared that the above are elected for 2 years.

Other nominations were called for from the floor. No further nominations were received. Anyone interested in joining the Committee can contact the office. AMIDA has the ability to co-opt committee members after the AGM.

Congratulations to all committee members.

Peter Waters resumed the Chair and declared all formal parts of the meeting are completed. He invited everyone to have a short break and come back for the Launch of the ROV 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CD.

After a short break Peter invited people to speak about their experience and memories of ROV.



The following people spoke: Amanda Millear spoke about the beginning of ROV. Jane, James, Janice, Norrie, Lachlan, Susan, John, Lisa, Jeff and Peter spoke.

After the launch everyone enjoyed lunch and the meeting closed at 1.30pm.

## **Chairpersons Report - Peter Waters**

It is kind of funny over my years at AMIDA I have seen many changes and we have grown into a bigger and better organisation with more projects and of course, more workers. I would like to welcome all our new workers and hope they are enjoying their role now and into the future. I would like to also thank you all for your tireless work and dedication. Thank you again to you all.

This year one of our main advocacy co-ordinators, Gabrielle Dickinson, left us and what a worker she was. Gabrielle not only did advocacy but did a lot more such as the newsletter, minutes at monthly meetings many, many hours on policies that AMIDA has in place today. She was a friend to us all and will be sorely missed but we wish her a happy retirement.

On a sad note, we all lost a great friend in the late Esther Harris. Why I write about Esther is she was our Returning Officer for the AGM. So at our AGM today let's think about Esther. She was a great advocate and supporter of AMIDA. We also lost the late Andrew Daly, who was a long time member and made our day every time we saw him with a kind smile and the question, "Does your hair blow in the wind?"

Our projects seem to get bigger and bigger. They include NDIS Appeals Advocacy, which is doing important work to improve the NDIS. The SARU, Wow! It's hard to believe that we celebrated 10 years in June. Self-advocacy groups came together to celebrate their growing strength with a fabulous party. The SARU projects are too many to write about here but do read our activities report on all of these.

Finally if you are sitting here today asking yourself, "What can I do to help AMIDA?" I say to you, come on board. Sit with us and help take AMIDA into the future. Talk to any board member about what's involved. From my point of view AMIDA has grown from a 2 person shop to a 30 plus powerhouse. As chair I am very proud of each and every one of our committee members but most of all our workers.

Thank you all.

Peter Waters  
Chairperson of AMIDA



AMIDA acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government

AMIDA also acknowledges the support of the Commonwealth Government.



## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Peter Waters	Chairperson
Carmel Laragy	Treasurer
Norrie Blythman	Secretary
James Teeken	Committee Member
Amanda Millear	Committee Member
Luke Stone	Committee Member
Lisa Brumtis	Committee Member
(Appointed to a vacant position)	
Justin O'Brien	Committee Member
(Appointed to a vacant position)	
Lincoln Humphreys	Committee Member
(Resigned during the year)	



## **AMIDA WORKERS to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Gabrielle Dickinson	Housing Rights/Coordinator (resigned)
Pauline Williams	Projects Coordinator
Pam Geoghegan	NDAP Advocate/IT
Bronwyn Trickett	NDAP and NDIS Appeals Advocate
Koula Sarimichaelidis	Administration/Finance
Kathryn Aedy	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Susan Brunton	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Judy Bourke	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Leah McMahon	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Gab Reade	Radio Technical Producer

## **Self-Advocacy Resource Unit**

Sue Smith	SARU/ ASAP Projects
Jacqui Ward	SARU /VSAN/DBV Projects
Jan Coles	Transitions Project
Dean Dadson	SARU/Innovations/ Transitions Projects
Sally De Beche	SARU ASAP Project
Melanie Keely	SARU/Partnerships
Julie Brassington	Partnerships Project
Larissa Mac Farlane	Partnerships Project
Michael McEvoy	Voice at the Table
Amy Lassett	Voice at the Table
Kylie Thurborn	Innovations/Transitions
Rebecca Rowe	SARU/Partnerships/ Transitions
Charity Sims-Jenkins	Innovations/Transitions
Rebecca Biddle	VSAN/Peer Advisor
Jane Rosengrave	Peer Advisor
Francesca Lee	VSAN/Peer Advisor
Colleen Dehne	Deaf Blind Victorians
Heather Lawson	Deaf Blind Victorians
Michelle Stevens	Deaf Blind Victorians
Paola Avila	Deaf Blind Victorians
Trudy Ryall	Deaf Blind Victorians





# AMIDA Activities Report

## July 2016- June 2017

### Key issues

Lack of affordable and accessible housing and increases in waiting lists for public and community housing

An influx of referrals for advocacy which reflect the stress people with a disability are under due to lack of housing and other factors such as loss or lack of supports.

