



## Action for More Independence and Dignity in Accommodation Inc.

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

Voice at the Table (VATT) Stronger Voices training



# Annual Report 2024

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# **AGENDA**

**17th October 2024**

- 2:00 Welcome / Acknowledgement
- 2:10 Present / Apologies
- 2:15 New Memberships
- 2:20 Confirm Minutes of the Previous AGM
- 2:30 Reports
- Chairperson's Report
  - Treasurer's Report including present audited report
  - Confirm auditor
  - Charitable status motion
- 2:55 Activities Reports  
AMIDA advocacy, SARU, Projects
- 3:10 Nomination for and Election of committee members
- 3:30 Close of meeting



**Action for More Independence and Dignity in Accommodation  
Annual General Meeting Minutes  
5th October 2023**

**Welcome and Acknowledgement**

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

Aunty Jane said the acknowledgement to traditional owners and for self advocates.

**Present**

Amanda Milllear

Lisa Brumtis

Carmel Laragy

Peter Whelan

Judy Bourke

James Teeken

Kylie Fisher

Koula Sarimichaelidis

Robyn McKenzie

Alan Bergman

Janice Slattery

Jess Cottle

Juli-Ann Grauer

Kathryn Bartlett

Jess Clenci

Himalee Raj

Melanie Lewis

Michelle Ritchie

Paul Drew

Janice Slattery

Jane Rosengrave

Pauline Williams

Brenda Penaluna

Graham Binding

Melanie Keely

Alan Bergman

**Apologies**

John Slattery

Susan Arthur

Colin Hiscoe

**New Memberships**

There were no new membership applications.

**Confirm Minutes of the Previous AGM**

**Decision:** "That the minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022 AGM be approved"

**Moved:** Alan Bergman

**Seconded:** James Teeken

**Carried**

**Reports**

**Chairperson's Report**

Amanda read her report for activities for the last year.

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**Decision:** “That the Chairperson report be accepted”

**Moved:** James Teeken

**Seconded:** Lisa Brumtis

**Carried**

**10:20 Graham Binding and Melanie Keely joined the meeting.**

**Treasurer's Report and presentation of audited financial report**

Carmel gave a summary of the finance report. During the year we had \$2,400,000 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:** Alan Bergman

**Carried**

**Confirmation of auditor**

**Decision:** “That Collins and Co. be appointed as AMIDA auditor for 2023-2024.”

**Moved:** Carmel Laragy

**Seconded:** Alan Bergman

**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:** Lisa Brumtis

**Carried**

Melanie Lewis and Romeo Brasington thanked AMIDA for their support on their project Positive Powerful Parents.

**Activities Reports**

**National Disability Advocacy Program – NDAP for short**

Pauline said the housing crisis got worse this year. Our team can't keep up with demand. We hope Government will put money into more affordable, accessible and energy efficient housing that match the need.

**Disability Royal Commission – DRC for short**

We had funding to support people with disability to make submission to DRC. The funding and the Commission have finished now. One person we supported needed to fly to Sydney to do their submission.

**NDIS Appeals**

Judy Bourke reported on the work of the team. We started the year with 3 workers and ended the year with 3 workers however there has been had a lot of changes in the team during the year. Angela Horton left during the year. We now have new senior experienced advocates in place.

Advocacy during the year;

- 191 requests for advice from people with disability, service providers, people in the community
- Worked with 37 clients – our target is 30
- Not many cases of access to NDIS
- Most cases go to Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- Most about Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA for short) and people with Autism
- Most we have been able to resolve without going to AAT.
- Cases take about 6-14 months which is why the numbers are small.

Systemic work

- contribute to submissions – NDIA review, AAT review
- attended community groups to provide information
- NDIS National call centre information session
- On a couple of occasions sent emails to CEO and NDIA board about issues with the system.

### **Positive Powerful Parents (PPP for short)**

Group member Melanie Lewis and Romeo Brasington presented the report.

Running safe group and sharing your story safely. We have also run face to face friendship groups and other online meetings. Gave a presentation to Maternal Child Health.

**Romeo Brasington, Melanie Lewis and Kylie Fisher left the meeting at 11:00am**

### **Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU for short)**

Project Worker Melanie Keely gave a summary of their activities.

Sue Smith and Dean Dadson were 2 core workers last year. They retired at 30 June 2023 so a lot of the year SARU have been getting ready for handover. We also spent time to say goodbye and show appreciation for Sue and Dean's work.

