



Action for More Independence and Dignity in Accommodation Inc.

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



"Home" is a Photo Expo by Paul Dunn and part of the AMIDA Opening Doors Project. Metro Tunnel hosted "Home". Photos at the launch are by Jacinta Keefe, 15th March 2023.

Annual Report 2023

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AGENDA

5th October 2023

- 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



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Annual General Meeting Minutes

6th October 2022

Welcome and Acknowledgement

Committee Chairperson Amanda Millear opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the AGM

Projects Coordinator Pauline Willaims read the acknowledgement to traditional owners and Project Worker Sue Smith read the one for self advocates.

Present

Amanda Millear

Belinda Filippis

Susan Arthur

Matthew Bowden

Sue Smith

Kylie Fisher

Ann Van Leerdam

Georgina Mills

Lisa Brumtis

Mark Sandon

Carmel Laragy

Koula Sarimichaelidis

Peter Whelan

Amanda Jones

Bronwyn Trickett

Melanie Keely

Judy Bourke

Julie McNally

Angela Horton

Robyn McKenzie

James Teeken

Alan Bergman

Neil Cameron

Denise Boyd

Apologies

Cameron Bloomfield

Dean Dadson

Julyne Ainsley

Janice Slattery

Pam Geoghegan

Dan Sullivan

John Slattery

Colin Hiscoe

Larissa McFarlane

Jo Scanlan-Owen

Julie Phillips

New Memberships

Applications were received from Mae Saunders and Jo Scanlan-Owen

Decision: “That these applications be accepted”

Moved: James Teeken

Seconded: Alan Bergman

Carried

Confirm Minutes of the Previous AGM

Decision: “That the minutes of the 2021 AGM be approved”

Moved: Peter Whelan

Seconded: James Teeken

Carried

Reports

Chairperson's Report

Amanda asked Pauline to read her report for activities for the last year.

Treasurer's Report and presentation of audited financial report

Carmel gave a summary of the finance report. During the year we had \$4,000,000 pass through our accounts for projects. We have about \$69,000 in our accounts that belongs to AMIDA which we can use in emergencies. We are in a very healthy position. The accounts have been audited by Collins and Co. Our actives haven't changed during the year so we continue to be eligible for Deductable Gift Recipient and Charitable status.

Decision: “That the audited finance reports be accepted.”

Moved: Carmel Laragy

Seconded: Matthew Bowden

Carried

Confirmation of auditor

Decision: “That Collins and Co. be appointed as AMIDA auditor for 2022-2023.”

Moved: Carmel Laragy

Seconded: James Teeken

Carried

Charitable status motion

Decision: “That AMIDA have reviewed our actives and as nothing has changed we continue to be eligible for Charitable status.”

Moved: Carmel Laragy

Seconded: Alan Bergman

Carried

Activities Reports

Disability Royal Commission (DRC)

Project Worker Mark Sandon presented the report on behalf of the DRC team.

The Commissioners will be finishing hearings by December 2022. AMIDA has funding to June 2023. During January to June 2023 workers will be able to provide advocacy support to people who have been affected by abuse.

Advocates have been working with individuals to prepare them to tell their story, organise private meetings with Commissioners and helping them feel safe and heard while telling their story. We have also started a process of recording stories and sending the video to the Commission.

It has been hard to fight against some organisations

National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP for short)

Advocate Bronwyn Trickett presented the report on behalf of the NDAP team and said during the year 55% of work was providing individual advocacy and 45% was systemic work.

NDIS Appeals

Advocate Angela Horton reported on the Appeals work during the year on behalf of the Appeals team.

Most of the work of advocates involved applications to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT). The AAT received many, many more applications than they usually do. This meant it was taking 15 weeks to get an initial meeting -this is much longer than usual. The NDIA were also employing lawyers who were very aggressive in the way they acted for the NDIA. Since the change of Government things are getting much better.

Denise Boyd left the meeting at 10:45am

Voice at the Table (VATT for short)

Project Worker Ann Van Leerdam reported on VATT activities on behalf of the team. Ann acknowledged workers Cameron, Eva, Julyne, Project staff, AMIDA Admin team and the AMIDA committee of management for their support to VATT during the year.