### Systemic Advocacy

1. Submission to the Senate Joint Standing Committee on the Transitional Arrangements for the NDIS
2. Submission to the Victorian Government on a Registration and Accreditation scheme for the Victorian Disability workforce.
3. Input to the Public Housing Renewal Program
4. Submission into the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Bill
5. Participation in Disability Network Forum development of *Empowered Lives* which outlines the key systemic issues facing Victorians with disability
6. Participated in a RoundTable on violence against people with a disability in institutional setting.
7. Participated in a think tank on Specialist Disability Accommodation
8. Participated in the Australian Self Advocacy Project (ASAP) and promoting group self-advocacy across governments.

When requests for input come to AMIDA we assess each one against our vision and mission and the strategic priorities we have developed. We also respond to the issues arising in our advocacy work.

We have collaborated with many organisations. These include Victorian Council of Social Services and its members, Office of the Public advocate, Summer Foundation, Australian Human Rights Commission,



Disability Advocacy Network Australia, Disability Advocacy Resource Unit and the Self Advocacy Resource Unit

Advocacy strategies have included RoundTable discussion to develop positions, submission writing, participation in research informing others submissions, provide advice to development of community projects and proposals.

Details of progress and incremental outcomes include;

1. Changes have begun to Victorian Tenancy law which were the subject of consultation we participated in last year and the Minister responsible wrote to us saying that our comments and submissions have informed these changes.

2. Public Housing Renewal will be informed by the new Disability State Plan both which we imputed submissions to, and it will now require

- Increase suitable housing.

- Incorporate the Livable housing design guidelines (gold level) into housing estate renewal projects.

- Performance of maintenance and upgrades on 700 department – run disability accommodation properties.

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

2017/18 has been our 31st year of supporting people with a disability having the opportunity to be involved in the Raising Our Voices self-advocacy group which produces its own radio show on 3CR - 855am. This 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. Representatives also met with the CEO of the NDIA and participated in Victoria Self Advocacy Network.

Topics this year have included:

- Peter and Pauline remember Terry Stanton, a strong self-advocate who helped bring about positive change. We discuss transitioning to the NDIS.
- Amanda, Pauline and Lachlan are talking Air travel and Accessibility. Can you travel with your wheelchair? What kind of support is there for you?
- Acquired Brain Injury (ABI). What it is? What changes does it bring? Jeff, Lisa and Peta share their experiences of ABI and swap tips on the war on ignorance
- Over several shows we celebrated 30 years on air this year and we are still celebrating! We've been going through the archives from the last 5 years since our 25th anniversary compilation and brought you some of the amazing voices and conversations raised in support of self-advocacy for people for a disability. Featured presenters were: Lisa, James, Amanda, Maria, Helen, Tim, Ray, Peter, Jane, Norrie, Sue, Ariane, Lachlan, Peta, Jeff, Pauline, Colin, Luke, Janice, Luke, John and Susan.
- Kathryn joins Pete this month to talk about NDIS appeals process. What do you do if something is missing from your plan or your support needs change?
- Lachlan and James share their stories of housing and living independently with a disability
- Norrie, Peter, James and Amanda share their stories of living in and travelling around independently in Melbourne.
- John, Luke, Susan and Pam talk about football and accessibility and inclusion
- Maria, Nelson and Lachlan talk about sport and disability
- Celebrate another great year of Raising Our Voices at the Live Radiothon show with Jane and Norrie

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. 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)

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

During 2017/18 we continued to provide information, advice, referral and individual advocacy to people with a disability. This comes from our National Disability Advocacy Program and the NDIS Appeals Advocacy.

In total we were able to provide information, advice and referral to 121 people with a disability and community organisations. Many people were provided with information at forums, conferences and education sessions as well as directly face to face and over the phone and email. 183 people were provided with direct individual advocacy, family advocacy or self-advocacy support

There are numerous issues but there are a few that provide a challenge to our advocacy and these have been communicated to government.

There is also no clear communication channel between advocacy and the NDIA to resolve these issues and others that arise.