We received a grant to provide input to NDIS changes. The NDIS are wanting to change the system because costs are increasing, they need to look at changes so the program can continue into the future. SARU supports 10 self advocates from self advocacy groups in the NDIS working group. They provide advice to the NDIA and met with the CEO of the NDIA. This group will continue into 2024.

Targeted Vaccine Program – this covid booster vaccines program finished November 2022

Self Advocacy month, and the Reinforce conference were well attended and a huge success.

### **New Wave Comtech (Communication Technology) Project**

Kathryn Bartlett and Graham Binding talked about the New Wave project. Very active at Morwell. New Wave said goodbye to their project worker Eric Silva - thanks for your work. New Wave have a new website – it took a year to create. They launched the website recently. They are looking to increase their members.

They have been doing technology training in Wonthaggi, Leongatha and Morwell.

Participant training feedback – a person said they learnt about online safety and realised she was being catfished. Fortunately, the person didn't lose any money.

The training sessions made use of the resources from the [Voices Together](#) website.

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

Project Worker Peter Whelan reported on VATT activities on behalf of the team.

### **Nomination for and Election of committee members**

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

There are 5 people who have just finished their first year – Eve Kinnear, Carmel Laragy, Lisa Brumtis, James Teeken, Robyn McKenzie

Pauline said there are 10 positions available on the committee for a 2-year term.

Pauline has received nominations from; Amanda Milllear.

Pauline called for nominations from members at the meeting – there were none.

As there were less nominations than positions available Pauline declared Amanda Milllear for another 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.

**Amanda closed the meeting at 11:16am.**

**Denise Boyd left the meeting at 10:45am**

**Neil Cameron and Belinda Filippis joined the meeting**



## 2024 Chairpersons Report – Amanda Milllear



Hi everybody this is my third 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.

Some staff finished their work with us due to funding changes. Some people have stepped up into new roles. It is always great if we can give people opportunities and encouragement to apply for new roles with more responsibility.

We have almost finished our work on updating our Constitution. Stayed tuned for this to come up at a future General meeting. We have been working on a Values statement for AMIDA so look out for this too.

I'd like to also thank all the committee members for their time and dedication to AMIDA especially office bearers and subcommittee members.

Thank you to all the staff at AMIDA, SARU and the auspiced projects for their time and commitment. Thank you all for your reports to the funding bodies and the committee and for all your hard work.

Thank you to the State and Federal governments for their financial support throughout the year.

On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024 we celebrated **37 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. The Voice at the Table project ran lots of fantastic training on being involved in groups and helping groups be more inclusive.

SARU helped set up a new First Nations group called the Deadly First Nations Shout Out group.

VSAN ran a campaign for ongoing funding for self advocacy groups and made a film.

PPP made a film called Compare the Parents and Congratulations to them on winning the Judges Award in the Focus on Ability film Festival.

Our advocacy teams have supported people to win their cases and improve their lives.

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 Milllear-Chairperson of AMIDA**

## COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Amanda Milllear	Chairperson	
James Teeken	Assistant Chairperson	
Carmel Laragy	Treasurer	
Lisa Brumtis	Secretary	
Robyn McKenzie	Committee Member	
Delia Portlock	Committee Member	resigned 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Eve Kinnear	Committee Member	
Georgia Katsikis	Committee Member	appointed 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2024



## AMIDA WORKERS to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Pauline Williams	Projects Coordinator
Koula Sarimichaelidis	Administration/Finance
Brenda Penaluna	Finance and Admin Systems Co-ordinator
Pam Geoghegan	NDAP Advocate
Bronwyn Trickett	NDAP Advocate
Kim Collinson	NDAP Advocate
Himalee Raj	NDAP Advocate
James Greenfield	NDAP Advocate
Ella Tooms	Raising Our Voices Support
Gab Reade	Raising Our Voices Radio Technical Producer
Belinda Filippis	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Judy Bourke	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Michelle Ritchie	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Himalee Raj	NDIS Appeals Advocate
Melanie Keely	SARU Coordinator and DRCO Project worker
Miranda Darrer	SARU Project Worker, VATT Stronger Voices training team leader
Heidi Peart	SARU Project Worker
Sally De Beche	SARU Project worker
Mark Sandon	SARU and VATT Project Support
Jill Cameron	SARU Project Worker (parental leave backfill)
Jessica Clenci	SARU and VATT Support and Administration
Julie McNally	VATT grad team leader/VATT Coordinator
Peter Whelan	VATT Inclusion Team Leader
Max Jack	VATT Inclusion Training Team
Jack Richardson	VATT Inclusion Training Team
Warren Loorham	VATT Podcast and Radio Team



