



Action for More Independence
and Dignity in Accommodation
Inc.

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



Annual Report 2022

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AGENDA





6th October 2022




- 10:00 Welcome / Acknowledgement
- 10:10 Present/Apologies
- 10:15 New Memberships
- 10:20 Confirm Minutes of the
Previous AGM
- 10:30 Reports
 - Chairperson's Report
 - Treasurer's Report including
present audited report
 - Confirm auditor
 - Charitable status motion
- 10:55 Activities Reports
AMIDA advocacy, SARU,
Projects
- 11.10 Nomination for and Election of
committee members
- 11.30 Close of meeting









AMIDA Annual General Meeting 7th October 2021 Minutes

Item	What we talked about	
Welcome 	Acknowledgements  Thanks Aunty Jane	
Who is here 	Lisa Brumtis James Teeken Sharon Bergman Brent Alford Janice Slattery Belinda Filippis Jane Rosengrave Robyn McKenzie Susan Arthur Melanie Keely Steven Cole Julie McNally Annie Payne John Slattery Ann Van Leerdam Melanie Keely	Peter Whelan Alan Bergman Janet Curtain Sue Smith Sally De Beche Eve Kinnear Amanda Millear Carmel Laragy Kylie Fisher Mark Sandon Paul George Eva Sifis Koula Sarimichaelidis Judy Bourke Larissa MacFarlane
	Apologies: Norrie Blythman Tom Bevan Angela Horton Kathryn Bartlett Delia Portlock Gab Reade	
	Chair: Amanda Millear The meeting will be recorded. Amanda asked everyone if that alright.	

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Minutes 2020 	<p>Decision: “The minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting are correct”</p> <p>Moved: James Teeken Seconded: Jane Rosengrave CARRIED</p>
Reports 	<div data-bbox="581 583 721 751">  </div> <p>Chairperson – Norrie Blythman</p> <p>Norrie was an apology for the meeting so Amanda read his report. The last year has been challenging because of the Covid pandemic. Staff haven’t worked in the office since March 2020. We have adapted to this change and tried to look after ourselves. AMIDA, SARU and all the projects are doing a good job. New projects have started and new skills learned. We have survived! I congratulate AMIDA, SARU and all the projects for another fantastic year. We have been successful with advocacy and self advocacy – this work is more necessary as ever. Thanks to everyone on the Committee. Finally I encourage you all not to give up as we go into 2022 as things may get better and AMIDA will continue to get stronger. Thank you for all your support. AMIDA acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government funding.</p> <p>Decision: “That the Chairperson Report be accepted”</p> <p>Moved: Janice Slattery Seconded: John Slattery CARRIED</p> <div data-bbox="574 1717 727 1869">  </div> <p>Treasurer – Carmel Laragy</p> <p>The finances are in a very healthy state. We received over \$2 million this financial year. We received money from State Government, Federal Government and theNDIA. All the money is allocated to the projects. The money we have left for AMIDA is over \$69,000.</p>

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	<p>We had a small deficit of about \$190.00. The accounts have been audited.</p> <p>Decision: “That the 2021 Annual and the Special Financial Reports be accepted”</p> <p>Moved: Carmel Laragy Seconded: Janice Slattery CARRIED</p> <p>The 2021 Annual General Report presented contained this Special Purpose Financial report and forms part of these minutes.</p>
<p>Confirm Auditor</p> 	<p>Decision: “That Collins & Co be appointed Auditor for 2021-2022”</p> <p>Moved: Carmel Laragy Seconded: Robyn McKenzie CARRIED</p>
<p>Charity Status</p> 	<p>Decision: “That AMIDA’s activities have not changed during the year and therefore remain eligible for Charity status”</p> <p>Moved: John Slattery Seconded: James Teeken CARRIED</p>
<p>Project Reports</p> 	<div data-bbox="586 1530 748 1688" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>AMIDA Advocacy – Pauline Williams</p> <p>Most of our work with housing is via the National Disability Advocacy Program team. The Appeals team have also been addressing issues of housing with the NDIS. The NDIS are not giving people choices about where they live and who they live with. Lots of people are homeless. Community Housing providers don’t pay for modifications to be done or do updates to accessibility as people’s need change. Disability Royal Commission workers are supporting people to make submissions.</p>

Item	What we talked about
	<p data-bbox="558 260 1471 348">Raising Our Voices radio show – congratulations on 34 years creating radio every month</p> <div data-bbox="586 407 735 581">  </div> <p data-bbox="771 390 1370 426">Voice At The Table – Ann Van Leerdam</p> <p data-bbox="771 443 1511 894">VATT received new funding and welcomed Tom Bevan, fare welled Amy Lasslett and employed lots of new staff. We continue monthly meetups and podcasts about people’s advocacy and self advocacy. The training team have done sessions with Australian Electoral Commission. We are getting requests for training from organisations who employ people with cognitive disability so we need to revamp our training resources to put them into plain English.</p> <div data-bbox="579 947 735 1100">  </div> <p data-bbox="771 936 1049 972">SARU – Sue Smith</p> <p data-bbox="771 989 1523 1129">SARU have done a survey of Self Advocacy groups to find out what SARU is doing well and what can be improved. During the year SARU;</p> <ul data-bbox="609 1182 1523 1728" style="list-style-type: none"> • provided 19 self advocacy groups with advice, support and information. • Supported 2 new LGBTIQ+ groups to start up. • Held a Women’s Day session. • Victorian Self Advocacy Network - distributed newsletter and held a national self-advocacy month • Easy English Covid resources sent to groups. • Support to self-advocates on the phone and online. • Weekly newsletter – Stuck at Home changed to Self Advocacy Rules – over 200 sent out in various formats – Auslan, etc. • VCOSS project made great resources on advocacy and self advocacy. • Staying Covid Safe gave regular updates and information about the Covid rules. • Supported self advocacy groups who received project funding to manage their grant. <div data-bbox="579 1791 735 1932">  </div> <p data-bbox="771 1776 1068 1812">PCE – Janet Curtain</p> <p data-bbox="771 1829 1511 1969">AMIDA has been integral to our group being able to do our project. We can get on with the fun stuff and AMIDA support us doing the finances.</p>