The VATT project is on track with the things they have to do for the grant including

- Building capacity of VATT graduates by holding monthly meet ups
- Producing a podcast each month which is now a radio show on community radio 3CR

The team are very proud of their achievements for the year.

Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU for short)

Project Worker Sue Smith presented the report. Sue also reported that the Self Advocacy Newsletter continued to be sent out monthly during the year. The VCOS project has finished and the resources were mailed out.

Targeted Vaccine Project (TVP for short)

Project Worker Melanie Keely presented the report. The goal of the project is to support people with disability get a COVID vaccine for the first time or a booster. The project has been difficult because of the different ideas in the community about this vaccine. The team include Sally DeBeche, Kylie Fisher, Janet Curtain, Eric Silva and Miranda Darrer. The project will finish in December 2022.

New Wave Com'tech (Communication Technology) Project

Project Management Support worker Melanie Keely reported that the project is in its 3rd year. The team have been providing training at day services. New Wave have 4 groups – Morwell, Leongatha, Wonthaggi and LGBTI.

Positive Powerful Parents (PPP for short)

Group member Susan Arthur presented the report. The group have been busy lobbying people about people with disability losing their children. There are a lot of people who don't know that this is still happening to parents and their children. The group have also met with AMIDA's Disability Royal Commission team to make a submission.

Neil Cameron and Belinda Filippis joined the meeting

Nomination for and Election of committee members

Amanda stood down as Chairperson and handed the position to Pauline to conduct the election of the committee.

Pauline said there are 16 positions available on the committee for a 2-year term.

There are 2 people who have just finished their first year – Amanda Millear and Delia Portlock.

Pauline has received nominations from;

Eve Kinnear, Carmel Laragy, Lisa Brumtis, James Teeken, Jo Scanlan Owen, Peter Whelan, Robyn McKenzie

Pauline called for nominations from members at the meeting – there were none. As there were less nominations than positions available Pauline declared all nominations for a 2-year term appointed.

The office bearers will be elected at the first meeting of the committee. Amanda thanked the people who renominated for the committee.

Sue presented a video of a self-advocate

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

Melanie presented;

Rainbow Rights animation <https://youtu.be/mpvwW8rduyw>

Targeted Vaccine Project song <https://youtu.be/ilfSJLcvWH8>

Amanda closed the meeting at 11:16am.

2023 Chairpersons Report – Amanda Millear

Hi everybody this is my second chairpersons report for AMIDA.

Over the last 12 months of being chair I have performed a number of duties such as signing funding documents for AMIDA and chairing meetings. A couple of long term staff retired and new ones began. I wish Sue Smith and Dean Dadson all the best of luck for the future. Some people have stepped up into new roles. This is a rip snorter because it's good to see people growing and taking on responsibility.

We have started our work on updating our Constitution. It's a humongous job and the committee has had some great discussions and are doing a top job. Stayed tuned for this to come up at a future General meeting. I'd like to also thank the committee for their time and dedication to AMIDA especially office bearers and subcommittee members.

All the staff have been working very hard in their areas of work. Thank you all for your reports to the funding bodies and the committee and for all your hard work.

On 17th August 2023 we celebrated **36 years** of the Raising Our Voices radio show. Happy Birthday! You can listen to it on 3CR's website.

<https://www.3cr.org.au/raisingourvoices>

We had lots of highlights this year and a bit more getting out and about. One highlight was the Photo exhibition called Home in March this year. It was an outdoor show near the City Baths. We hope this show can be in some art galleries this year as well.