Dan Sullivan	VATT Podcast and Radio Team
Julyne Ainsley	VATT Stronger Voices Training Team
John O'Donnell	VATT Monthly Meetup Peer Worker
Rebecca Biddle	VATT Grads Peer worker/All Abilities Advocacy Peer Worker
Cameron Bloomfield	Rainbow Rights Peer Worker/ VATT Stronger Voices Training Team
Olly Southerton	Rainbow Pride Worker
Juli Grauer	All Abilities Advocacy Project Worker
Jessica Cottle	New Wave Leongatha and Bass Coast Project Worker/NW Co-ordinator
Mitchell Price	New Wave Leongatha Peer Worker
Tim Mackie	New Wave Leongatha Peer Worker
Paul Drew	New Wave Bass Coast Peer Worker
Kathryn Bartlett	New Wave Morwell Peer Worker
Graham Binding	New Wave Morwell Peer Worker
Ben Corcoran	New Wave Morwell Office Support
Eric Silva	New Wave Morwell Project worker
Nic Rodda	New Wave Morwell Project worker
Jane Rosengrave	Peer Worker for AMIDA and various projects
Kylie Fisher	Positive Powerful Parents Project Worker, Project Support and Advice Having a Say Bendigo and All Abilities Advocacy
Susan Arthur	Positive Powerful Parents Peer Worker
Romeo Brasington	Positive Powerful Parents Peer Worker
Melanie Lewis	Positive Powerful Parents Peer Worker
Janet Curtain	Power in Culture and Ethnicity (PCE) Peer Worker, Victorian Self Advocacy Network (VSAN) Project Worker
Jun Bin Lee	SARU Support and Advice –PCE
Matilda Branson	Having a Say Bendigo Project Support Worker

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

AMIDA acknowledges the support of the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments



# AMIDA Activities Report July 2023- June 2024

## Advocacy

We provide advocacy funded by 2 programs from the Department of Social Services in 23-24, the National Disability Advocacy Program (NDAP) and the NDIS Appeals Advocacy.

### National Disability Advocacy Program

We provide individual advocacy, including 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.

Advice, Information and Referral support was provided to 298 people with 393 sessions of support. This is an increase on the previous reporting period. We provided individual advocacy support to 44 people.

### Key issues in NDAP and Systemic Advocacy

- Housing continues to be very high cost in the 23-24 year up 13%. Waiting lists for social housing, rose by 3000 to 51,602 people. People with a disability continue to make up a large percentage of those waiting for affordable, accessible housing.
- Renters' rights in particular Repairs. AMIDA has also advocated for changed to the Residential Tenancies Act for decades. In recent years there have been amendments made to the Act. This gives renters access to more rights and protections in disability accommodation settings.
- Accessibility, is a continuing issue in all forms of housing including social housing about which we commented on in media reports
- Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) must comply with the UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled People. An example of progress is the recent changes to the Residential Tenancies Act, specifically change to the meaning of SDA provider to include more disability accommodation and support providers.
- AMIDA also collaborates with other advocacy organisations to strengthen advocacy and respond to common issues of concern. AMIDA continued to make presentations such as the Disability Advocacy Resource Unit Strengthening Advocacy Conference where we presented on Housing issues. We also participated in and presented at the Victorian Council of Social Services Renters Rights Rundown.

## Self Advocacy. Raising Our Voices - Radio Show

AMIDA supports a team of self advocates to produce the 3CR radio show called 'Raising Our Voices'. In August 2023, Raising Our Voices celebrated its 36<sup>th</sup> 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 23/24 year included:

- **July 2023:** Living with Brain Injury
- **August 2023:** People with Intellectual Disability experience with bullying and discrimination
- **September 2023:** Tribute to self advocacy
- **October 2023:** Experiences in the Healthcare System
- **April 2022:** Disability Housing Rights
- **May 2022:** Ableism and Gendered Violence
- **June 2022:** Promoting Disabled Voices on community radio Radiothon.