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	<div data-bbox="578 270 734 422">  </div> <p data-bbox="776 258 1073 291">PPP – Susan Arthur</p> <p data-bbox="776 310 1523 451">Not big enough to be incorporated so AMIDA support is great. We are making resources about how to tell your story safely.</p> <div data-bbox="578 501 721 653">  </div> <p data-bbox="764 493 1307 527">Staying Connected – Melanie Keely</p> <p data-bbox="560 546 1520 789">The project ran for 12 months to give devices and data plans to self-advocates who didn't have them. There are 65 people who received a device and over 100 people received training so they could connect with their group.</p> <p data-bbox="560 831 1520 1075">Janet received a device and said <i>It was like going to Ross House online. It highlighted the work that's needed to support people with disability to be online, it wouldn't have been possible to have an AGM online without it and its been a lifeline during Covid.</i></p> <p data-bbox="560 1117 1507 1260">Janice said <i>before this project I didn't know how to use Zoom – now I do – I have confidence to do this so I can organise online group meetings.</i></p> <div data-bbox="583 1308 745 1472">  </div> <p data-bbox="782 1302 1349 1335">Victorian State Plan – Sally De Beche</p> <p data-bbox="560 1354 1528 1547">Was great to talk to all the self advocates who shared their views. The report has been finalised and sent to the Government. The Department thought the report was fantastic.</p>
<p data-bbox="126 1591 474 1625">Election of Committee</p>	<p data-bbox="560 1591 1461 1625">Amanda asked Pauline to do the election of the committee.</p> <p data-bbox="560 1667 1500 1810">Committee members who are finishing their 2 year term are – Norrie Blythman, Amanda Millear, Delia Portlock and Eve Kinnear.</p> <p data-bbox="560 1852 1203 1885">Eve has decided not to nominate this year.</p> <p data-bbox="560 1927 1511 2020">There are 8 vacancies with nominations from Norrie Blythman, Amanda Millear and Delia Portlock.</p>

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	There were no new nominations and no need for an election so Pauline declared Norrie, Amanda and Delia elected.
Meeting closed	The meeting closed at 12:00 noon.

Chairpersons Report – Amanda Millear

I was Chairperson of AMIDA in 1997 and back then AMIDA was only a small tree with a few branches. Since the first AMIDA committee meeting after the last AGM, I have been the Chairperson again. AMIDA has grown like a humungous Mountain Ash tree with lots of staff.

Over the last 12 months. I have chaired meetings with James support and it is a hard job sticking to the Agenda and being on zoom. We have all had to adjust and learn new skills. The committee has had to make some hard decisions to look after our people and their well-being. I'd like to thank the committee for their time and dedication to AMIDA.

Thanks also to all the workers who are still working through this pandemic. You are still doing a fantastic job through all the difficulties. Thanks again.

In February this year sad news came our way that our former Chairperson, Norrie Blythman, had passed away. He was a valued member of the AMIDA committee and many other groups. We all miss him very much.

In August this year we celebrated the 35th year of the Raising Our Voices radio show. It was a ripsnorter of a show and you can listen to it on 3CR's website. <https://www.3cr.org.au/raisingourvoices>

Let's look ahead for the next 12 months and start a new chapter on the book of AMIDA. We are writing history. Be strong, stand tall and keep barking about the rights of people with a disability.

Thanks again to all our members, workers, volunteers and committee.

Amanda Millear-**Chairperson of AMIDA**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Amanda Millear	Chairperson
Carmel Laragy	Treasurer
James Teeken	Secretary
Norrie Blythman	Committee Member passed away February 2022
Lisa Brumtis	Committee Member
Robyn McKenzie	Committee Member
Delia Portlock	Committee Member
Peter Whelan	Committee Member



AMIDA WORKERS to 30th June 2022

Pauline Williams	Projects Coordinator
Koula Sarimichaelidis	Administration/Finance
Brenda Penaluna	Finance and Admin Systems Co-ordinator/Staying Connected
Pam Geoghegan	NDAP Advocate / Disability Royal Commission
Bronwyn Trickett	NDAP Advocate
Belinda Filippis	NDAP and NDIS Appeals Advocate
Mark Sandon	Disability Royal Commission/NDAP Advocate/SARU Project Support
Julie McNally	Advocate DRC/VATT Grads Project worker
Judy Bourke	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Angela Horton	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Gab Reade	Raising Our Voices Radio Technical Producer
Sue Smith	SARU core worker
Dean Dadson	SARU core worker
Sally De Beche	SARU Project worker Outcomes Framework
Melanie Keely	SARU Projects Support/SARU project coordinator Targeted Vaccination
Miranda Darrer	NDAP advocate/NW tech consultant/Targeted Vaccine project worker
Ann Van Leerdam	Inclusion and Voice at the Table (VATT) Training Team Leader
Amanda Jones	Inclusion Team Leader
Eva Sifis	VATT Inclusion Training Team
Annie Payne	VATT Inclusion Training Team Volunteer
Warren Loorham	VATT Podcast and Radio Team
Dan Sullivan	VATT Podcast and Radio Team
Cassandra Prigg	VATT support worker
Tom Bevan	VATT Coordinator