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
James Teeken	Assistant Chairperson
Carmel Laragy	Treasurer
James Teeken	Secretary
Lisa Brumtis	Committee member
Robyn McKenzie	Committee Member
Delia Portlock	Committee Member
Eve Kinnear	Committee Member
Jo Scanlon-Owen	Committee Member
Peter Whelan	Committee Member



AMIDA WORKERS to 30th June 2023

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
Kim Collinson	NDAP Advocate
James Greenfield	NDAP Advocate
Belinda Filippis	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Mark Sandon	Disability Royal Commission/NDAP Advocate/SARU Project Support
Julie McNally	Advocate DRC/VATT grad team leader/VATT Coordinator
Judy Bourke	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Angela Horton	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Maleeha Saeed	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
Melanie Keely	SARU Targeted Vaccine Project, Project Support and Advice NW and SARU Project worker
Miranda Darrer	NDAP and DRC advocate/NW Pride/Rainbow Rights and Have a Say Bendigo support and advice, VATT Stronger Voices training team leader
Ann Van Leerdam	Inclusion and Voice at the Table (VATT) Stronger Voices 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
Peter Whelan	VATT Inclusion Team Leader
Cassandra Prigg	All Abilities Project Worker
Juli Grauer	All Abilities Project Worker
Mitchell Price	New Wave Leongatha
Jessica Cottle	New Wave Leongatha and Bass Coast Project Worker/NW Co-ordinator
Jayne Simpson	New Wave Leongatha and Bass Coast Project Worker
Glenda Smith	New Wave Leongatha and Bass Coast Project Worker
Kathryn Bartlett	New Wave Morwell
Rachel Walters	New Wave Morwell
Paul Drew	New Wave Wonthaggi
Eric Silva	New Wave Morwell Project worker
Cameron Bloomfield	Rainbow Rights/ Inclusion and VATT Training Team
Rebecca Biddle	VATT Grads worker/All Abilities Advocacy/SARU
Jack Richardson	VATT Inclusion Trainer
Max Jack	VATT Inclusion Trainer
Jane Rosengrave	Peer Worker for AMIDA and various projects
Kylie Fisher	Positive Powerful Parents Project Worker
Susan Arthur	Positive Powerful Parents
Romeo Brasington	Positive Powerful Parents
Melanie Lewis	Positive Powerful Parents
Melanie Hamilton	Positive Powerful Parents
Janet Curtain	Power in Culture and Ethnicity (PCE)
Heidi Peart	SARU Support and Advice –PCE

Contractors Helen Woods at Melbourne Supervision, Andrew Sims at Innotel, Bruce Francis, Paul Dunn, Lawrence Johnston, Fofi Christou, Better Life Mobile, Clickify, Microsoft, Photosymbols and Enth Degree, Collins and Co, Consortium partners Reinforce and Brain Injury Matters, Eziway, SAI Global, Jobs Australia

AMIDA acknowledges the support of the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments



AMIDA Activities Report July 2022- June 2023

Advocacy

We provide advocacy funded by three programs from the Department of Social Services in 22-23, 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

- The Housing Crisis has become worse with rising interest rates and rent rates in the 22-23 year. Lack of affordable and accessible housing led to increases in waiting lists for public housing, which continues to blow out. The housing crisis will take years of investment from all levels of government to come anywhere meeting need. Let's keep reminding State and Federal governments that their promises must match the 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. One AMIDA case has been to VCAT more than 18 times!
- Specialist Disability Accommodation policy must comply with the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People. We continue to push for this in Individual and systemic advocacy

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 continued to make presentations and write submissions on areas such as the NDIA Home and Living Consultation, Disability Inclusion, the Australian Disability Strategy, Rooming Houses, Safe

Places policy, 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 2023, Raising Our Voices celebrated its 36th 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 22/23 year included:

- **July 2022:** First Peoples Disability Network
- **August 2022:** 35 years and still going strong
- **September 2022:** Revisiting with Power Culture and Ethnicity
- **October 2022:** Reinforce Peer Workers
- **November 2022:** Living with Brain Injury
- **December 2022:** People with Intellectual Disabilities experience with bullying and discrimination
- **January 2022:** Celebrating Raising Our Voices
- **February 2022:** NDIS-Issues and Tips
- **March 2022:** International Women Day Special
- **April 2022:** Transport issues for people with a disability
- **May 2022:** Our stories and Disability Housing
- **June 2022:** Radiothon: Rainbow coloured disability stories.