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

## National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Appeals

- We provided advice, information and referral support to 191 people- in 23-24. 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 31 people.
- Two new advocates were recruited and inducted/trained
- 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 by;
  - Providing training to NCC program (dept's trainees) in July 2023;
  - Participation in forums, eg DSS (Oct 2023), DSC (Oct 2023), NDIS Review (Dec 2023), DANA (Feb, April 2024) and DARU (May 2024);
  - Direct engagement with legal NDIA team, Disability Gateway team, Child Protection, NDIS Quality & Safeguarding Commission, and OPA on advice regarding approach to individual advocacy
  - Various systemic issues facing applicants with disability have been identified, particularly concerning internal reviews and external merits review. Other challenges concern communicating with NDIA, AAT accessibility and NDIS Appeals service capacity issues.

- Involvement in systemic advocacy through a range of stakeholders such as;
  - Bimonthly engagement with NDIA AAT Case Management branch and NDIA chief counsel to progress systemic issues
  - Monthly engagement with Vic Legal Aid to pass on issues to AAT
  - Contribution to systemic working groups on draft NDIS Bill 2024
  - Contribution to DANA systemic work on NDIS Access Changes 2024.
- The Appeals team has had some big wins!
  - Assisted many clients to receive needed supports of various types at the level required including up to 24 hours support in one case
  - Assisted a client with complex trauma to remain in his Specialist Disability Accommodation with increased supports rather than being forced into aged care.
  - Assisted clients to get access to the NDIS including 1 person for whom this took 14 months and another with spinal injury incomplete quadriplegia who had twice been refused access to the NDIS

Thank 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](http://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/>



- Employed and supported 4 people with a cognitive disability as VATT Trainers.
- Trained 77 people from community and public organisations about how to make their meetings more inclusive of people with cognitive disabilities.
- 83 people with cognitive disability attended VATT Stronger Voices Training. 97% of people who did the training said they felt more confident to speak up.
- Held 11 peer led monthly meet ups co-facilitated by 2 staff members with cognitive disability.
- 8 paid advocacy opportunities were advertised to VATT Graduates. 10 VATT Graduates received one on one support to apply for advocacy or employment opportunities.

- Changed the 10 Top Tips booklet into 2 separate books (Easy English and Plain English).
- 2 VATT staff members with cognitive disability presented at the 2023 DARU conference (Disability Advocacy Resource Unit). This was to audience of over 200 people.
- 5 VATT staff members with cognitive disability presented at the Have a Say Conference in February 2024.
- Completed an update of the website. It has current information and is more accessible. Added a calendar of VATT training events.
- Made 3 films about VATT. The films explain what to expect when you do the VATT training.
- Did a professional photoshoot of the VATT staff team and VATT Graduates. The photos were used to update the website and can be used to advertise VATT training in the future.
- VATT did training for AMIDA about how to make the organisation more accessible for people with cognitive disabilities. The focus was on employment. AMIDA then came up with actions to make their employment processes more accessible.
- The VATT project finished at the end of June 2024. VATT was unsuccessful in applying for another 3-year ILC Grant.
- Held a special end of VATT celebration in June 2024. VATT Graduates, staff and supporters were invited. 65 people attended.
- In July 2024, and with support from SARU, VATT received additional funding from the Department of Social Services.



This funding is for 1 year (ending June 2025) and will allow a small staff team to provide training to people with cognitive disabilities about rights and self advocacy.





## The Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU)

SARU had a busy year of change.

At the start of July 2023 all SARU staff moved into new roles.

Melanie, Miranda and Heidi took on the ongoing SARU jobs.

Sally has worked as a Network Development Worker, Cameron as the Rainbow Rights Peer Worker, Janet Curtain started as the Victorian Self Advocacy Network Coordinator, and Kylie Fisher and Jun Bin Lee as Project Advice and Support Workers.

At the end of August, Heidi went on maternity leave and Jill Cameron has been in working in Heidi's place since November.

In October, Jessica Clenci started at the SARU Admin Worker and Olly began as the LGBTIQ+ Project Worker.

In December, we welcomed Mark Sandon as another Project Advice and Support Worker and in May, Nia Giddings as the NDIS Self Advocacy Project Worker.

When ILC projects finished in June some staff finished in their jobs.