Lauren Randall	VATT project worker
Kylie Thulborn	All Abilities Advocacy Project Worker
Ben Corcoran	New Wave Leongatha
Mitchell Price	New Wave Leongatha
Kathryn Bartlett	New Wave Morwell
Rachel Walters	New Wave Morwell
Paul Drew	New Wave Wonthaggi
Jacqui Ward	New Wave Project Coordinator
Josephine Cohen	New Wave Project Coordinator
Eric Silva	New Wave Morwell Project worker
Jayne Simpson	New Wave Bass Coast Project worker
Cameron Bloomfield	Rainbow Rights/ Inclusion and VATT Training Team
Rebecca Biddle	VATT Grads worker/All Abilities Advocacy/SARU
Jane Rosengrave	Peer Worker for AMIDA and various projects
Kylie Fisher	Positive Powerful Parents Project Worker
Susan Arthur	Positive Powerful Parents
Julie Brassington	Positive Powerful Parents
Melanie Hamilton	Positive Powerful Parents
Janet Curtain	Power in Culture and Ethnicity (PCE)/Targeted Vaccine project worker
Effie Meehan	PCE
Kathryn Aedy	SARU Support and Advice –PCE
Elizabeth McGarry	SARU Support and Advice-PCE
Carla Levy	Have a Say Bendigo Project worker
Jed Zimmer	Have a Say Bendigo Project worker
Annie Hooper	Targeted Vaccination Project
Contractors	Helen Woods at Melbourne Supervision, Andrew Sims at Innotel, Bruce Francis, Paul Dunn, Lawrence Johnson, Fofi Christou, Kathryn Gor, Better Life Mobile, Clickify and Enth Degree

AMIDA acknowledges the support of the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments



AMIDA Activities Report July 2021- June 2022

Advocacy

We provide advocacy funded by three programs from the Department of Social Services, the National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP), the NDIS Appeals Advocacy and advocacy support for the Disability Royal Commission.

National Disability Advocacy Program

We provide individual advocacy, self-advocacy support and family advocacy. We also provide systemic advocacy to try to bring about positive change to policy and practice affecting large numbers of people with a disability.

Key issues

- Lack of affordable and accessible housing and increases in waiting lists for public housing which continues to blow out. There is a housing crisis which will take years of investment from all levels of government to come anywhere meeting need.
- Maintenance to Public housing, which is often considered urgent, is getting more and more difficult to organise without going to VCAT and even then there are delays
- No mechanism or capacity for provision of accessible housing when tenants in public and community housing require modifications or transfer to accessible home. Many are waiting for months to have accessible or emergency modifications or maintenance done
- Needed maintenance, cleaning and security not provided in community housing
- Bio toxins have been an issue for a number of those contacting us.

Systemic Advocacy

In most instances for systemic advocacy AMIDA was responding to consultation processes established by government and other bodies who were inviting us to submit our positions. We choose to respond where the area of review is in alignment with AMIDA's priority areas and our advocacy clients' identified issues.

AMIDA also collaborates with other advocacy organisations to strengthen advocacy and respond to common issues of concern. AMIDA made 16 presentations or submissions on areas such as the NDIA Home and Living Consultation, the Universal Design in the National Construction Code, Social Housing Regulation, the Disability Act review, Specialist Disability Accommodation, and Residential Tenancy Rights. AMIDA has continued to make recommendations to the Victorian State Government to increase building of housing stock.

Self Advocacy. Raising Our Voices - Radio Show

AMIDA supports a team of self advocates to produce the monthly 3CR radio show called 'Raising Our Voices'. In August 2022, Raising Our Voices celebrated its 35th birthday of being on air. This self advocacy radio show is produced and presented by people with disabilities, covering topics that matter to people with disabilities.

Topics in the 21/22 year included:

- **September 2021:** Human Rights during COVID-19
- **October 2021:** Telling your story to the Disability Royal Commission
- **November 2021:** Revisiting the QR code
- **December 2021:** International Day of People with Disability
- **January 2022:** VATT Chat - Self Advocacy and Art.
- **February 2022:** Community Inclusion
- **March 2022:** Women with Disability special for International Women's Day.
- **April 2022:** The work of Power in Culture and Ethnicity Self Advocacy group, and the experience of people with disability from non-English speaking backgrounds.
- **May 2022:** What self advocacy means to people with disability and the work of Positive Powerful Parents self advocacy group.
- **June 2022:** We talked about the importance of self advocacy on the radio and raised \$900 for the Radiothon!
- **July 2022:** Auntie Jane talked to guest speaker Uncle Paul from First Peoples with Disability Network about the experiences of First Nations people with disability.
- **August 2022:** We celebrated Raising Our Voices 35th birthday on air!

