



Disability  
Advocacy  
Victoria Inc.

2021

# Annual Report

DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC.,

ABN 15 557 421 367

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# Board Members 2021

## **Karryn Goode**

Rights Information and Advocacy Centre  
Inc.

Chairperson

## **Jan Ashford**

Treasurer

## **Julie Phillips**

Disability Discrimination Legal Service

Quality/Media

## **Deidre Griffiths**

Board Member

## **Melanie Muir**

Leadership Plus

Board Member

## **Staff**

Clare Dommissie

Administration

# Chair's Report

Welcome to our 2020/21 Annual report.

As the peak body for independent disability advocacy agencies in Victoria, we continue to Inform, lead and advocate at a state and national level to break down the barriers for people with a disability.

Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. is not directly funded by the government. We do receive financial support from the Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS), through the Disability Advocacy Resource Unit (DARU) in recognition of the work done with our members and for work on DARU Governance Group. These funds assist with our administration.

Due to these funds, we have been able to employ a consultant to begin working on our major project for the year, a submission to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with a Disability (DRC). Paul Ramcharan commenced with DAV Inc. in early 2021. He has a deep understanding of the issues facing the disability advocacy sector in Victoria which enabled him to 'hit the ground running'. Right from the onset he commenced consulting with our members and facilitated several forums with members of the sector. Paul was also able to gain data via surveys and one on one meetings with advocates.

I would like to thank all those members and non-members who took the time to provide Paul with data and narrative to support DAV Inc.'s submission which is in its final stages prior to submitting to the Royal Commission.

# Chair's Report

It was pleasing to see the Royal Commission extend its life due to the impacts of COVID-19 and the introduction of confidentiality protections for those who make submissions. DAV advocated for these changes along with many other peak bodies, disability organisations, advocacy groups and supporters across Australia.

With the departure of Commissioner Atkinson, DAV Inc. wrote to Commissioner Ronald Sackville and requested the Commission recruit a person who has lived experience of disabilities to be considered for such an appointment.

Throughout the year Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. continued to meet virtually due to the COVID-19 restrictions and we were able to continue our representation and interest in the following networks and committees:

- Disability Advocacy Resources Unit (DARU)
- Victorian Disability Advocacy Network (VicDAN)
- Disability Act Review Advisory Group
- VCOSS
- Education

Endorsed submissions:

- VCOSS and Empowered Lives Issues Paper
- Joint Standing Committee on the NDIS - Unreasonable and unnecessary harms: Joint submission regarding the NDIS internal review and external appeals processes
- NDIS Independent Assessments Issues Paper

# Chair's Report

I would like to thank our dedicated volunteer board members for their contributions throughout the year and their organisations for supporting the systemic work we do.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karryn Goode', written in a cursive style.

Karryn Goode

Chairperson of DAV. Inc 2021

# Treasurer's Report 2021

Both membership and interest decreased over the last twelve months, resulting in a loss of income to the amount of \$513.

Expenses increased by \$5,498 and this was related to the project that DAV Inc initiated during 2021. There was a decrease in the amount of administration cost which offset the expenses for the year. There was an overall loss and change in equity of \$1,233.

Despite the above, the closing retained surplus was \$80,987. There was no significant change in DAV Inc's financial position for 2021. The Auditor found no financial irregularities.

Jan Ashford

Treasurer of DAV Inc. 2021



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# 2020/2021 **Audit Report**

**DISABILITY ADVOCACY  
VICTORIA INC**

ABN 15 557 421 367

Financial Statements  
For the year ended 30 June 2021

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**DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC**

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**Committee's Report****For the year ended 30 June 2021**

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC for the financial year ended 30 June 2021.

**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 deficit from ordinary activities after providing for income tax amounted to

Year ended	Year ended
30 June 2021	30 June 2020
\$	\$
(1,233)	4,779

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

**DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC****ABN 15 557 421 367****Income and Expenditure Statement****For the year ended 30 June 2021**

	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Income</b>		
DARU Grant	5,000	5,000
Memberships	219	260
P'ship costs reimbursed	7,600	7,600
Interest received	89	562
Total income	<u>12,908</u>	<u>13,421</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising and promotion	130	
Administration fees	4,900	6,111
Audit fees	400	400
Consultants fees	7,636	
Meeting costs		503
Postage	124	
Subscriptions	266	86
Website development	684	1,541
Total expenses	<u>14,140</u>	<u>8,642</u>
<b>Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax</b>	<b>(1,233)</b>	<b>4,779</b>
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
<b>Net profit (loss) attributable to the association</b>	<b>(1,233)</b>	<b>4,779</b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b>(1,233)</b>	<b>4,779</b>
Opening retained profits	82,219	77,440
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	(1,233)	4,779
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<b>80,987</b>	<b>82,219</b>

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 2021**

	Note	2021 \$	2020 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash Assets</b>			
Cash At Bank - Bank Australia #4542		81,195	83,291
Cash on hand		150	150
		<u>81,345</u>	<u>83,441</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u><b>81,345</b></u>	<u><b>83,441</b></u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><b>81,345</b></u>	<u><b>83,441</b></u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Tax Liabilities</b>			
GST payable control account		1,282	1,280
Input tax credit control account		(924)	(59)
GST clearing		1	
		<u>359</u>	<u>1,222</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u><b>359</b></u>	<u><b>1,222</b></u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u><b>359</b></u>	<u><b>1,222</b></u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><b>80,987</b></u>	<u><b>82,219</b></u>
<b>Members' Funds</b>			
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		80,987	82,219
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>		<u><b>80,987</b></u>	<u><b>82,219</b></u>

**DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC****ABN 15 557 421 367****Statement by Members of the Committee****For the year ended 30 June 2021**

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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 2021 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****ABN 15 557 421 367****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, the Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2021, 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 2021 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****ABN 15 557 421 367****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.

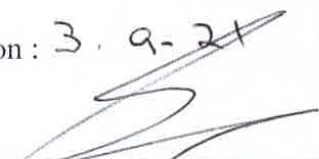
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**Independent Auditor's Report to the Members**

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Signed on : 3. 9. 21



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MRS LETIZIA BARCO, FCPA

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**INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT  
TO THE MEMBERS OF  
DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC**

**SCOPE**

I have audited the accounts of Disability Advocacy Victoria for the year ended 30.6.2021. I have conducted an independent audit of these accounts in order to express an opinion on them to the member of the association.

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free of material, misstatement. My procedures included examination on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the accounts and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the accounts are presented fairly in accordance with our understanding of its financial position and the result of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

**AUDIT REPORT**

In my opinion, the accounts of Disability Advocacy Victoria are properly drawn up so as to give a true and fair view of :

1. The Association's state of affairs as at 30th June 2021 and of its result for the year ended on that date; and
2. In accordance with the Statement of Accounting Concepts and applicable Accounting Standards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Letizia Barco', written over the printed name and date.

Letizia Barco  
5<sup>th</sup> September 2021