Kylie and Jun stopped being Support and Advice Workers, and Olly and Mark left SARU to work in other places.

We thank everyone for their hard work and commitment to self advocacy over the past year.

## The SARU Management Group (SMG)

The SARU Management Group (SMG) met once a month, with a break in December and January. This year, the SMG did a review with Fofi Christou and made a 2-year action plan. The SMG also had a say in the Victorian Disability Outcomes Framework draft and started to do some face-to-face meetings after a few years online because of COVID.



## SARU's Work

Some of the activities done in 2023-2024:

- 18 self advocacy groups and three networks got support from SARU
- With the Victorian Self Advocacy Network (VSAN), organised the fourth National Self Advocacy Month with events across the month hosted by Self Advocates and national live streaming of the Reinforce/VSAN Self Advocacy conference



- Ran monthly morning tea events for Self Advocates with a variety of guest speakers and activities
- The Self Advocate bi-monthly newsletter went to over 220 Self Advocates and supporters of self-advocacy in print, audio and Auslan.
- Supported a new First Nations group called the Deadly First Nations Shout Out group to start meeting and making self advocacy podcasts and videos
- Monthly Project Worker meeting for all self advocacy project staff working on ILC projects and helped groups with their staff
- Made 2 short films about the needs of self advocacy groups
- Wrote 2 large grant submissions, and helped groups with small grant submissions
- Travelled to regional self advocacy groups to deliver training
- Hosted people from Taiwan to learn about self advocacy groups in Victoria
- Helped groups to raise awareness of funding issues for self advocacy groups and the problems of short-term funding
- Supported Rainbow Rights fortnightly group meetings and helped them to get stronger
- Helping Self Advocates to have a say about the new Victorian Disability Outcomes Framework
- The Voices Together website started to be updated



*SARU went to Empowered Lives Self Advocacy Group in Warragul to do some training.*



*Aunty Jane is part of the new Deadly First Nations Shout Out group*

## **Victorian Self Advocacy Network (VSAN)**

This year, VSAN was coordinated by a Self Advocate, Janet Curtain. Janet worked with the members of VSAN to run a campaign for ongoing funding for self advocacy groups and create a film event. The film event was organised and hosted by Self Advocates and was attended by representatives from self advocacy groups all over the state. The film that was made talks about why funding for self advocacy groups is important and the risks to groups if funding stops.

*Photo of Jack getting ready to host the VSAN film event.*





## NDIA Project

SARU has a project to help Self Advocates know about and have a say in NDIS changes. SARU works with the NDIS Self Advocacy Working Group to do this. The NDIS Working Group meets monthly and Foundational Supports have been the hot topic. In late 2023 the Working Group met with people from the NDIS Review to tell them why self advocacy groups should get ongoing funding and that short term funding can be harmful to self advocacy. The group made a short film interviewing Peer Workers to talk about how hard it is for workers when projects end.

*Nia Giddings is the new NDIS Self Advocacy Project Worker*



## All Abilities Advocacy (AAA) ILC Social and Community Participation

All Abilities Self Advocacy Group worked on it's ILC project with AMIDA.

The project is to help rebuild the AAA network after COVID.

Members of AAA travelled to towns in South-West Victoria meeting with people with disability, talking about self advocacy and encouraging people to speak up. The AAA network is getting stronger again and are being active in their community. Juli is still working with the group on this project.



*Jodie from AAA wearing an AAA t-shirt at the VSAN film event.*

## Staying Connected

The Staying Connected project continued to pay for Self Advocates data plans in 2023/24 and helped people when they are having trouble with their device.



## AMIDA Auspiced projects with SARU support

### New Wave ConTech Gippsland ILC Project

New Wave did the final year of its ILC project called ConTech Gippsland, the project started in 2020. The project is helped New Wave members get online, updating the New Wave website, helping New Wave get stronger and started a New Wave Rainbow Pride group for LGBTIQ+ people with intellectual disability and acquired brain injury (ABI) in Gippsland. It is also did technology training for people with disability in Morwell, Leongatha and Wonthaggi. This year, the project hosted 2 disability expos, one in Leongatha and one in Traralgon. The expos were a big success and brought lots of community services for people with disability together. The project also helped members of New Wave to travel from different parts of Gippsland to Melbourne to be part of self advocacy events.



