

## Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc.

### Annual Report: 2018 -2019

The last twelve months have been a challenge for all of those working in the disability sector - organisations, and individuals who are both NDIS recipients or struggling to get onto the scheme, have faced unreasonable amounts of pressure. 'The Australian' recently reported that the scheme has spent more than half a billion dollars in one financial year on consultants and outsourced staff. Further, it is reported that some of the consultants have not gone through the required tendering process. From an accountability perspective this is a major concern for the Australian community, and in particular the advocacy sector who are struggling on behalf of the people they represent to gain the services/supports they are entitled to.

Disability Advocacy Inc. (DAV) is not directly funded by the government but receives a minimal income from Victorian Council of Social Services for its work on their committees and to assist with our administration. We are grateful for their contribution. We have been careful as to how we target our limited and voluntary resources to ensure we are accountable to our membership.

Our long-time administration support Kerry O'Hagan resigned at the beginning of the year to take on a new job which was a devastating blow to the organisation, tempered by the fact that she now works for one of our valued member organisations. Fortunately, we were able to replace her immediately with our new administration support person, Clare Dommissee. Both Kerry and Clare have provided a high quality level of support to the Board. The role is complex because of the limited resources the organisation has, but both Kerry and Clare have kept the wheels turning within the organisation with a strong commitment, and for this we are very grateful.

DAV became quickly aware of the increasing pressure on advocacy groups from feedback from the membership on their ever-increasing waiting lists, huge pressure on advocates, and the increased numbers of people contacting DAV directly for advocacy. This prompted the Board to complete a research survey to ascertain what the experiences were of organisations, and which areas of work were causing the most distress for their clients. It was no surprise that the NDIS was rated the highest area of demand, followed by education. We fed this back to both state and federal government Ministers, requesting their immediate attention and response.

Our Board members have represented the sector on a number of committees to push the key concerns for advocacy groups representing people with disabilities. These Committees included the Conference Committee of DARU/DAV/VCOSS 'Strengthening Advocacy' conference, VicDan – the joint advocacy legal advocacy group dealing with NDIS issues, input into the Best Practice in Disability Advocacy course, Disability Advocacy Resource Unit Governance Group, and representation on the Law Institute's Victorian Disability Law Committee.

There have been a number of submissions we have jointly endorsed such as the Child Safety Standards, and a number of others that you can find on our website.

Alongside this work, the Board has focused on quality issues for the organisation by reviewing all quality documents, including Board position descriptions, and revisiting the membership requirements for the organisation. There have been a number of groups and individuals wanting to join DAV over the year and we needed to be clear on the selection criteria of being 'independent advocacy organisations'. DAV has been mindful not to venture into the membership space of its member organisations and establish any competing environment.

Further DAV has increased the number of its online meetings to ensure rural and regional members can access meetings and have input into the organisation. Over the year we also ran 4 open forums for members on a range of topics that were selected based on their relevance to the sector.

I would like to thank the voluntary Board members for their time and commitment to DAV and the disability sector, and particularly recognise their organisations for supporting the systemic work we do on their behalf.

I invite everyone to read our Strategic Plan for 2019 – 2023 to ascertain how we want to work with our membership and the wider community.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jan Ashford', with a small mark to the right.

Jan Ashford  
Chairperson

**DISABILITY ADVOCACY  
VICTORIA INC**

ABN 15 557 421 367

**Financial Statements**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2019**

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## DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC

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### Committee's Report

For the year ended 30 June 2019

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Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

### Committee Members

The names of committee members at the date of this report are:

### Principal Activities

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: PEAK BODY FOR INDEPENDANT ADVOCACY ORGANISATIONS.

### Significant Changes

No significant change in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

### Operating Result

The profit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2019	30 June 2018
\$	\$
10,971	8,083

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



# DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC

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## Income and Expenditure Statement

For the year ended 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Donations		100
DARU Grant	5,000	5,000
Memberships	823	697
P'ship costs reimbursed	7,600	7,600
Interest received	1,234	1,046
Total income	14,657	14,444
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration fees	3,131	4,620
Audit fees	400	400
Campaign Supports		200
Conference/seminar costs		652
Delivery		24
Filing Fees		113
Meeting costs	59	135
Subscriptions	96	167
Sundry expenses		50
Total expenses	3,686	6,361
<b>Profit from ordinary activities before income tax</b>	<b>10,971</b>	<b>8,083</b>
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
<b>Net profit attributable to the association</b>	<b>10,971</b>	<b>8,083</b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b>10,971</b>	<b>8,083</b>
Opening retained profits	66,469	58,386
Net profit attributable to the association	10,971	8,083
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<b>77,440</b>	<b>66,469</b>



# DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC

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Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2019

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash Assets</b>			
Cash At Bank - Bank Australia #4542		79,749	69,732
Cash on hand		150	150
		<u>79,899</u>	<u>69,882</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>79,899</u>	<u>69,882</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>79,899</u>	<u>69,882</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Payables</b>			
<b>Unsecured:</b>			
Other creditors		1,172	1,172
		<u>1,172</u>	<u>1,172</u>
<b>Current Tax Liabilities</b>			
GST payable control account		1,342	1,265
Input tax credit control account		(55)	(158)
GST clearing			1,134
		<u>1,287</u>	<u>2,241</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>2,459</u>	<u>3,413</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>2,459</u>	<u>3,413</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u>77,440</u>	<u>66,469</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.



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**Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2019**

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Members' Funds</b>			
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		77,440	66,469
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>		<b>77,440</b>	<b>66,469</b>



## **DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC**

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### **Statement by Members of the Committee**

**For the year ended 30 June 2019**

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The Committee 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 Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC as at 30 June 2019 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

The Committee is responsible for the reliability, accuracy and completeness of the accounting records and the disclosure of all material and relevant information.

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



## **DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC**

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### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members**

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## **Report on the Audit of the Financial Report**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial report of DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC (the association), which comprises the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2019, a summary of significant accounting policies and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the association as at 30 June 2019 and [of] its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are 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 our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the association to meet the requirements of Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### **Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report**

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2012 and for such internal control as the committee 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, the committee is responsible for assessing the association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee either intends to liquidate the association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



## DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC

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### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

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

Our 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 the 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 this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We 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 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 association's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the committee.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the committee's 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 association's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the association 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.

We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



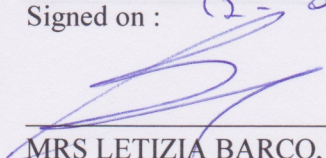
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Signed on :

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