





**Physical Disability Australia Limited**  
**Annual Report 2018/9**



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## **President's Report**

As the President of Physical Disability Australia (PDA), it is with great pleasure that I present my report for the 2018/9 Financial Year.

It's been another exciting and important year for PDA and the disability sector. We have been busy making submissions to government consultations, making sure the needs of Australians with physical disability are understood by the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) and the Department of Social Services, and applying for NDIS Information Linkages and Capacity-building (ILC) program grants. You can find out more about these in Simon Burchill's Manager' Report.

In the broader disability sector, we were pleased to see the Federal Government finally announce and set-up a Royal Commission into Violence Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability and the opening of NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission offices in all jurisdictions except Western Australia. The first of these is important because it will lay bare the appalling mistreatment people with disability have experienced so that lessons can be learnt, and changes made to the law. The second is equally important as it will hold disability support service providers to account and ensure people with disability get the high-quality services and equipment they are entitled to.

We continue to partner and work alongside the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) and the National Peaks Consortium to have a national presence and maximise our work to progress the rights and interests of people with a physical disability within Australia.

Looking forward, the main challenges PDA faces are funding security, membership engagement, and succession planning for the organisation.

While it is certainly great for PDA to have secured an ILC grant worth \$118,000 this year, this does not secure the organisation's future. The grant funds are tied to a specific project (Self-Management Promotion and Membership Renewal Project). This means we cannot spend this money on PDA's other work, and it needs to be spent during the 2019-20 financial year. Our fingers are crossed as we hope to obtain more long-term funding from other potential opportunities this year.

Membership engagement is another aspect of PDA's work that we are looking to improve on with the aim of converting Facebook likes and Twitter follows into membership applications. The good news here is that we will soon be employing a Promotion Officer to build our membership and engagement with our work.

PDA has a Director vacancy in Victoria and four Associate Director vacancies in Queensland, South Australia, Australian Capital Territory, Tasmania and Victoria. We are keen to recruit members for these roles and would like to specifically encourage young adults with a physical disability to apply for the Associate Director positions to support, mentor and grow the skills and talent of young people nationally.

As with last year, I have been privileged to represent PDA on the AFDO Board; we collectively have made huge progress in our work to inform government and provide them with high level advice on current issues such as the review of the National Disability Strategy 2020, transport, education, employment, income support and the changing landscape of the NDIS to name a few.



This year I was honoured to be member of the Australian and Civil Society delegation that attended the 2019 United Nations (UN) Conference of State Parties 'UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities' to consider matters regarding the global implementation of the Convention. Also, during this term I have continued as the Northern Territory representative for the NDIA's Independent Advisory Council.

I am delighted to share that PDA continues to be known as a reputable and ethical organisation in the disability sector. The feedback on the work of PDA has been outstanding!

In closing, I congratulate my fellow Directors and PDA's staff for the enormous amount of work completed in the last twelve months. It is their

dedicated commitment to the organisation (in sometimes trying circumstances) that makes everything PDA does possible.

Thank you all for a fabulous year!

Liz Reid JP

President

### **About PDA**

*Physical Disability Australia (PDA) is a national peak Disability Peoples Organisation (DPO) run by people with physical disability for people with physical disability. PDA was founded twenty-one years ago. We have around one thousand members from all Australian States and Territories. Enabling every Australian living with a physical disability to realise their full potential.*

*PDA exists to:*

- *Remove barriers through systematic advocacy to all levels of government to enable every Australian living with a physical disability opportunities to realise their full potential;*
- *Proactively embrace and promote difference and diversity for an inclusive society; and*
- *Include within all our operations the active promotion of the rights, responsibilities, issues and participation of Australians with physical disability.*

## **Manager's Annual Report**

In the 2018-9 financial year, a lot has happened at Physical Disability Australia (PDA). What follows is an outline of the work that I have been involved with to build the public profile of the organisation and inform stakeholders of the perspective of our members.

### **#NoKeyToPee**

In August 2018, I noticed an article on a NSW local news website publicising a problem in a North Coast town: the wheelchair accessible public toilet was locked and could only be used by those who possessed, and could use, a Master Locksmith Access Key (MLAK).

This seems to be a common issue across NSW and so PDA decided to take action:

- We wrote to the NSW Premier, Gladys Berejiklian and several of her Ministers asking them to investigate legislation changes to compel local Councils to provide non-discriminatory access to public toilets;
- We started an online petition ([change.org/p/gladys-berejiklian-remove-mlak-locks-from-wheelchair-accessible-toilets-in-nsw](https://change.org/p/gladys-berejiklian-remove-mlak-locks-from-wheelchair-accessible-toilets-in-nsw)) to raise awareness of the issue; and
- We wrote directly to Sydney Trains and the 69 NSW Councils who own and maintain wheelchair accessible public toilets fitted with MLAK locks to ask that they remove the locks and/or commit to leaving them unlocked during daylight hours and whenever co-located general access toilets are open.