- The NDIA will still not provide copies of our clients NDIA Plans directly to advocates. This makes it very difficult to effectively advocate. Despite formal consent given by clients the NDIA refuses to supply plan to advocates.
- The NDIA are requiring advocates give the NDIA their own personal date of birth. This is unnecessary information for the NDIA to have and is not required for the provision of advocacy and is a breach of privacy of the advocate.
- All advocacy agencies have quickly reached capacity and cannot take on all the requests for advocacy coming to us as a result of poor decisions by the NDIA in relation to participants, particularly those in their 2<sup>nd</sup> plan who are experiencing routine cut backs to their plans.
- Supports have been withdrawn in Victoria from DHHS and other funded services as funds shift to NDIS and not all these clients will be eligible for NDIS.



- Lack of information, advice and advocacy for people in the Supported Residential Services in Victoria and an unclear rights framework with the transition of the NDIS
- No dedicated funded for preplanning or application support for people with a disability wanting to access the NDIS.
- Lack of clarity about Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA), including tenancy rights with safeguards, how to prove and maintain eligibility if you move house, issues about the fairness of the subsidies and how to generate housing options through SDA

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

We produced 3 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.

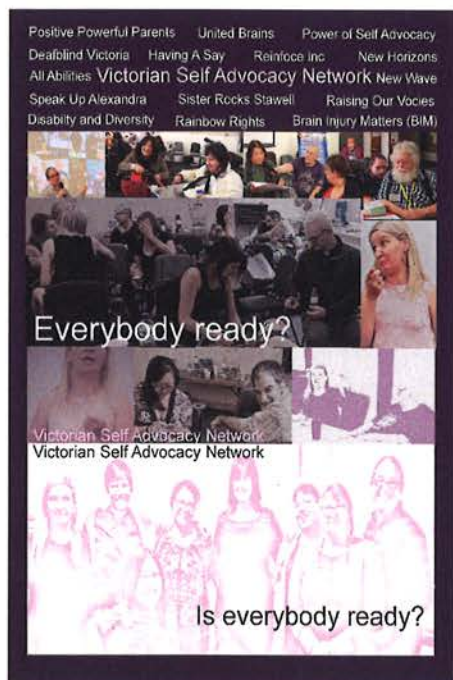


There has been a lot happening at the SARU over the last 12 months. We received project funding from the Office for Disability, the Victorian Government NDIS Transition team and the NDIS. The number of people working at the SARU has also increased. These projects include:

#### **Transitions Funding**

The transitions funding has enabled SARU to provide extra support to strengthen self-advocacy groups and to help make them sustainable into the future.

## Victorian Self Advocacy Network



The past 12 months have been busy for the Victorian Self Advocacy Network (VSAN) following on from the successful VSAN Transport Forum in 2017.

SARU workers and peer advisors met with most of the self-advocacy groups around Victoria to talk about ILC (Information, Linkages and Capacity Building) funding and what it means for groups.

We had a great turn out at June's VSAN ILC Forum. This was a chance for groups to workshop future project plans, find resources, connect with each other and hear from ILC's Anna Burke, DHHS transitions workers and SARU.

The second half of 2018 has been about developing project ideas into ILC submissions. SARU has made ILC Project Kits for groups to turn their bright ideas into detailed, well-thought-out projects.



All Abilities Advocacy Working Group at their ILC Workshop in Warrnambool

SARU and peer advisors have worked together with groups on priority projects that came out of the VSAN ILC Forum. We will now be supporting up to 7 groups to apply for ILC funding for projects beginning mid-2019.



## The Partnerships Project

The partnership project has supported three self-advocacy groups to partner with community organisations.

The Positive Powerful Parents Self Advocacy Group (PPP) have partnered with the Parenting Research Centre to make some training for child protection workers. PPP held a parent meeting to find out what other parents want child protection to know. 17 parents with intellectual disability and 2 babies came to the meeting, it was very successful. The PRC have written a report with the findings of the day. PPP are now organising a child protection forum to share the findings with child protection workers.



Banner from PPP parent meeting

Brain Injury Matters (BIM) are making an app for people with brain injury. BIM have partnered with other Acquired Brain Injury groups to make the app. BIM have also partnered with the Summer foundation to launch and promote the app.

Diversity n Disability (DnD) are researching the best way to grow self-advocacy for people from ethnic backgrounds. DnD have partnered with the Shepparton Ethnic council and the Ethnic Community Council of Victoria to do this. DnD are running 2 self-advocacy feasts in October, one in Shepparton and one in Broadmeadows.