These radio shows are on our 3CR webpage: <https://www.3cr.org.au/raisingourvoices>

Disability Royal Commission (DRC)

During the COVID challenged time of 2021-2022 AMIDA staff continued to reach out to people with a disability in a way that is respectful and acknowledges the importance of creating a safe space for people to share stories that have an ongoing effect on their lives. We supported people to make submissions to the DRC by

- Connecting with People With a Disability (PWD) led self-advocacy groups to share information
- Working with the Raising our Voices show led by PWD and facilitated by AMIDA staff with the support of 3CR
- Working alongside Deaf and Hard of Hearing advocacy organisations to share information to those communities
- Continuing to check in and work with the Youth Disability Advocacy Service to produce information to share with young PWD
- Reaching out to group homes to make sure people in those homes do not miss out
- Working with the Office of the Public Advocate (OPA) to try and share information with residents of group homes and supported accommodation services through the Community Visitor program that OPA manage.
- Work with other DSS DRC funded organisations to make sure we can reach as many people as possible
- Worked with The Summer Foundation providing information to pass onto residents
- Utilised the videos produced by other advocacy services to assist people understand the DRC
- Put DRC information in multiple accessibility formats in the SARU newsletter

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Appeals

It has been a busy year for the NDIS Appeals Team. Most of our cases involve matters at the Administrative Appeal Tribunal (AAT) dealing with external lawyers representing the NDIA. This has been the frustrating consequence of the trend we noted last year where the NDIA were refusing so many internal review requests which led to the huge increase in the number of cases at the AAT. The change of government has so far had a small impact on the number of AAT cases, with some of our clients receiving offers to settle. There are

further proposed changes which are designed to reduce the number of cases currently at the AAT and we are following these developments with interest. Some highlights of our year include:

- Taking a case to an AAT hearing in November with the assistance of Victoria Legal Aid. The case involved a woman in her early 40s who wanted to move out of her parents' home for the first time and was seeking single occupancy SDA. The NDIA wanted her to live in shared accommodation for "value for money" reasons. We were unsuccessful during the case conference stage at the AAT and were able to get VLA to run the Hearing which we assisted at. The applicant, who wanted to remain anonymous so the case is known as " LWVR", is now happily living in her single occupancy apartment. The case resulted in a published decision.
- A woman in her 40s who had suffered a stroke was offered the full therapy supports she requested in after 3 case conferences over 12 months at the AAT.
- A 6-year-old child with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum disorder was able to negotiate a 6-month plan to continue their fully funded ABA therapy.

Information, Advice, Referral and Individual Advocacy

- Appropriate and timely advocacy is provided to all AMIDA advocacy service users, which was again reflected in very positive client feedback and satisfaction surveys and from the recent quality audit.
- The amount and demand for advocacy support has outweighed our capacity. Demand has increased since last year.
- We provided information, advice, and referral to over 400 people and individual advocacy to 82 people. Cases are becoming more complex and taking more time to resolve.

Disseminating information about AMIDA and improving access to AMIDA

We shifted to providing information online through the Facebook and web site. Lots of information including our recent submissions are on our web site www.amida.org.au. Also, check our posts and events on our Facebook page. <https://fb.me/AMIDAinc>

Voice at the Table

Report from 1 July 2021 – 30 June 2022:



- Using co-design, updated training content for both the VATT Graduate Training and Inclusive Meeting Training.
- Trained staff from community and public sector organisations in Inclusive Meeting Practices. Including staff from the NDIS and local councils.
- Updated '10 Top Tips' a resource for inclusive meetings.
- Actively working on additional resources to support inclusive practice. This includes 'Train the Trainer' a guide for organisations wanting to employ a person with a cognitive disability, a mentoring framework and an inclusive evaluation tool which will support organisations to both measure how well they are doing inclusion and identify areas for improvement.
- Delivered VATT Graduate Training for people living with a cognitive disability in the Warrnambool Region and South Eastern Metro Melbourne.
- Held 11 peer led monthly meet ups co-facilitated by a person with a cognitive disability.
- Employed and supported 4 people with a cognitive disability as VATT Trainers.
- Supported graduates to apply for boards, committees and advisory roles.
- Continued the 'VATT chat', a podcast led and hosted by a person with a cognitive disability. Delivered a series of podcasts and as of August 2022 has a monthly radio show slot of community station 3CR.
- We said thanks and farewell to staff Lauren Randall and Tom Bevan and on a very sad note we recently mourned the passing of volunteer, Annie Payne. Annie gave so much to VATT and she was a proud disabled woman who made a difference in the lives of people with cognitive impairment.



<https://voiceatthetable.com.au/>

The Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU)

SARU has continued to work mostly online over the last 12 months. The SARU management group continues improving inclusion of members in meetings and connection to the partners in the SARU. We continued to support self-advocacy groups through the Victorian Office for Disability funding.



