



Disability
Advocacy
Victoria Inc.

2022 Annual Report

DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC.,

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Karryn Goode

Rights Information and Advocacy
Centre Inc.

Chairperson



Jan Ashford

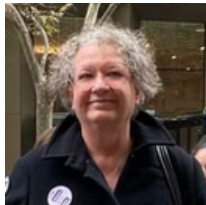
Treasurer



Julie Phillips

Disability Discrimination Legal Service

Quality & Media



Melanie Muir

Leadership Plus

Board Member



Deidre Griffiths

Board Member

Staff

Clare Dommissie

Administration

Chair's Report

Welcome to our 2021/22 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 barriers for people with disability.

This year we have finalised our submission to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability (DRC). The DRC was established in 2019 in response to community concerns about widespread reports of violence against, and the neglect, abuse, and exploitation of, people with disability.

The DRC'S final report will be delivered to the Federal Government by September 2023 and DAV look forward to the recommendations the DRC will make to improve laws, policies, structures and practices to ensure a more inclusive and just society.

The board of DAV would like to thank our members and the wider disability advocacy sector for their involvement with our submission.

Throughout the year, DAV continued to meet virtually due to the COVID-19 restrictions and we continued our representations and interest in the following networks and committees:

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

Our work on policy areas continued throughout the year, linked to our strategic plan which prioritised areas the most critical for people with disability, and therefore needing strong advocacy.

Chair's Report

These included:

- Attending and providing feedback on the VCROSS consultation forum for the Draft National Disability Advocacy Framework
- Endorsement of DANA's submission to the DSS Draft National Disability Advocacy Framework
- Letter submitted to the Victorian Disability Worker Commission –relating to the proposed removal of teachers from the jurisdiction.
- Letter submitted to Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers - relating to the proposed removal of teachers from the jurisdiction.
- Meeting with Metro Trains regarding automated technology solutions for wheelchair users at railway station platforms
- Endorsement of the Disability Discrimination Legal Service submission to the Royal Commission on Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of people with disability on Right to Communicate
- Endorsement of Every Australian Counts open letter to all members of Federal Parliament NDIS
- Attendance to Every Australian Counts NDIS rally in Melbourne
- Endorsement of 'Your Say Advocacy submission to the DRC - NDIA Model Litigant'
- Attendance of the social housing regulations review
- Endorsement of the VCROSS issues paper on NDIS independent assessments.

DAV has been very busy responding to current and proposed government policies and practices. We will continue to advocate for change through direct lobbying.

I am proud that we have partnered with stakeholders to achieve positive, systemic change in the disability sector especially in regard to NDIS Independent Assessments not commencing and the Labour governments review of NDIS cases at AAT. We still have a long way to go with systematic change & DAV will continue to partner with stakeholders to achieve this.

Chair's Report

We reviewed our strategic plan (2022-2025) and updated our goals to reflect the key issues impacting the sector and people with disability.

These include:

1. Disability Education Issues - DAV aims to continue work to address equity in education for students with disabilities:
 - represent our members on this issue directly to the Victorian Government
 - work strategically with like-minded organisations to form an effective lobby group to achieve change
2. NDIS- To bring positive change to the NDIS, ensuring it is responsive to participant choice and control. To ensure improved funding for NDIS advocacy.
3. Social housing and Accommodation- DAV believes an increase in affordable social housing for people with disability is a high priority, and impacts on many other advocacy areas, such as employment, health and mental health.
4. Resilience and capacity building of the sector - DAV will be known as the Victorian State Peak for the Disability Advocacy Sector. Disability advocacy networks will engage and collaborate with DAV.

On a sad note, we farewell our administration staff member Clare Dommissie who has been with DAV for several years. We thank her for her contribution and wish her well for the future.

For a full copy of our Strategic Plan, please see our website.

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



Karryn Goode
Chairperson DAV Inc 2022

Treasurer's Report

Disability Advocacy Victoria's accounts were audited by Barco and Associates and found to be satisfactory. It is suggested that the existing approach to the accounts be maintained to keep the standards at this level.

There was a slight increase in income over the last twelve months with a corresponding decrease in expenses. Expenses in the areas of Administration and Consultancy for 2022 were less compared to 2021. As result, there is a surplus for the last twelve months.

There was an increase in assets over the last twelve months of \$4,384.

I submit the following report for review by Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc.'s Board and members.

Jan Ashford
Treasurer.
01/09/2022



Disability
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Victoria Inc.

2021/2022 **Audit Report**



26th August 2022

Disability Advocacy Vic Inc.
Unit 4, 3 Tuck Street
MOORABBIN VIC 3189

Dear Madam,

**RE : MANAGEMENT LETTER – AUDIT FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30.6.22**

We have completed the audit of your accounts for the year ended 30.6.22 and found all matters satisfactory.

You are encouraged to maintain the same level of competency and proficiency for future audits. It allows us to complete the audit on time and at a reasonable cost.

Your staff's assistance throughout the audit was much appreciated and we take this opportunity to thank you.

Please find enclosed our account for your attention.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Barco', written over the typed name 'Letizia Barco'.

Letizia Barco



**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 30.6.2022. 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 2022 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.


Letizia Barco
26th August 2022

DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC

6th August 2022

Letizia Barco
Barco & Associates
45 Johnson St
RESERVOIR VIC 3073

Dear Mrs Barco,

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial report of DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC for the year ended 30th June 2022, for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial report is, in all material respects, presented fairly in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC constitution.

We acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that the financial report is in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC constitution and confirm that the financial report is free of material misstatements, including omissions.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representation made to you during your audit;

General

1. All financial records and related data were made available for inspection. All material transactions have been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial report.
2. There were no irregularities involving any member of management or other members that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
3. There have been no:
 - * violations or possible violations of law or regulations, the effects of which should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a contingent loss; or
 - * communications from regulatory authorities concerning non-compliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
4. The financial records of DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC have been kept so as to be sufficient to enable a financial report to be prepared and audited, and other records and

registers required by the Associations Incorporations Act (Vic) and DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC constitutions were properly kept and are up to date.

Assets

5. Adequate provision has been made for allowances that may be given and for losses that may be sustained in connection with the collection of accounts receivable and non-trade receivables.
6. There were no deficiencies or encumbrances attaching to the title of the child care centres assets at reporting date other than those reflected in the financial statements.
7. There are no agreements to repurchase assets previously recorded in the accounting records as sold.
8. Adequate provision was made in the financial statements for any permanent diminution in the value to the child care centre of any non-current assets.
9. Adequate insurance was undertaken for all assets and activities of the association.

Liabilities

10. All liabilities which have arisen or which will arise out of the activities of the child care centre to the end of the financial year was included in the financial report.
11. There were no contractual commitments for capital expenditure at reporting date not included in the financial statements or the notes thereto.
12. There were no contingent liabilities, including guarantees, at reporting date that are not disclosed in the financial statements or the notes thereto.

Other

13. No events have occurred subsequent to reporting date that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial report.
14. The association has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the book value or classification of assets and liabilities at reporting date.
15. All details concerning related party transactions and related amounts receivable or payable (including purchases, loans and guarantees) were correctly recorded in the accounting records and properly disclosed in the association's financial report or the notes thereto. This was done where required by statute or where such disclosure is necessary for the fair presentation of the association's financial report.
16. Other than as detailed in the association financial report, the association is not aware of any breach or non-compliance with the terms of any contractual arrangements, however caused,

which could initiate claims on the association which would have an effect on the association's financial report.

17. The association has an established procedure whereby the adequacy of insurance cover on all assets and insurable risks is reviewed. This review has been performed, and where it is considered appropriate, assets and insurable risks of the association are adequately covered by insurance.
18. Records maintained during the period were in accordance with the Australian Taxation Office requirements.
19. The association has responded fully to all inquiries made during the course of your examination.
20. Nothing has come to our attention that would indicate that the financial report is inaccurate, incomplete or otherwise misleading.

We understand that your examination was made in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards and was, therefore, designed primarily for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial report of the entity taken as a whole and that your tests of the financial records and other auditing procedures were limited to those which you considered necessary for that purpose.


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Committee Member

1/9/2022

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Date

**DISABILITY ADVOCACY
VICTORIA INC**

ABN 15 557 421 367

Financial Statements
For the year ended 30 June 2022

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DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC
ABN 15 557 421 367
Committee's Report
For the year ended 30 June 2022

Your committee members submit the financial accounts of the DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC for the financial year ended 30 June 2022.

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 2022	30 June 2021
\$	\$
4,384	(1,233)

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 2022

	2022 \$	2021 \$
Income		
DARU Grant		5,000
Memberships	349	219
P'ship costs reimbursed	12,600	7,600
Interest received	86	89
Total income	<u>13,035</u>	<u>12,908</u>
Expenses		
Advertising and promotion		130
Administration fees	2,695	4,900
Audit fees	400	400
Consultants fees	4,695	7,636
Postage		124
Subscriptions	176	266
Website development	684	684
Total expenses	<u>8,651</u>	<u>14,140</u>
Profit from ordinary activities before income tax	4,384	(1,233)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
Net profit attributable to the association	4,384	(1,233)
Total changes in equity of the association	4,384	(1,233)
Opening retained profits	80,987	82,219
Net profit attributable to the association	4,384	(1,233)
Closing retained profits	85,371	80,987

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC
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Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2022

	Note	2022 \$	2021 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Cash At Bank - Bank Australia #4542		86,265	81,195
Cash on hand		150	150
		<u>86,415</u>	<u>81,345</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>86,415</u>	<u>81,345</u>
Total Assets		<u>86,415</u>	<u>81,345</u>
Current Liabilities			
Current Tax Liabilities			
GST payable control account		1,260	1,282
Input tax credit control account		(216)	(924)
GST clearing			1
		<u>1,044</u>	<u>359</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>1,044</u>	<u>359</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>1,044</u>	<u>359</u>
Net Assets		<u>85,371</u>	<u>80,987</u>
Members' Funds			
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		85,371	80,987
Total Members' Funds		<u>85,371</u>	<u>80,987</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

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Statement by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 30 June 2022

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 2022 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

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 2022, 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 2022 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.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

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.

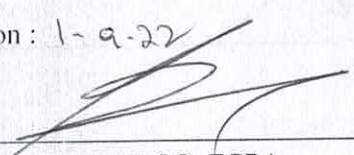
We communicate with the committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members

Signed on : 1-9-22



MRS LETIZIA BARCO, FCPA

BARCO & ASSOCIATES

45 JOHNSON STREET RESERVOIR VIC 3073

DISABILITY ADVOCACY VICTORIA INC
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Certificate by Member of the Committee
For the year ended 30 June 2022

Karryn Goode, 26 River Road Arcadia, Victoria

I, of [ENTER ADDRESS] certify that:

- a. I attended the annual general meeting of the association held on .
- b. The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022 were submitted to the members of the association at its annual general meeting.

Dated 1/9/2022