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

Disability Royal Commission (DRC)

During the COVID challenged time of 2022-2023 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 written, recorded and face to face submissions to the DRC by

- Working with the Raising our Voices show led by PWD and facilitated by AMIDA staff with the support of 3CR to spread the word about the DRC
- Liaising with staff in AMIDA to inform the clients they work with. Both the NDAP and NDIS Appeals teams at AMIDA have shared information with the clients they see. This work has resulted in submissions made to the DRC

- Reached out to the self advocacy groups in Victoria to ensure their voices are heard in the DRC
- Worked with Voice At The Table, a PWD led group to share information to the DRC
- Engaging directly with the private sessions team to work out ways to support people who live in supported disability accommodation to have the chance to tell their stories safely
- Connecting with PWD groups and having open conversations about individuals' fears, hesitation and concern about making a submission.
- Make sure that people are offered the suite of supports provided by the DRC. AMIDA has had a lot of positive feedback from individuals using the Blue Knot telephone counselling service.
- Working with people who would prefer to tell their story in the first person, on a video and/or in their native language.
- Support individuals in the preparation of materials for private hearings
- Support individuals in private hearings to tell their story and feel supported in doing so even travelling to Sydney when necessary to support this.
- Ensuring that all individuals are aware that staff are not only there to support to tell the person's story but provide advocacy to them in any matters that they may experience.
- Put DRC information in multiple accessibility formats in the SARU newsletter

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Appeals

- We provided advice, information and referral to 191 people- in 22-23. Advice was provided to people with disability, other members of the community and disability service providers. The advice concerned disability rights, informed decision making, and NDIS appeals.
- Provided individual long term advocacy to 37 people, 30 people was our target.
- Continued to raise awareness on disability issues through engagement with community groups and service providers through individual advice calls and meetings with providers and community groups. Contributed to government policy and systemic issues through a number of different forums and papers.
- Majority of appeals work is assisting people at the Administrative and Appeals Tribunal (AAT) to help people with their NDIS reviews. Large amount of NDIS reviews are ending up at the

AAT, there is a continued steady demand for NDIS Appeals Advocacy in this space. The Director of the NDIS case management AAT branch reported this month a large amount of internal reviews (s100) are currently getting processed at the NDIA, so many of these will head to the tribunal if they are declined, so we expect more inquiries.

- Cases are still taking some time to settle- between 6- 14 months.
- The Appeals team has had some big wins!
 - Assisted a client with complex behaviours to secure single occupancy Specialist Disability Accommodation and 1:1 24/7 supports- in total this took the family over 2 years to settle! AMIDA were involved for about 12 months.
 - Assisted a client with complex trauma to secure single occupancy Specialist Disability Accommodation and 1:1 24/7 support and extra therapy. This one settled in 4 months.
 - Assisted a client with MS and high supports needs to get 21 hours a day of support workers to assist her and her husband to stay safe at home.
 - Assisted a child to get extra therapy hours to assist with intensive autism therapy supports.

Information, Advice, Referral and Individual Advocacy

- The amount and demand for advocacy support has outweighed our capacity. Demand has increased again since last year.
- We provided information, advice, and referral from the NDAP and Appeals team to over 476 people and individual advocacy to 73 people. Cases are becoming more complex and taking more time to resolve.
- Thanks you to all our wonderful advocates for their dedication, professional work and commitment.

