



Disability
Advocacy
Victoria Inc.

2020

Annual Report

DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC.,

ABN 15 557 421 367

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Board Members 2020

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Rights Information and Advocacy Centre Inc.

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Disability Discrimination Legal Service

Quality/Media

Deidre Griffiths

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Board Member

Melanie Muir

Leadership Plus

Board Member

Staff

Clare Dommissie

Administration

Chairperson Report

This year has been very challenging for all due to COVID-19. Yet Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. (DAV Inc.) continued to support its members (independent disability advocacy organisations) across Victoria. We strive to break down the walls for people with disability by working with key stakeholders to achieve positive, systemic change in the disability sector.

We know COVID-19 poses immediate risks for people with disability and their families and carers. They are experiencing higher vulnerability to COVID-19 due to pre-existing health conditions and reliance on support workers, disruption to essential supports and services, strain on families who can't access respite or informal supports, greater adverse impact of social isolation and increased economic insecurity. COVID-19 has seen a huge demand for advocacy.

It has been very difficult for many of our members who have had to move their workforce to remote working, adjust their service delivery, introduce COVID safe working plans, try to source personal protective equipment for staff and participants and all with reduced funding.

I wish to thank our dedicated voluntary Board members and their organisations for supporting the systemic work we have undertaken this year despite COVID-19 and the restrictions that have been placed on us all.

This year DAV Inc. has undertaken the following work:

Written to and met with Disability Royal Commission

- Requesting an extension to the Royal Commission due to the impacts of COVID -19

Chairperson Report

- Confidentiality Protections for those who undertake submissions
- The high number of Education advocacy matters our members are experiencing in Victoria

Victorian Education Minister

- Students with a disability and IQ testing
- The increased number of Education Advocacy matters

Victorian Autism Enquiry submission

Improving the NDIS experience

- Establishing a participant service guarantee, with assistance from Leadership Plus

Regular Newsletters Newsletters

- To our members providing updates on the activities of DAV Inc., information about upcoming meetings, industry news and events and resources

General meetings

- For members on a range of topics that were selected based on their relevance to the sector.

Letter to Morrison Government – Disability Royal Commission

- DAV Inc. called upon the Morrison Government to introduce legislation to Australian Parliament to protect the confidentiality of information given to The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.
- As it stands, a person providing information can only be guaranteed confidentiality after the Royal Commission concludes if their information was provided in a private session. If people make a written submission, it will currently only be confidential until the end of the Royal Commission.

Chairperson Report

It is DAV's intention to make a submission to the Royal Commission, focusing on its commitment to upholding the human rights of people with disability by enhancing the safety and quality of its services through a program of change and reform. Throughout the year our Board members continued to represent the sector on several committees and forums such as VCOSS & Empowering Lives, DARU- Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference, VicDAN, Victorian Disability Act. Advisory Group, Education and contributed to the consultation process of the Victorian State disability plan 2021 -2020. Unfortunately, COVID-19 restrictions have impacted the consultation process and we look forward to face to face forums in the near future.

As you can see it's been a busy and challenging year, yet DAV Inc. continues to provide a broad range of political and community stakeholders with advise about the work of independent advocacy organisation and the difference they make to the lives of people with disability, and the important role of independent advocacy into the future.



Karryn Goode
Chairperson, Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc.

Annual Financial Report 2019/2020

An audit was completed by Barco & Associates and was found to accurately represent the financial position of Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. during the financial period 2019 -2020, and meet the standards required by the Association Incorporation Act.

Several accounting matters need to be considered by the members within the reporting period. There was a drop in overall surplus compared to the previous year of \$6,000. Income fell by \$1,000 during the 2019-2020 period. Lower-income was the result of a decrease in the bank interest rate and a decrease in the number of fees received from the membership.

Expenses increased by \$4,956 over the financial year. Two accounts remained outstanding from the previous financial year that was paid, website and administration cost. The administration costs were also double from the previous year with an increase in overheads (hours). Total members' fund during 2019-2020 is \$82,219 an increase of \$4,779 from the previous year.

I submit the Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. Audited Financial Report for 2019 -2020 to the Board and members.

Jan Ashford
Treasurer, Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc.
28/09/2020



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2019/2020 **Audit Report**

DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC
ABN 15 557 421 367
Committee's Report
For the year ended 30 June 2020

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC

ABN 15 557 421 367

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

Financial Statements

No significant change in the nature of the year
For the year ended 30 June 2020

Operating Result

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

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2019	30 June 2020
2	2
(10,971)	4,179

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

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DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC
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Committee's Report
For the year ended 30 June 2020

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC for the financial year ended 30 June 2020.

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 30 June 2020	Year ended 30 June 2019
\$	\$
4,779	10,971

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 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
Income		
DARU Grant	5,000	5,000
Memberships	260	823
P'ship costs reimbursed	7,600	7,600
Interest received	562	1,234
Total income	13,421	14,657
Expenses		
Administration fees	6,111	3,131
Audit fees	400	400
Meeting costs	503	59
Subscriptions	86	96
Website development	1,541	
Total expenses	8,642	3,686
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	4,779	10,971
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit attributable to the association	4,779	10,971
Total changes in equity of the association	4,779	10,971
Opening retained profits	77,440	66,469
Net profit attributable to the association	4,779	10,971
Closing retained profits	82,219	77,440

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC**ABN 15 557 421 367****Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020**

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Cash At Bank - Bank Australia #4542		83,291	79,749
Cash on hand		150	150
		83,441	79,899
Total Current Assets		83,441	79,899
Total Assets		83,441	79,899
Current Liabilities			
Payables			
Unsecured:			
Other creditors			1,172
			1,172
Current Tax Liabilities			
GST payable control account		1,280	1,342
Input tax credit control account		(59)	(55)
GST clearing			
		1,222	1,287
Total Current Liabilities		1,222	2,459
Total Liabilities		1,222	2,459
Net Assets		82,219	77,440

DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC

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Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020

	Note	2020 \$	2019 \$
Members' Funds			
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		82,219	77,440
Total Members' Funds		82,219	77,440

DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC

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Statement by Members of the Committee

For the year ended 30 June 2020

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 2020 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

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, the Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2020, 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 2020 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.