SARU Support

Examples of key activities undertaken in 2021-2022 include:

- 20 self advocacy groups and three networks continued to receive support from SARU and had their support, advice, resource, training and information needs met.
- SARU is supporting the development of a new group for the LGBTIQ+ community in the Latrobe Valley.
- Organised an International Women's Day event for female self advocates and women SARU and AMIDA workers.
- Victorian Self Advocacy Network (VSAN) Newsletter continued and was sent to all members of VSAN.
- Easy English COVID resources were developed to ensure group members were kept up to date.
- Made a submission to the Disability Royal Commission.
- Made a submission about the National Disability Advocacy Framework
- With VSAN, organised the second National Self Advocacy Month with major events across the month hosted by various self advocacy groups.
- My Job Monthly Training with Peer Workers,
- Working with Self Advocates to create two newsletters about the History of Self Advocacy in the 80's and 90's.
- Ran monthly SARU events and training on line including art show and video making



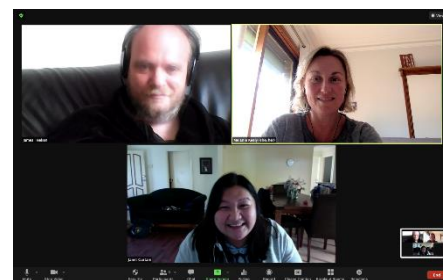
- SARU regularly contacted individual self-advocacy groups to provide support and advice as required.
- Our weekly newsletter Self Advocacy Rules. Over 200 self-advocates and supporters of self-advocacy received the newsletter each fortnight in 2021/22 and it is in print, audio and Auslan.
- Moved the SARU office to the first floor at Ross House and setting it up.

SARU Projects

Staying Connected

Staying Connected focussed on loaning devices to people who did not have access to the internet and helping them learn how to stay connected online.

The SARU Staying Connected project continued to help Self Advocates to get online by paying for data plans and helping people when they are having trouble with their device.



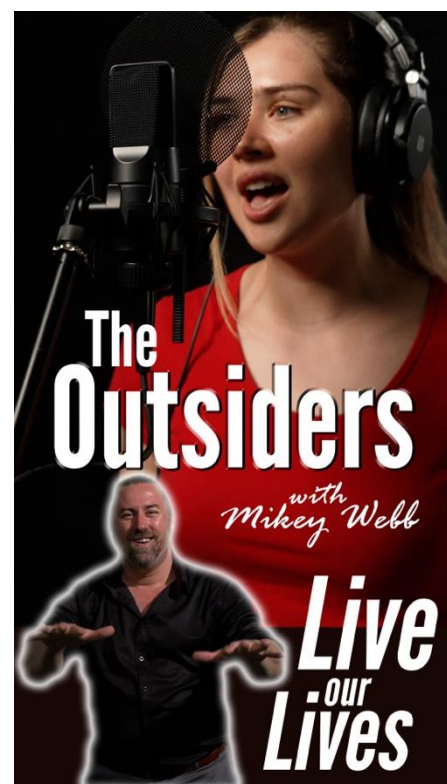
SARU/VCOSS

The VCOSS project created resources about the NDIA impact on Advocacy and Self Advocacy. In 21/22 the resources were rolled out to self advocacy groups in hard copies and online.

Targeted Vaccination Project

Since the start of 2022 SARU has been running a project to help people with disability get COVID-19 vaccinations. The project made the Live our Lives song and film clip, the Disability Liaison Officer (DLO) animation and ran online COVID Conversation sessions for people to come and ask their COVID questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilfSJLcvWH8>



Changing Communities

The project continued to support the All Abilities Self Advocacy Group. AAA also has a small ILC project auspiced by AMIDA to help people with disability learn to get connected online. This project is a COVID response project, AAA has done all of its project work online. It runs a monthly online tech training session, everyone is welcome to drop into the Zoom room to learn a new skill, the training is also livestreamed on Facebook. In the 2021-2022 financial year we said a big thank you and farewell to Kylie Thulborn from AAA



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/140121919394155>



SARU and the Changing Communities project also continued to support Rainbow Rights and Advocacy. SARU assisted the group with lots of submission writing and with a new animation they made called Staying Safe-Playing Safe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPG1OeAp1TA>

<https://rainbowrights.com.au/>

Advocacy Outcomes Project

In 2021-2022, SARU worked on the Victorian Disability Advocacy Program Outcomes Framework project in consultation with 30 plus self advocates. Self advocates ideas and experience went into a fabulous report which was submitted to the Office for Disability.

AMIDA Auspiced projects with SARU support

New Wave - ConTech Gippsland Project

New Wave is continuing to run its 3 year ILC project called ConTech Gippsland. The project started in 2020 and is due to finish in February 2023. The project is helping New Wave members get online, updating the New Wave website and helping New Wave get stronger. It is also doing technology training for people who go to disability day services in Morwell, Leongatha and Wonthaggi.

As part of the project self advocacy group meetings run every 2 weeks in Morwell, Leongatha and Wonthaggi, each group is supported by a

Peer Worker and a Project Worker. The project is also helping New Wave to start an LGBTIQ+ group that is now meeting every 2 weeks. The Morwell group has set up a new office space in a shop in the main street of Morwell, it is open 3 days a week for people with disability to



come in and learn about rights. The project has an advisory group that meets every two weeks. The advisory group is learning about running projects and making project decisions. In the 2021-2022 financial year we said a big thank you and farewell to Ben Corcoran, Josie Cohen from the New Wave project.

New Wave Morwell doing tech training at Interchange in Morwell

<https://www.facebook.com/suppw.newwave.7>

Positive Powerful Parents - Parents Rights Network Project

PPP has an ILC project to continue growing the Parents Rights Network (PRN). The PRN is a network of self advocacy groups for parents with intellectual disability across Australia, PPP started the PRN in 2019. There is now a second group in the network, it is called QDN Unique Parents, it is supported by Queensland Disability Network (QDN). Sage Community Services in NSW is also looking to support a new parents group, PPP has been meeting to help both of these groups get started.