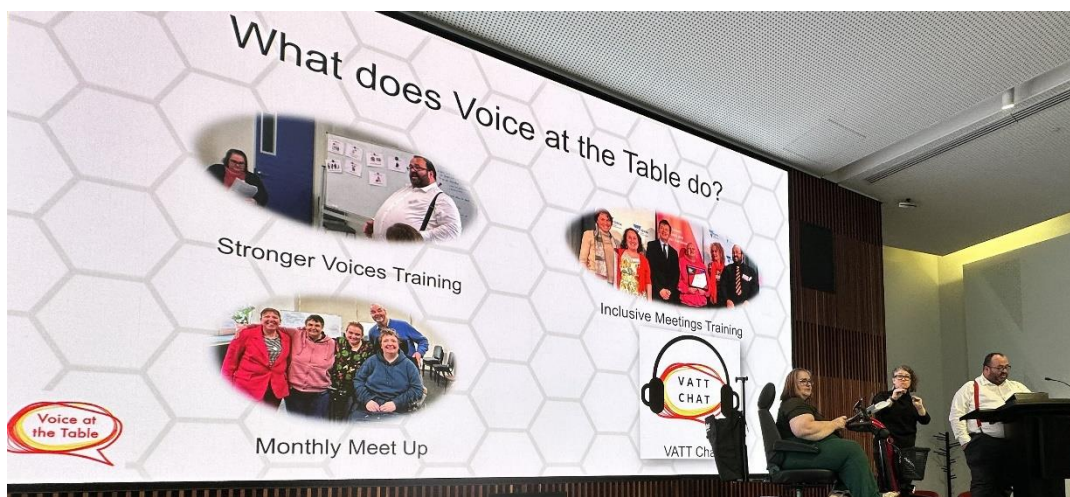
Disseminating information about AMIDA and improving access to AMIDA

We provide 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

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

- VATT had an external evaluation of the progress so far. With an extension of the project funding we refocussed our goals
- Using co-design, updated training content for both the VATT Stronger Voices Training and Inclusive Meeting Training.
- Employed and supported 3 additional people with a cognitive disability as VATT Trainers.
- Trained staff from community and public sector organisations in Inclusive Meeting Practices including the AMIDA committee of management
- Delivered training on writing in Easy English
- Developed an Inclusion Audit Tool for organisations with training on using it
- Held 11 peer led monthly meet ups co-facilitated by a person with a cognitive disability. Some information gathered was submitted to the Disability Royal Commission.
- 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 a monthly radio show slot of community station 3CR.



Picture of VATT staff talking about the things VATT does.



The Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU)

SARU has this year reopened the office and begun to meet self advocates and groups face to face. Two long term staff, Sue Smith and Dean Dadson retired and we farewelled them in June 23 and thanked them for their dedication and work for Self advocacy. We continued to support self-advocacy groups through funding from the Victorian Office for Disability. Our new ongoing staff are SARU co-ordinator Melanie Keely and SARU project workers Miranda Darrer and Heidi Peart.

SARU Support

Examples of key activities undertaken in 2022-2023 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.
- Organised an International Women's Day event for female self advocates and women SARU and AMIDA workers.
- With VSAN, organised the third National Self Advocacy Month with major events across the month hosted by various self advocacy groups.
- 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 bi monthly newsletter Self Advocacy Rules went to over 200 self-advocates and supporters of self-advocacy received the newsletter in 2022/23 in print, audio and Auslan.
- Monthly Project Worker meeting for all self advocacy project staff working on ILC projects.



SARU Projects

Targeted COVID-19 Vaccine Project

In the second half of 2022 SARU was part of a COVID-19 vaccine project to help Self Advocates get access to COVID vaccines and boosters. SARU shared resources and information and helped Self Advocates get booked in to get a vaccine.

NDIA Project



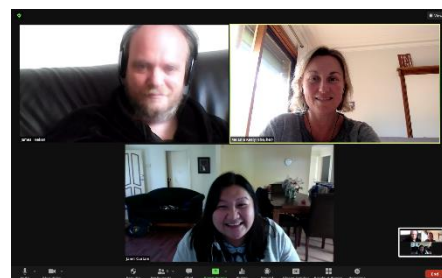
SARU has a project to make sure the voices of Self Advocates are heard in the current NDIS reforms. SARU works with the NDIS Self Advocacy Working Group to help Self Advocates have a say in the NDIS. In May, the NDIS Working Group met with the new CEO of the NDIA, Rebecca Falkingham. Self Advocates talked about how the NDIA can help to strengthen self advocacy and self advocacy groups.

Picture of Trudy Ryall from Deafblind Victoria meeting with Rebecca Falkingham, CEO of the NDIA.

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.