Each month the 3 groups get together to talk about their projects and share what they are learning. The groups are going to make a resource kit to help other self-advocacy groups make partnerships and work well with other organisations.



## **Innovations Grants**

The Innovations grants provided four self-advocacy groups with funding to support them with awareness raising and other activities. The four groups who received funding are:

- Rainbow Rights Advocacy Group
- DeafBlind Victoria
- New Wave Self Advocacy Group
- All Abilities Advocacy South West



**DeafBlind Victoria**



**Rainbow Rights Advocacy Group**



**New Wave Office Launch**

## **Voice at the Table (VATT)**

VATT is a project that aims to address some of the barriers people with intellectual disabilities and acquired brain injury face, in exercising their right to civic, social and political participation.

Through training and other resources we aim to build the capacity of organisations and increase opportunities for people with cognitive disabilities to inform and advise government and community organisations and services.

### **What opportunities do we provide?**

- Training, support and a consumer advocate register for people with an ID or ABI.
- Inclusive meeting practices training, resources and support for government, community organisations and service providers.
- We also connect groups to Voice at the Table graduates who are able to offer their expertise.

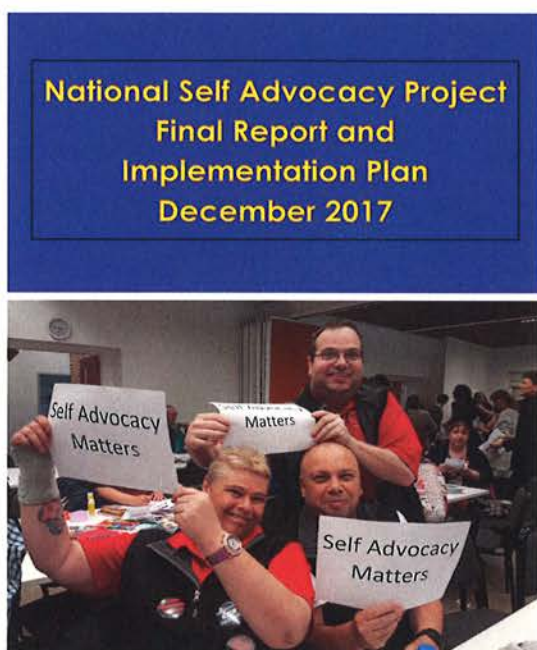


More info at: [voiceatthetable.com.au](http://voiceatthetable.com.au)



## **Australian Self Advocacy Project**

The Australian Self Advocacy Project (ASAP) received funding from the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to work with self-advocacy groups around Australia to write a plan about the best way to support and strengthen self-advocacy. The plan included the need to set up Self Advocacy Resource Centres in every state and territory. The plan was sent to the NDIA and we are waiting to hear if they will provide funding to set up the resource centres.



**Cover of the National Plan Report**



**National Self Advocacy Conference Melbourne**

In November 2017 the ASAP project worked with self-advocacy groups to hold the first National Self Advocacy Conference in 30 years. It was a great success.

The ASAP project also received funding to set up a National Self Advocacy Website. We met with self-advocacy groups around Australia to find out what self-advocates wanted on the website and how to make the website accessible for everyone. The groups said they wanted videos and easy to understand information on the website. The website will be finished by the end of December.



## **Treasurers Report – Carmel Laragy**

For the 2017/2018 financial year, for the first time, AMIDA had an income of over \$3 million. We have spent all of this on providing advocacy and self-advocacy resourcing to people with a disability. A small surplus of \$12,619 is due to the Accruals Accounting practice which shows amounts invoiced by AMIDA that have not yet been paid. We have a very healthy equity of \$79,172 and have accounted for all our liabilities including worker entitlements.

The financial report shows that AMIDA has grown as an organisation in the last year. Some of this funding has been provided on a short-term basis to finance various projects. For example, AMIDA received funding from Victorian Government bodies The Department of Health and Human Services and the Office for Disability for the Innovations, Transition and Information Linkages and Capacity building projects.

In summary, the 2017/2018 financial report indicates AMIDA is in a strong position to meet its financial obligations for the subsequent financial year.



**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY IN ACCOMODATION (AMIDA)**

**A.B.N. 32 993 870 380**

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY IN ACCOMODATION (AMIDA)**  
**A.B.N. 32 993 870 380**

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**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY IN ACCOMODATION (AMIDA)**  
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**BOARD REPORT**

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Your Board members present the special purpose financial report on the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2018.