*Members of New Wave presenting at the expo in Traralgon.*

### **Positive Powerful Parents (PPP) Parents' Rights Network- Parents Supporting Parents-ILC Project**

The last year was very busy for PPP.

We were working on the ILC project called the Parents Rights Network-Parents Supporting Parents. We posted information onto Facebook in two places, 1 is the Open PPP Facebook Page (the red one) and the other is the Parents only Facebook Group.

We continue to run Friday Friendship Groups in Gippsland and Melbourne. At the meetings we talk about self advocacy and issues that are affecting people's lives.

Also, over the last year we were involved in a project with DFFH called Learning from Empowered Parents.

We made a documentary about how DFFH can parents with disability better.

We made a short film called Compare the Parents about 2 parents, 1 has a disability and 1 doesn't and it shows how a parent with intellectual disability gets discriminated against.

We created training for DFFH workers and ran 2 training sessions in Preston with 90 DFFH works attending.

We got lots of really good feedback and hope to run more training in the future.

6 parents were part of the PPP Book Project, where they wrote a short snip of their lived experience story. PPP got help from Hannah who is a creative writer with experience supporting people with disability to make art.

Parents said they always wanted to write their stories and said it was a good experience.



*PPP members at the book Project launch*

## **Power in Culture and Ethnicity**

### **Building Power in Culture and Ethnicity ILC 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 300 followers and is continuing to grow their group. This year, PCE held an in person Self Advocacy Feast at the Multicultural Hub in Melbourne. The feast was a great success, with many people with disability from non-English speaking backgrounds coming along and getting involved. The event was designed and led by members of PCE.





*Janet and Elizabeth from PCE presenting at their feast.*

## **Having a Say Bendigo (HAS) Having a Say in Bendigo ILC Project**

HASB self advocacy group started their ILC project in November 2020 and in 2023/24 they continued to grow their group at the Bendigo Library. HAS is running regular rights events for people with disability at this year hosted a Transport Forum for people with disability and transport providers. Staff from the Transport Ombudsman's office, Bendigo taxi's and local transport providers presented and heard about the transport needs of people with disability. Have a Say Bendigo is committed to building self advocacy for people in Bendigo.



*HAS members hosted a Transport expo*



## Treasurers Report – Carmel Laragy



For the 2023/2024 financial year, AMIDA received income of over \$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 organisation size as a medium in the last year. Funding has been provided for ongoing advocacy and the SARU and on a fixed-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 2023/2024 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 2024

# 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 a report of AMIDA's money for the **financial year**

**Financial year** is from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June

The **Special Purpose** is for reporting to Government organisations



**Australian Taxation office**

ATO for short



**Australian Charities and Not For Profit Commission**

ACNC for short

**ATO** and **ACNC** have a list of the information that has to be in the report. They also say that our finances need to be looked at by an **Auditor** who is qualified to do the report.

An **Auditor** is a person who looks at the records to see if they are



- Are done following the Australian Accounting Standards (rules)
- Have any mistakes
- The finance reports are a true picture of the entries in the accounts.



At the 2023 AGM AMIDA members voted to ask **Collins and Co** to do this report.

Collins and Co have been doing the Audit since 2018

## The report is in sections

### Director's Report

This is a report from the current committee

- There is a list of the committee members during the year
- What AMIDA does  
AMIDA provides advocacy to people with disability
- That there has 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.
- There are no things that did or will have a big impact on the running of AMIDA in the future.

This report is **signed** for the committee by



**Chairperson**  
Amanda Milllear



**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**  
Ryk 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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

This is usually called a Profit and Loss report.

INCOME (Money we received) <b>\$2,737,864</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grants</li><li>• Interest</li><li>• Management fees</li><li>• Fee for service</li><li>• Money left from last year</li></ul>
EXPENSES (Money spent) <b>\$2,737,864</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff costs</li><li>• Office costs</li><li>• Project costs</li></ul>

**AMIDA** only shows the amount of income used in the year to pay its bills. Other income received is put in a bucket in the balance sheet so we can use it next financial year.