The PRN has a Facebook group for parents with disability, this group now has 67 members.

PPP have also made some resources. There is an animation about safe story sharing and another about running safe groups, there is also a poster about being a strong Parent Leader.

The skills of a Parent Leader with intellectual disability

Reliable

Parent Leaders do what they say they are going to do

Good Listener

Parent Leaders are good at listening

Open Minded

Parent Leaders are open minded and do not judge others

Caring

Parent Leaders care and think of others

Honest

Parent Leaders are honest

Supporter

Parent Leaders support people and do not take over



Strong Self Advocate

Parent Leaders are very good at speaking up for their rights and the rights of others

Private

Parent Leaders keep information private

Safe

Parent Leaders help people to feel safe

Sharing

Parent Leaders share information in a way people can understand

Networker

Parent Leaders bring people together

Empowering

Parent Leaders help people to feel brave and bring out the strength in others

This resource was made by Parent Self Advocates.
PPP would like to thank Susan, Melissa, Robert and Janet for their help.
www.positivepowerfulparents.com.au

<https://positivepowerfulparents.com.au/>

Power in Culture and Ethnicity - Building Power in Culture and Ethnicity Project



PCE is a self-advocacy group for people with disability from a non-English speaking background. PCE has an ILC grant to help them build their group. PCE has a monthly group meeting online, a Facebook page with 252 followers and is continuing to get the word out about their group. Through the project PCE is growing its membership and building strong networks.

PCE members planning for a project event

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=power%20in%20culture%20and%20ethnicity>

Having a Say Bendigo

HASB self advocacy group started their ILC project in November 2020 and in 2021/22 they kept connected all through lockdowns. They hosted a workshop with Rainbow Rights. It was a huge success as workers and people with a disability learnt a lot. They worked on growing and discussing a long term relationship between Have a Say Bendigo and the Central Goldfields Library Service. This has been a huge success. HASB now have a partnership with the Bendigo library, they run a weekly meeting at the library and library staff member supports the group. HASB is growing its membership and is running regular rights events for people with disability at the library.



Other support

AMIDA finance support and SARU support and advice has also been provided to Reinforce for their ILC project.

Treasurers Report – Carmel Laragy

For the 2021/2022 financial year, AMIDA again received income over \$2 million. We have spent all funding on providing advocacy and self-advocacy resourcing to people with a disability. We have no deficit and a very healthy equity of \$69,175 and have accounted for all our liabilities including worker entitlements.

The financial report shows that AMIDA has maintained our size as an organisation in the last year. Funding has been provided for ongoing advocacy and the SARU and on a short-term basis to finance various projects. AMIDA received funding from Victorian Government Department of Families Fairness and Housing and the Commonwealth Department of Social Services. We auspiced several self-advocacy groups through the NDIA ILC project funding.

In summary, the 2021/2022 financial report indicates AMIDA is again in a strong position to meet its financial obligations for the subsequent financial year as and when they fall due.

We have reviewed our activities and as our activities have not changed during the year, we continue to be eligible for charitable and deductible gift recipient (DGR) status.

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL
REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30
JUNE 2022**

Easy Read

This Easy Read version;

- Is a summary of the full report
- Is meant to help explain the words and numbers in the full report

Ask AMIDA if you have any questions about the **Special Purpose Finance report**

A **Special Purpose Finance report** is done by another company about AMIDA'S finances.



Collins and Co is the company that put together this report. They are qualified to do financial audits. The people from Collins and Co who look at our accounts are called **Auditors**.



The **Special Purpose** is to meet our responsibility to Government organisations – the Australian Tax Office (ATO for short) and the Australian Not for Profit and Charities Commission – ACNC for short

Director's Report – this is a report from the current committee.

- There is a list of the committee members
- What AMIDA does – provide advocacy to people with disability
- That there have been no changes in what AMIDA does in the last 12 months
- That the amount of money received is the same as the money spent. Last year AMIDA spent \$190 more money than they received – this is called a deficit.
- The COVID pandemic might have an effect on AMIDA's money in the future. The committee know this might happen so they will be careful with AMIDA's money.



This report will be **signed** by the committee

Chairperson Amanda Millear and the



Treasurer Carmel Laragy

Auditor's independence declaration

The ACNC say that the Auditor who looks at AMIDA accounts

- Must be independent – this means they don't work for AMIDA or are on our committee and don't have anything to do with running our accounts.
- They have worked in a professional way.



This page is signed by **Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen** who is the main Auditor at Collins and Co.

Statement of Profit & Loss and Other Comprehensive Income

This report shows the money AMIDA has received and the things it has been spent on from 1st July 2021 to 30th June 2022. This is usually called a Profit and Loss report.

MONEY WE GOT (Income)

\$4,651,604

- Grants
- Interest
- Management fees
- Money left from last year

MONEY SPENT
(Expenses)

\$2,903,232

- Staff costs
- Office costs
- Project costs

MONEY TO USE NEXT YEAR
Grants not finished

\$1,748,371 will be held to use in 2022-2023

SURPLUS means we spent **less** money than we received
OR
DEFICIT means we spent **more** money than we received

\$0.00 – AMIDA didn't have a **SURPLUS** or **DEFICIT**

Statement of Financial Position

This is usually called a **Balance Sheet**.