**Board Members**

The names of Board members in office at the date of this report are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Peter Waters	Chairperson
Carmel Laragy	Treasurer
Norrie Blythman	Secretary
Luke Stone	Board Member
James Teeken	Board Member
Amanda Millear	Board Member
Lincoln Humphries	Board Member
Justin O'Brien	Board Member

**Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the entity during the financial year were:

The provision of advocacy Services for people with a disability.

**Significant Changes**

No significant changes in the nature of the entity's activity occurred during the financial year.

**Operating Results**

The surplus for the year attributable to the entity amounted to \$12,619 (2017: \$342 Surplus).

**Significant Changes in State of Affairs**

No significant changes in the entity's state of affairs occurred during the financial year.

**Events Subsequent to Balance Date**

There has not arisen in the interval between the end of the financial period and the date of this report any items or events of a material or unusual nature, in the opinion of the board members, that should be disclosed in this report.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board.

**Chairperson**

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Peter Waters

**Treasurer**

  
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Carmel Laragy

Dated this

18

day of

September 2018

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**AUDITOR'S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION  
UNDER 60-40 OF THE AUSTRALIAN CHARITIES AND  
NOT-FOR-PROFITS COMMISSION ACT 2012**

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY IN ACCOMODATION (AMIDA)  
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As auditor for Action For More Independence & Dignity In Accommodation (AMIDA) for the year ended 30 June 2018, I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, there have been:

- (i) no contraventions of auditor independence requirements of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 in relation to the audit; and
- (ii) no contraventions of any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



**Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen CA**

**Collins & Co  
127 Paisley Street  
FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011**

**Dated this 19th day of September 2018.**

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY IN ACCOMODATION (AMIDA)**  
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**STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Grants		2,122,432	1,405,716
Donations		100	505
Interest Received		5,175	2,752
Management Fees Income		275,093	52,415
Other Income		8,079	343
Transfers from Grants in Advance		953,163	211,039
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>3,364,042</b>	<b>1,672,770</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Accommodation		13,229	-
Accounting/Audit fees		4,872	2,500
Administration Fee paid		31,807	27,267
Advertising/Promotion		1,194	162
Bank Charges		599	571
Consultant		116,785	29,061
Cost of attending events		2,493	-
Cost of hosting Meetings		33,029	20,370
Dues and subscriptions		2,980	2,275
Employment Expenses		577	-
Equipment		17,982	5,245
Honorarium		20,573	4,739
Leave Accrual		21,877	89,278
Management fee paid		249,851	28,250
Participation/Communication Support		6,016	12
Police Check		317	282
Postage/Shipping		1,018	994
Printing/Stationery		13,987	7,439
Professional Development		2,320	523
Radio Show Fees		899	885
Rent		65,545	37,520
Repairs/Maintenance		8,117	3,214
Superannuation		39,112	24,114
Supervision		5,492	-
Telephone/Internet		6,688	5,135
Transfers to Grants in Advance		1,757,682	953,163
Travel expenses		58,265	23,943
Wages		861,051	401,055
Workcover		7,066	4,431
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>3,351,423</b>	<b>1,672,428</b>
<b>Net Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year before Income Tax</b>		<b>12,619</b>	<b>342</b>
Income Tax Expense		-	-
<b>Net Surplus/ (Deficit) Attributable to the Association</b>		<b>12,619</b>	<b>342</b>
<b>Total Comprehensive Income for the Year</b>		<b>12,619</b>	<b>342</b>

The statement of profit loss and other comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction  
with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.



**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY IN ACCOMODATION (AMIDA)**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2018**

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	3	2,090,330	1,247,792
Trade and Other Receivables		13,580	22
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>2,103,910</u>	<u>1,247,814</u>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, Plant & Equipment	4	382	382
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>382</u>	<u>382</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>2,104,292</u>	<u>1,248,196</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and Other Creditors	5	106,908	89,827
Income Received in Advance	6	1,757,682	953,163
Provisions	7	160,530	138,653
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>2,025,120</u>	<u>1,181,643</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<u>2,025,120</u>	<u>1,181,643</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>79,172</u>	<u>66,553</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated Funds		79,172	66,553
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>79,172</u>	<u>66,553</u>

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY IN ACCOMODATION (AMIDA)**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