### Statement of Financial Position

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

The **Balance sheet** shows AMIDA's

- **Cash and Other Assets - \$2,366,829**  
Money in bank accounts and money owed to AMIDA.
- **Liabilities - \$2,297,654**
  - Money we owe to others,
  - **\$1,676,195** Project money left at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 we will use in 2025, and
  - Staff leave entitlements
- **Equity - \$69,175**  
this means that AMIDA **would have money left over** if we used our **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.
- which parts of AMIIDA earned cash and which parts spent cash during the last financial year – 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### Notes to the Financial Statements

These notes give more information about the financial statements

**Note 1** – The Auditor describes the Accounting policies and rules used during the Audit.

**Note 2** (in the **Statement of Financial Position**) - there is \$2,295,488 in AMIDA bank accounts and \$194 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**) –AMIDA has to pay \$86,597 bills, superannuation, PAYG and GST

**Note 5** (in the **Statement of Financial Position**) – \$1,676,195 money left from

grants at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024 to use in 2024-2025

**Note 6** (in the **Statement of Financial Position**) – AMIDA has saved \$534,862 for staff leave – annual, long service, personal and other leave.

**Note 7** – AMIDA has a lease for office space. We think the rent will increase by 3% in the year.

**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 30 June 2024.

**Note 10** – The committee members don't get paid and are volunteers on the committee. There were no other payments to other people associated to AMIDA.

**Note 11** – 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 are due to be paid

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 says that the finance reports;

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

**Australian Accounting Standards** list how transactions and other entries have to be recorded, calculated and shown in financial statements like this document.

### **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**

Ryk is the main Auditor at Collins and Co.



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

**ABN 32 993 870 380**

**SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL  
REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30  
JUNE 2024**

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY IN ACCOMMODATION  
(AMIDA) ABN 32 993 870 380  
SPECIAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE  
2024**

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

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Your Board members present the special purpose financial report on the entity for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

**Board Members**

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	
Amanda Milllear	Chairperson	
James Teeken	Vice Chairperson	
Carmel Laragy	Treasurer	
Lisa Brumtis	Secretary	
Robyn McKenzie	Board Member	
Eve Kinnear	Board Member	
Georgia Katsikis	Board Member	Appointed 13 June 2024
Delia Portlock	Board Member	Resigned 11 April 2024

**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 (2023: \$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 2024 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.

*A. Milllear.*

**Chairperson**

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**Amanda Milllear**

**Treasurer**

*C. Laragy*  
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**Carmel Laragy**

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024

**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**

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As auditor for Action For More Independence and Dignity in Accommodation (AMIDA) for the year ended 30 June 2024, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024**

**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**  
**2024**

	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Grants	2,045,199	1,224,160
Fees for service	20,000	62,407
Interest received	26,663	19,780
Management fees income	104,220	232,145
Other income	28,451	-
Transfers from grants in advance	513,332	935,088
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>2,737,865</u></b>	<b><u>2,473,580</u></b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Accommodation	16,339	9,296
Accounting/audit fees	7,199	4,320
Administration fees	260,365	388,130
Advertising/promotion	219	82
Bank charges	357	300
Consultant	93,396	186,701
Cost of attending events	3,817	2,661
Cost of hosting meetings	56,710	21,661
Dues and subscriptions	18,327	15,752
Employment expenses	2,050	3,067
Equipment	43,210	13,863
Honorarium	30,741	19,696
Employee leave entitlements accrual	(34,122)	(33,382)
Participation/communication support	5,420	10,270
Police check	296	379
Portable long service benefits scheme levies	27,761	23,409
Postage/shipping	876	2,146
Printing/stationery	34,909	14,961
Professional development	19,957	19,010
Radio show fees	1,070	1,099
Rent	86,116	91,281
Repairs/maintenance	2,666	2,367
Superannuation	184,721	150,277
Telephone/internet	21,646	33,532
Travel expenses	31,395	24,431
Wages	1,779,440	1,443,759
WorkCover	42,984	24,512
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>2,737,865</u></b>	<b><u>2,473,580</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Other comprehensive income	-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ASSOCIATION</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY IN ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA)**  
**ABN 32 993 870 380**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	2,295,682	3,112,287
Trade and other receivables		<u>71,147</u>	<u>1,786</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b><u>2,366,829</u></b>	<b><u>3,114,073</u></b>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	3	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b><u>2,366,829</u></b>	<b><u>3,114,073</u></b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Trade and other creditors	4	86,597	129,866
Funds under Auspice Arrangements	5	1,676,195	2,346,049
Provisions	6	<u>534,862</u>	<u>568,983</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>2,297,654</u></b>	<b><u>3,044,898</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		<b><u>2,297,654</u></b>	<b><u>3,044,898</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b><u>69,175</u></b>	<b><u>69,175</u></b>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated funds		69,175	69,175
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<b><u>69,175</u></b>	<b><u>69,175</u></b>