Cash	Liabilities
Other Assets	
	Equity

$$\text{Cash} + \text{Other Assets} = \text{Liabilities} + \text{Equity}$$

The **Balance sheet** shows AMIDA's

- **Cash and Other Assets** of **\$2,533,336** which is money in bank accounts and money owed to AMIDA.
- **Liabilities** of **\$2,464,161** which is the money
 - we owe to others,
 - Grant money left at 30th June 2022 which we will use next year, and
 - Staff leave entitlements –
- **Equity** of **\$69,175** – this means that AMIDA **would have money left over** if they used their **Assets** to pay all their **Liabilities**

Statement of Changes In Equity

This is a summary of the change in **Equity** over the last 2 years

Statement of Cash Flows

The report shows the increase or decrease of the items listed from AMIDA's balance sheet compared to last year's numbers.

Notes to the Financial Statements

In the **Statement of Profit & Loss and Other Comprehensive Income** and **Statement of Financial Position** is a column labelled **Notes**. If there is a number in the Note column next to an item, there will be more information in this section.

Note 1 – The Accounting policies and rules the Auditor used.

Note 2 (in the **Statement of Financial Position**) - there is \$2,499,094 in AMIDA bank accounts and \$1,242 in petty cash

Note 3 (in the **Statement of Financial Position**) - the value of AMIDA office equipment which is zero

Note 4 (in the **Statement of Financial Position**) –the amounts AMIDA has to pay for our bills, superannuation, PAYG and GST

Note 5 (in the **Statement of Financial Position**) –the money left from grants at 30th June 2022 to use in 2022-2023

Note 6 (in the **Statement of Financial Position**) –the amounts AMIDA has saved for staff leave – annual, long service, personal and other leave.

Note 7 – information about the leases for the offices rented by AMIDA.

Note 8 – information about the **Statement of Cash Flow**

Note 9 – A contingency is when an event in the past could cost AMIDA money now. The report says that there are none from before 31st July 2021.

Note 10 – details of the AMIDA office which is listed on the ACNC.

Statement by Members of the Committee

The committee have read the reports and they;

- Are done following Accounting standards
- Are true and fair view of AMIDA financial position
- Show that AMIDA can pay all their bills when they have to

The committee talked about the audit report at their meeting. The committee voted and decided that they approve the Audit report.

This report will be **signed** by the committee



Chairperson Amanda Millear and the



Treasurer Carmel Laragy

***ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY IN
ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA)***

ABN 32 993 870 380

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

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ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA) ABN
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SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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BOARD REPORT

Your Board members present the special purpose financial report on the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

Board Members

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	
Amanda Millear	Chairperson	
Norrie Blythman	Past Chairperson	Passed Away in February 2022
Carmel Laragy	Treasurer	
James Teeken	Secretary	
Lisa Brumtis	Board Member	
Robyn McKenzie	Board Member	
Delia Portlock	Board Member	
Peter Whelan	Board Member	
Eve Kinnear	Board Member	Resigned October 2021

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the entity during the financial year was to provide 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 \$Nil (2021: \$190 - Deficit).

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

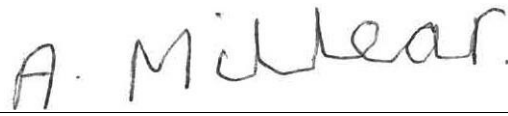
A matter has continued to evolve since 30 June 2022 that has significantly affected, or may significantly affect:

- (a) the entity's operations in future financial years, or
- (b) the results of those operations in future financial years, or
- (c) the entity's state of affairs in future financial years.

The COVID19 pandemic may induce significant changes in the state of affairs of the association during the financial period ended 30 June 2023. The committee members will take all necessary measures to preserve capital and shepherd the association through this uncertain period.

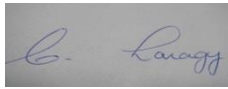
Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board.

Chairperson

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Millear." The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Amanda Millear

Treasurer

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C. Laragy". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Carmel Laragy

Dated this sixth day of September 2022

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

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY
IN ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA) ABN 32 993 870 380**

As auditor for Action For More Independence and Dignity in Accommodation (AMIDA) for the year ended 30 June 2022, 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

Audit Pty Ltd

127 Paisley Street

FOOTSCRAY VIC 3011

Dated 12 September 2022

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STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022	2021
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Grants	2,165,867	2,375,430
Donations	-	-
Interest received	523	988
Management fees income	405,474	514,785
Other income	-	48,000
Transfers from grants in advance	2,079,740	1,770,717
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>4,651,604</u>	<u>4,709,920</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Accommodation	4,362	1,164
Accounting/audit fees	8,060	6,570
Administration fees	325,938	447,348
Advertising/promotion	108	-
Bad Debts	-	-
Bank charges	251	165
Consultant	191,173	162,043
Cost of attending events	3,685	910
Cost of hosting meetings	9,721	5,147
Depreciation	-	-
Dues and subscriptions	16,108	12,497
Employment expenses	884	2,244
Equipment	38,294	39,202
Honorarium	31,657	43,946
Leave accrual	148,708	116,441
Management fees	-	-
Participation/communication support	(422)	3,673
Police check	466	324
Postage/shipping	2,906	4,275
Printing/stationery	12,234	10,908
Professional development	25,300	12,180
Radio show fees	757	655
Rent	102,994	92,822
Repairs/maintenance	1,499	213
Superannuation	168,887	136,339
Supervision	-	-
Telephone/internet	64,246	54,531
Transfers to grants in advance	1,748,371	2,079,740
Travel expenses	10,839	7,807
Wages	1,707,612	1,441,170
WorkCover	26,966	27,796
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>4,651,604</u>	<u>4,710,110</u>
Net surplus/(deficit) for the year before income tax	-	(190)
Income tax expense	-	-
Net surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	<u>-</u>	<u>(190)</u>
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>-</u>	<u>(190)</u>

ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY IN ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA) ABN 32 993
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	2,500,336	2,678,124
Trade and other receivables		33,000	666
Holding account		-	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>2,533,336</u>	<u>2,678,790</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	3	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>2,533,336</u></u>	<u><u>2,678,790</u></u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other creditors	4	95,005	49,163
Funds under Auspice Arrangements	5	1,766,791	2,079,740
Provisions	6	602,365	480,712
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>2,464,161</u>	<u>2,609,615</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u><u>2,464,161</u></u>	<u><u>2,609,615</u></u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>69,175</u></u>	<u><u>69,175</u></u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		69,175	69,175
TOTAL EQUITY		<u><u>69,175</u></u>	<u><u>69,175</u></u>

The statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction
with the audit report and the notes to the financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Accumulated Funds \$	Total \$
Balance as at 1 July 2020	69,365	69,365
Surplus/ (deficit) attributable to the Association	(190)	(190)
Balance as at 30 June 2021	<u>69,175</u>	<u>69,175</u>
Surplus/ (deficit) attributable to the Association	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2022	<u>69,175</u>	<u>69,175</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from funding and other sources		4,305,798	5,061,122
Payments to suppliers and employees		(4,484,109)	(4,691,375)
Interest received		523	988
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	8 (a)	<u>(177,788)</u>	<u>370,735</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		-	-
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	-
Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(177,788)	370,735
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		2,678,124	2,307,389
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	8 (b)	<u><u>2,500,336</u></u>	<u><u>2,678,124</u></u>

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*.

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 2012 (Victoria)* and the *Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission Act 2012* and other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The association is a not-for-profit entity.

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 Sections 50-50 & 50-52 of the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

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.

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

c. Property, Plant and Equipment (*continued*)

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

Asset Class	Depreciation Rate
Furniture, fixtures and fittings	20–50%

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.

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.

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

g. Revenue (*continued*)

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).

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.

Note 1. Statement of Significant Accounting Policies (*continued*)

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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	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at bank	2,499,094	2,674,661
Cash on hand	<u>1,242</u>	<u>3,463</u>
	<u><u>2,500,336</u></u>	<u><u>2,678,124</u></u>
Note 3. Property, Plant and Equipment		
Office equipment		
At cost	-	-
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total property, plant and equipment	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
Note 4. Trade and Other Payables		
Current		
Trade and other creditors	33,630	11,440
Other creditors	13,722	(14,813)
Payroll liabilities	34,724	20,238
Net GST payable	<u>12,929</u>	<u>32,298</u>
	<u><u>95,005</u></u>	<u><u>49,163</u></u>
	2022	2021
	\$	\$
Note 5. Funds under Auspice Arrangements		
Current		
Funds under Auspice Arrangements	<u>1,766,791</u>	<u>2,079,740</u>
	<u><u>1,766,791</u></u>	<u><u>2,079,740</u></u>
Note 6. Provisions		
Current		
Annual leave	44,597	29,940
Long service leave	262,770	238,444
Other leave	152,491	87,935
Personal/ carer's leave	<u>142,507</u>	<u>124,393</u>
	<u><u>602,365</u></u>	<u><u>480,712</u></u>

Note 7. Capital and Leasing Commitments

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.

	2022	2021
	\$	\$

Note 8. Cash Flow Information

(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities

Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:

Net surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	-	(190)
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Non-cash flow item:

Depreciation	-	-
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Changes in assets and liabilities:

- (Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(32,334)	43,167
- (Increase)/decrease in other assets	-	-
- Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	45,842	(69,117)
- Increase/(decrease) in unearned income	(312,949)	309,023
- Increase/(decrease) in employee entitlement provisions	121,653	87,852
	(177,788)	370,735

(b) Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year

Cash at bank	2,499,094	2,674,661
Cash on hand	1,242	3,463
	2,500,336	2,678,124

Note 9. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Board of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2021 (30 June 2020: none).

Note 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 & DIGNITY IN ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA)
ABN 32 993 870 380

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 12 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 2021 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



Amanda Millear

Treasurer



Carmel Laragy

Dated this sixth day of September 2022

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY IN
ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA) ABN 32 993 870 380**
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 statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, and the statement of profit & loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity and the 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 *Australian Charities Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Victoria), including:

- i. giving a true and fair view of the Association's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its performance for the year ended; and
- ii. complying with Australian Accounting Standards as per Note 1, the Australian Charities Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 (Victoria).

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 *Australian Charities Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012* (Victoria). 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'FRE', followed by a horizontal line.

Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen CA

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Dated 12 September 202

CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

I, **Amanda Millear** and I, **Carmel Laragy**, hereby certify that:

- (a) We are members of the committee of the Action for More Independence & Dignity In Accommodation.
- (b) We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on 6 October 2022.
- (c) We are authorised by the attached resolution of the committee to sign this certificate.
- (d) This special purpose financial report was submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Chairperson



Amanda Millear

Treasurer



Carmel Laragy

Dated this 11th day of October 2022