Picture of zoom meeting

Social and Community Participation

The project continued to support the All Abilities Self Advocacy Group. AAA also has a small ILC project managed by AMIDA to help people with disability learn to get connected online. It runs online and face to face tech training sessions. In the 2022-2023 financial year we said hello to a



new project support worker **Juli Grauer**.



Picture is of the AAA leadership group with 2 of the participants at Mulleraterong.

<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 to try and get funding. They were successful with a few small projects, an online art show and support to participate in the Midsumma festival.

Picture of Rainbow Rights members with their banner.

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 at the end of June 2024. 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.



Picture of New Wave Bass Coast training session (Paul & Tim) training people with a disability at Bass Coast Adult learning centre.

We have presented sessions on online safety and Facebook. We still have two more sessions. One of those will be about how to set up and use emails.

After the first online safety session, one of the participants then approached their support worker advising that they think they were being scammed and only knew about it after seeing the session.



Picture of Leongatha New Wave group training (Mitch and Tim)

We provided 5 sessions on Online Safety, how to use Facebook, how to use Instagram, Set up and use emails and self advocacy sessions. The sessions were presented to Yooralla and their participants.

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

Positive Powerful Parents - Parents Rights Network Project

PPP has been very busy in this financial year.

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 80 members.

PPP are also running 2 parent groups, called Friday Friendship Groups. They are in Melbourne and Morwell. PPP have been using their Running Safe Groups, Safe Story Sharing Being a Strong Parent Leader resources to run training for Self Advocates. PPP has a new Peer Worker, her name is Melanie Lewis.

PPP ran training on Running Safe Groups and Sharing Your Story Safely with the Have a Say Bendigo Group and the New Wave Rainbow Group in Gippsland.

Here is a picture of the New Wave Rainbow Pride Gippsland Group 😊



Also this year PPP ran an online event for Global Parents Day 🌐👍

The parents who came along were from all over Victoria and 1 parent zoomed in from the USA!!!

Lots of great conversations, pets coming and saying hello and a child who has grown up so much!! 😊

Here are so comments about "what I would tell my younger self when I found out I was pregnant"

- prepare for the ride of your life

- be gentle with yourself

- don't listen to other people, go by what you think is right

- go with your gut feeling

- you can't plan parenthood, like how it goes, you can't have a birth plan

- it's a lifelong best thing

Thanks to everyone for coming along and sharing their stories, here is a quote from the day: ALL PARENTS ARE DIFFERENT, BE PROUD!



Picture of Positive Powerful Parents in a zoom meeting

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

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

Picture of PCE members planning for a project event



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 growing Facebook page with 287 followers and is continuing to get the word out about their group. They have new business cards that are also in braille. Through the project PCE is growing its membership and building strong networks. They also spoke at Brimbank Disability Network, Foundation House

and Sunshine Women's group and contributed to the NDIA and ILC Reviews and the Ethnic Communities Council state-wide disability network. The group also ran an online Self Advocacy Feast and presented 3 films they made around the theme Recipe for Rights. PCE has a new Project Advice and Support Worker. His name is Jun Bin Lee.

<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 2022/23 they kept connected meeting at Bendigo Library. This has been a huge success. HASB is growing its membership and is running regular rights events for people with disability at the library. 32 people attended an information session about self advocacy and Having a Say Bendigo earlier this year. They also made new posters and a banner for the group. The group has now grown to 9 people and has a new Project Worker, Matilda Branson.



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 2022/2023 financial year, AMIDA received income of almost \$2 and a half million dollars. 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 2022/2023 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 2023**

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 & Co

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.



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 2022 to 30th June 2023. This is usually called a Profit and Loss report.

**MONEY WE GOT
(Income)**

\$2,473,580

- Grants
- Interest
- Management fees

- Money left from last year

MONEY SPENT (Expenses)

\$2,473,580

- Staff costs
- Office costs
- Project costs

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 **\$3,114,073** which is money in bank accounts and money owed to AMIDA.
- **Liabilities** of **\$3,044,898** which is the money
 - we owe to others,
 - **\$2,346,049** Project money left at 30th June 2023 which we will use in 2024, 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

A cash flow statement is a financial report that shows where AMIDA's money is coming from and where it's going.