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)**  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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	<b>Accumulated Funds \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>Balance as at 1 July 2022</b>	<b>69,175</b>	<b>69,175</b>
Surplus/ (deficit) attributable to the Association	-	-
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2023</b>	<b><u>69,175</u></b>	<b><u>69,175</u></b>
Surplus/ (deficit) attributable to the Association	-	-
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2024</b>	<b><u><u>69,175</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>69,175</u></u></b>

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)**  
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**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	2024 \$	2023 \$
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Receipts from funding and other sources		1,971,987	3,064,272
Payments to suppliers and employees		(2,815,255)	(2,472,101)
Interest received		26,663	19,780
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) operating activities</b>	<b>8 (a)</b>	<b><u>(816,605)</u></b>	<b><u>611,951</u></b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Payment for property, plant and equipment		-	-
Proceeds on disposal of property, plant and equipment		-	-
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>		<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash held		(816,605)	611,951
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year		3,112,287	2,500,336
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>	<b>8 (b)</b>	<b><u><u>2,295,682</u></u></b>	<b><u><u>3,112,287</u></u></b>

The statement of cash flows 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)**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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

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

**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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

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**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: <b>Fixed Asset Class</b>	<b>Depreciation Rate</b>
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.



**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY IN ACCOMMODATION (AMIDA)**  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Note 2. Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>		
Cash at bank	2,295,488	3,111,431
Cash on hand	194	856
	<u>2,295,682</u>	<u>3,112,287</u>
<b>Note 3. Property, Plant and Equipment</b>		
Office equipment		
At cost	-	-
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Note 4. Trade and Other Payables</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Trade and other creditors	95,386	27,796
Other creditors	(8,927)	1,087
Payroll liabilities	-	22,064
Net GST payable	138	78,919
	<u>86,597</u>	<u>129,866</u>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Note 5. Funds under Auspice Arrangements</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Funds under Auspice Arrangements	<u>1,676,195</u>	<u>2,346,049</u>
	<u>1,676,195</u>	<u>2,346,049</u>
<b>Note 6. Provisions</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Annual leave	100,777	110,778
Long service leave	43,937	35,632
Other leave	217,546	252,925
Personal/ carer's leave	<u>172,602</u>	<u>169,648</u>
	<u>534,862</u>	<u>568,983</u>
<b>Note 7. Capital and Leasing Commitments</b>		

A lease agreement has been taken out for premises. Lease agreement payments are increased on an annual basis by 3%. Lease agreement terms are 3 months.

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**ABN 32 993 870 380**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	2024	2023
	\$	\$
<b>Note 8. Cash Flow Information</b>		
<b>(a) Reconciliation of result for the year to cashflows from operating activities</b>		
Reconciliation of net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net surplus/(deficit) attributable to the Association	-	-
<b>Non-cash flow item:</b>		
Depreciation	-	-
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities:</b>		
- (Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables	(69,361)	31,214
- (Increase)/decrease in other assets	-	-
- Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables	(43,269)	34,861
- Increase/(decrease) in unearned income	(669,854)	579,258
- Increase/(decrease) in employee entitlement provisions	(34,121)	(33,382)
	<b>(816,605)</b>	<b>611,951</b>
<b>(b) Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year</b>		
Cash at bank	2,295,488	3,111,431
Cash on hand	194	856
	<b>2,295,682</b>	<b>3,112,287</b>

**Note 9. Contingencies**

In the opinion of the Board of Management, the Association did not have any contingencies at 30 June 2024 (30 June 2023: 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 2024 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**

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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 2024 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:

*A. Millear.*

**Chairperson**

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**Amanda Millear**

*C. Laragy*

**Treasurer**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Carmel Laragy**

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024

**ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE & DIGNITY IN ACCOMMODATION**  
**(AMIDA) ABN 32 993 870 380**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

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**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 2024, 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 2024 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.



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**Dated 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024**



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CERTIFICATE BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

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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 17 October 2024.
- (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**

*A. Millear.*

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**Amanda Millear**

**Treasurer**

*C. Laragy*

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**Carmel Laragy**

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup>

day of October 2024