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	<b>Accumulated Funds \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2016</b>	66,211	66,211
Surplus attributable to the Association	342	342
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2017</b>	<u><b>66,553</b></u>	<u><b>66,553</b></u>
Surplus attributable to the Association	12,619	12,619
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2018</b>	<u><b>79,172</b></u>	<u><b>79,172</b></u>

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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2018**

	Note	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from Funding and Other Sources		4,149,828	2,409,018
Payments to Employees & Suppliers		(3,312,465)	(1,522,529)
Interest Received		5,175	2,752
Net cash generated from/ (used in) operating activities	11 (a)	<u>842,538</u>	<u>889,241</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		-	(1,628)
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Net cash (used in)/ provided by investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>(1,628)</u>
Net increase/ (decrease) in cash held		842,538	887,613
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		1,247,792	360,179
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	11 (b)	<u><u>2,090,330</u></u>	<u><u>1,247,792</u></u>



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**Note 1 - Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

This financial report includes the financial statements and notes of the Action For More Independence & Dignity In Accommodation, an incorporated association, which is incorporated in Victoria under the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

**Policies Basis of preparation**

This financial report is a special purpose financial report that has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Interpretations, the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Victoria 2012)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012* and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board.

The financial report has been prepared with the requirements of the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 107: Statement of Cash Flows

AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 1054: Australian Additional Disclosures

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals accounting basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities.

The following is a summary of the material accounting policies adopted by the company in the preparation of the general purpose financial report. The accounting policies have been consistently applied, unless otherwise stated.

**Accounting Policies**

**a. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprises cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

**b. Income Tax**

The Association is exempt from paying income tax by virtue of Section 50-45 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act, 1997*.

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**Note 1 - Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

**c. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Classes of property, plant and equipment are measured using the cost model.

Where the cost model is used, the asset is carried at its cost less any accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses. Costs include purchase price, other directly attributable costs and the initial estimate of the costs of dismantling and restoring the asset, where applicable.

**Depreciation**

The depreciable amount of all fixed assets is depreciated on a straight-line basis over their useful lives to the company commencing from the time the asset is held ready for use.

The depreciation rates used for each class of depreciable asset are shown below:

<b>Fixed Asset Class</b>	<b>Depreciation Rate</b>
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	20–50%
Motor Vehicle	18.75%

At the end of each annual reporting period, the depreciation method, useful life and residual value of each asset is reviewed. Any revisions are accounted for prospectively as a change in estimate

**d. Employee Entitlements**

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.

Employee benefits expected to be settled more than twelve months after the end of the reporting period have been measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows to be made for those benefits. In determining the liability, consideration is given to employee wage increases and the probability that the employee may satisfy vesting requirements. Cashflows are discounted using market yields on national government bonds with terms to maturity that match the expected timing of cashflows. Changes in the measurement of the liability are recognised in profit or loss.

Employee benefits are presented as current liabilities in the statement of financial position if the Association does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting date regardless of the classification of the liability for measurement purposes under AASB 119.

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**Note 1 - Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

**e. Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

**f. 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 an 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 recognised in the income and expenditure statement.

**g. Revenue**

Revenue is recognised when the amount of the revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the Association and specific criteria relating to the type of revenue as noted below, has been satisfied.

**Fees from Rendering of Services**

Revenue in relation to rendering of services is recognised depends on whether the outcome of the services can be measured reliably. If this is the case then the stage of completion of the services is used to determine the appropriate level of revenue to be recognised in the period. If the outcome cannot be reliably measured then revenue is recognised to the extent of expenses recognised that are recoverable.

**Grant Income**

Grant income received, other than for specific purposes, is brought to account over the period to which the grant relates.

**Deferred Income**

Unspent grant income received in relation to specific projects and events is not brought to account as revenue in the current year but deferred as a liability in the financial statements until spent for the purpose received.

**Capital Grants**

Grant Income received relating to the purchase of capital items is shown as Unamortised Capital Grant and brought to account over the expected life of the asset in proportion to the related depreciation charge.

**Interest Revenue**

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

**Donations**

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).



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**Note 1 - Statement of Significant Accounting Policies**

**h. 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 Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable.

The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

**i. Leases**

Lease payments for operating leases, where substantially all of the risks and benefits remain with the lessor, are charged as expenses on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

Lease incentives under operating leases are recognised as a liability and amortised on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease term.

**j. Comparative Figures**

When required by Accounting Standards, comparative figures have been adjusted to conform to changes in presentation for the current financial year.