A cash flow statement shows which parts of AMIIDA earned cash and which parts spent cash during a given period of time.

Where assets increase or liabilities decrease, AMIDA is spending cash = cash outflows.

Where assets decrease or liabilities increase, the Association is not using cash = cash inflows.

The Auditor said that overall AMIDA had a positive cash flow this year so there is nothing to be concerned about.

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 \$3,111,431 in AMIDA bank accounts and \$856 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 2023 to use in 2023-2024

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 2022.

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

Independent Auditor's Report

The Auditor has looked at AMIDA's accounts and finance reports and said they;

- follow the **ACNC** and Accounting rules.
- Are true and fair

AMIDA is responsible for



- giving the Auditor the information they need to do their job
- making sure there are no mistakes in the information they give to the Auditor
- have policies and procedures in place to make sure people can't steal money or give finance information that is not true.

The Auditor is responsible for



- looking to see if AMIDA have missed any mistakes in the reports,
- make sure the income and bills in the accounts add up to the numbers in the reports
- talking to AMIDA staff to understand the how some of the items are calculated. This helps them make sure AMIDA is following their own policies and Accounting rules
- look to see if there is any reason to think the reports are not true or if money might be missing from AMIDA's accounts.

After doing these things the Auditor says they had all the information needed to give their opinion about the AMIDA accounts and reports.



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

Certificate by Members of the Committee



This is a certificate which will be **signed** by the **Chairperson** Amanda Millear and **Treasurer** Carmel Laragy to say that;

- They are both members of the AMIDA committee
- They attended the 2023 AGM
- The AMIDA committee said they can sign this certificate
- This **Report** was presented at the 2023 AMIDA AGM.

ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY IN ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA)

ABN 32 993 870 380

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY INACCOMMODATION (AMIDA)
ABN 32 993 870 380
SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

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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 2023.

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	
James Teeken	Vice Chairperson	
Carmel Laragy	Treasurer	
James Teeken	Secretary	
Lisa Brumtis	Board Member	
Robyn McKenzie	Board Member	
Delia Portlock	Board Member	
Eve Kinnear	Board Member	Appointed October 2022
Jo Scanlon-Owen	Board Member	Appointed October 2022/ Resigned
Peter Whelan	Board Member	Resigned April 2023

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 (2022: \$Nil - Surplus).

Significant Changes in State of Affairs

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

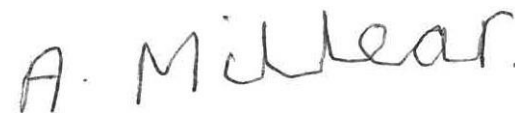
Events Subsequent to Balance Date

No matter has evolved since 30 June 2023 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.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board.

Chairperson



Amanda Millear

Treasurer



Carmel Laragy

Dated this 12th day of September 2023

**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 2023, 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 14 September 2023