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	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>2. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash at Bank	2,090,192	1,247,668
Cash on Hand	138	124
	<u>2,090,330</u>	<u>1,247,792</u>

**3. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Plant & Equipment - at cost	-	-
Less accumulated depreciation	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Office Equipment - at cost	382	382
Less accumulated depreciation	-	-
	<u>382</u>	<u>382</u>
<b>Total Property, Plant and Equipment</b>	<u>382</u>	<u>382</u>

**Movements in carrying amounts of property plant and equipment**

	Plant & Equipment \$	Office Equipment \$	Total \$
<b>30 June 2018</b>			
Balance at the beginning of the year	382	-	382
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals - Written down value	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<u>382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>382</u>
<b>30 June 2017</b>			
Balance at the beginning of the year	382	-	382
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals - Written down value	-	-	-
Depreciation Expense	-	-	-
<b>Balance at the end of the year</b>	<u>382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>382</u>

**4. Trade and Other Payables**

**CURRENT**

Trade & Other Creditors	(3,456)	4,102
Payroll Liabilities	51,562	15,672
Net GST Payable	58,802	70,054
	<u>106,908</u>	<u>89,827</u>

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	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>5. Income Received in Advance</b>		
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Income Received in Advance	1,757,682	953,163
	<u>1,757,682</u>	<u>953,163</u>
<b>6. Provisions</b>		
<u>CURRENT</u>		
Annual Leave	-	-
Long Service Leave	160,530	138,653
	<u>160,530</u>	<u>138,653</u>
<b>7. Capital and Leasing Commitments</b>		
A lease agreement has been taken out for premises. Lease agreement payments are increased on an annual basis by 3%. Lease agreement terms are 3 months.		
<b>8. Cash Flow Information</b>		
<b>(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities</b>		
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net Surplus/ (Deficit) attributable to the Association	12,619	342
<b>Non-cash flow item:</b>		
Depreciation	-	-
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>		
- (Increase)/Decrease in Trade and Other Receivables	(13,558)	(22)
- (Increase)/Decrease in Other Assets	-	2,616
- Increase/(Decrease) in Trade and Other Payables	17,081	58,005
- Increase/(Decrease) in Unearned Income	804,519	739,022
- Increase/(Decrease) in Employee Entitlement Provisions	21,877	89,278
	<u>842,538</u>	<u>889,241</u>
<b>(b) Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>		
Cash at Bank	2,090,192	1,247,668
Cash on Hand	138	124
	<u>2,090,330</u>	<u>1,247,792</u>

**9. Contingencies**

In the opinion of the Board of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2018 (30 June 2017: None).



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	2018	2017
	\$	\$

**10. Association Details**

The registered office of the Association is:

Action For More Independence & Dignity In Accommodation (AMIDA)  
1st Floor  
Ross House  
247 Flinders Lane  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY IN ACCOMODATION (AMIDA)**  
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**STATEMENT BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

The Board 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 Board of Action For More Independence & Dignity In Accommodation:


- 1 The financial statements and notes set out on pages 3 to 13 are in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012, including:
  - (a) complying with Accounting Standards, *the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012, the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012* and other mandatory professional reporting requirements, and
  - (b) give a true and fair view of Action for More Independence & Dignity in Accommodation's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date, and
- 2 There are reasonable grounds to believe that Action for More Independence & Dignity in Accommodation will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

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

Chairperson

  
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Peter Waters

Treasurer

  
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Carmel Laragy

Dated this

18 day of September 2018

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

**Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial report of Action For More Independence & Dignity In Accommodation. (the Association), which comprises the balance sheet as at 30 June 2018, and the income statement, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year ended on that date, a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes and the statement by the members of the Board.

In my opinion, the financial report of the Association is in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Victoria 2012), including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its performance for the year ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards as per Note 1 and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Victoria 2012).

**Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. I am independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

**Emphasis of Matter - Basis of accounting**

I draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Action For More Independence & Dignity In Accommodation. to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act (Victoria 2012). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. My opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Report**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the applicable legislation and for such internal control as management determines 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.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting process.





**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 registered entity's internal control.

Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the responsible entities.

Conclude on the appropriateness of the responsible entities use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the registered entity to cease to continue as a going concern.

Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial report, including the disclosures, and whether the financial report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that I identify during my audit.

**Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen CA**

Collins & Co  
127 Paisley Street  
FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011

Dated this 19th day of September 2018.