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

STATEMENT OF PROFIT & LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Grants	1,224,160	2,165,867
Fees for service	62,407	-
Interest received	19,780	523
Management fees income	232,145	405,474
Transfers from grants in advance	935,088	2,079,740
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>2,473,580</u>	<u>4,651,604</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Accommodation	9,296	4,362
Accounting/audit fees	4,320	8,060
Administration fees	388,130	325,938
Advertising/promotion	82	108
Bank charges	300	251
Consultant	186,701	191,173
Cost of attending events	2,661	3,685
Cost of hosting meetings	21,661	9,721
Dues and subscriptions	15,752	16,108
Employment expenses	3,067	884
Equipment	13,863	38,294
Honorarium	19,696	31,657
Employee leave entitlements accrual	(33,382)	121,652
Participation/communication support	10,270	(422)
Police check	379	466
Portable long service benefits scheme levies	23,409	27,056
Postage/shipping	2,146	2,906
Printing/stationery	14,961	12,234
Professional development	19,010	25,300
Radio show fees	1,099	757
Rent	91,281	102,994
Repairs/maintenance	2,367	1,499
Superannuation	150,277	168,887
Telephone/internet	33,532	64,246
Transfers to grants in advance	-	1,748,371
Travel expenses	24,431	10,839
Wages	1,443,759	1,707,612
WorkCover	24,512	26,966
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>2,473,580</u>	<u>4,651,604</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY IN ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA) ABN 32 993
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	3,112,287	2,500,336
Trade and other receivables		1,786	33,000
Holding account		-	-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		<u>3,114,073</u>	<u>2,533,336</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	3	-	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>3,114,073</u>	<u>2,533,336</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other creditors	4	129,866	95,005
Funds under Auspice Arrangements	5	2,346,049	1,766,791
Provisions	6	568,983	602,365
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>3,044,898</u>	<u>2,464,161</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>3,044,898</u>	<u>2,464,161</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>69,175</u>	<u>69,175</u>
EQUITY			
Accumulated funds		69,175	69,175
TOTAL EQUITY		<u>69,175</u>	<u>69,175</u>

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

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY IN ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA) ABN 32 993
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Accumulated Funds \$	Total \$
Balance as at 1 July 2021	69,175	69,175
Surplus/ (deficit) attributable to the Association	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2022	<u>69,175</u>	<u>69,175</u>
Surplus/ (deficit) attributable to the Association	-	-
Balance as at 30 June 2023	<u><u>69,175</u></u>	<u><u>69,175</u></u>

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

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY IN ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA) ABN 32 993
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Note	2023 \$	2022 \$
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from funding and other sources		3,064,272	4,305,798
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,472,101)	(4,484,109)
Interest received		19,780	523
Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities	8 (a)	<u>611,951</u>	<u>(177,788)</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		611,951	(177,788)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		2,500,336	2,678,124
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	8 (b)	<u><u>3,112,287</u></u>	<u><u>2,500,336</u></u>

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

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

AASB 124: Related Party 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	Deprecation 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.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash at bank	3,111,431	2,499,094
Cash on hand	<u>856</u>	<u>1,242</u>
	<u><u>3,112,287</u></u>	<u><u>2,500,336</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	27,796	33,630
Other creditors	1,087	13,722
Payroll liabilities	22,064	34,724
Net GST payable	<u>78,919</u>	<u>12,929</u>
	<u><u>129,866</u></u>	<u><u>95,005</u></u>
	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Note 5. Funds under Auspice Arrangements		
Current		
Funds under Auspice Arrangements	<u>2,346,049</u>	<u>1,766,791</u>
	<u><u>2,346,049</u></u>	<u><u>1,766,791</u></u>
Note 6. Provisions		
Current		
Annual leave	110,778	44,597
Long service leave	35,632	262,770
Other leave	252,925	152,491
Personal/ carer's leave	<u>169,648</u>	<u>142,507</u>
	<u><u>568,983</u></u>	<u><u>602,365</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.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$

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	-	-
Non-cash flow item:		
Depreciation	-	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
- (Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	31,214	(32,334)
- (Increase)/decrease in other assets	-	-
- Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	34,861	45,842
- Increase/(decrease) in unearned income	579,258	(312,949)
- Increase/(decrease) in employee entitlement provisions	(33,382)	121,653
	<u>611,951</u>	<u>(177,788)</u>

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

Cash at bank	3,111,431	2,499,094
Cash on hand	<u>856</u>	<u>1,242</u>
	<u>3,112,287</u>	<u>2,500,336</u>

Note 9. Contingencies

In the opinion of the Board of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2023 (30 June 2022: none).

Note 10. Related Party Transactions

The Committee Members act in an honorary capacity and are not paid for their services as Committee Members.

There were no transactions with related parties during the 2023 year.

Note 11. 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 2023 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 12th day of September 2023

**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 2023, 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 2023 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.



Frederik Ryk Ludolf Eksteen CA

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Dated 14 September 2023

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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 5 October 2023
- (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

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Carmel Laragy

Dated this

ninth day of October 2023