As is recorded on PDA's Projects and Campaigns website page ([pda.org.au/projects-campaigns/](https://pda.org.au/projects-campaigns/)), we have received positive responses from 23 Councils where officials have committed to providing non-discriminatory access to their amenities.

### **PDA's Self Management Promotion and Membership Renewal Project**

In November 2018, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) started accepting applications from Disabled Peoples and Families Organisations for grants of up to \$118,000 to participate in its Information, Linkages and Capacity-building (ILC) program.

In our application for this grant, PDA proposed to:

- Recruit and train people with physical disability to become peer supporters of NDIS participants who would like to self-manage their supports;
- Create a dedicated self-management website with links to detailed advice and support on the things participants will need to do when self-managing their supports; and
- Facilitate member forums to workshop resources to be added to the above website and the promotion of these through social media and other communication channels.

We argued that these activities were necessary because there is a lack of high-quality detailed information on how NDIS participants can become effective self-managers of their own supports.

Self-management is one of the great innovations of the NDIS. It allows you to take full control over which equipment you use, who delivers your supports and when they deliver it. This 'choice and control' can then help participants to lead 'an ordinary life'.

PDA also proposed:

- Implementing a CRM Database to collect and manage better information about our members, their experiences and their needs;
- Employing a Promotion Officer to help recruit new members and promote our self-management resources; and

- Commission a business case to investigate PDA's capacity to become a NDIA registered provider of plan management and/or support coordination services to members who are NDIS participants (employing People with Physical Disability (PwPD) to do the work).

We argued that this investment in our business was necessary to realise the self-management goals listed above and give us an opportunity to gain funds that are independent of fickle government grant processes.

The NDIA liked our project plan and we were overjoyed to be advised in December 2018 that our application had been successful. We are now in the process of selecting a suitable person to fill the role of Promotion Officer and when this is done we will be looking to hear from members about their self-management experience, setting up the website and developing the resources to help other people with disability start self-managing the NDIS supports.

### **Assisting members to have their say**

A key part of PDA's mission is to "include within all our operations the active promotion of the rights, responsibilities, issues and participation of Australians with physical disability" and this is why we make submissions to government consultation processes and encourage our members and other people with disability to do so as well.

In the 2018-9 financial year, the Department of Social Services held consultations that were of particular significance to people with disability:

- What should be included in the terms of Reference into the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with disability? And
- What needs to be considered in the Government's review of the National Disability Strategy.

The consultation processes used online surveys in both of these to find out what people thought about the issues. These can be a little off-putting because you cannot tell what questions the survey asks until you start it and progress through its pages. This doesn't give you a good opportunity to think about your answers.

So, to help would-be survey respondents, PDA published copies of the questions along with our answers. These were then linked to in blog articles about these consultations ([pda.org.au/2019/03/21/pdas-answers-to-the-royal-commission-terms-of-reference-survey/](http://pda.org.au/2019/03/21/pdas-answers-to-the-royal-commission-terms-of-reference-survey/)) and (<http://www.pda.org.au/2019/06/06/would-you-like-to-contribute-to-the-federal-governments-2020-review-of-the-national-disability-strategy-nds/>).

### **PDA's Blog**

In the 2018-9 financial year PDA published 7 articles on its new website blog. In addition to the 2 articles providing resources to help members have their say in government consultation processes and 1 publicising the #NoKeyToPee campaign mentioned above, we have published others about:

- The appointment of 2 people with disability to the role of Royal Commissioner ([pda.org.au/2019/04/05/royal-commission-into-violence-abuse-neglect-and-exploitation-of-people-with-disability-announced-today/](http://pda.org.au/2019/04/05/royal-commission-into-violence-abuse-neglect-and-exploitation-of-people-with-disability-announced-today/));
- The disability policies of the major political parties contesting the last Federal election ([pda.org.au/2019/05/15/the-may-18-federal-election-the-disability-policies/](http://pda.org.au/2019/05/15/the-may-18-federal-election-the-disability-policies/));
- Peer workers and what they do ([pda.org.au/2018/11/02/who-are-peer-workers-and-what-do-they-do/](http://pda.org.au/2018/11/02/who-are-peer-workers-and-what-do-they-do/)); and

- SA Director Nick Schumi's home modifications ([pda.org.au/2018/09/10/nicks-home-mods/](http://pda.org.au/2018/09/10/nicks-home-mods/)).

We always announce the publication of our blog articles on PDA's social media channels and I have received feedback that they are appreciated. We expect to publish a larger number of articles in the coming year with the appointment of our Promotion Officer.

### **Social Media Activity**

In the 2018-9 financial year our social media presence has included:

- Twitter ([twitter.com/PDA\\_AU](https://twitter.com/PDA_AU)) – we made 21 tweets and now have 573 followers (an increase of 131 since last year);
- Official Facebook page ([facebook.com/physicaldisabilityau/](https://facebook.com/physicaldisabilityau/)) – we made 47 posts and gained an additional 87 page 'likes' bringing the total to 1631 (on 1/7/18);
- Facebook Discussion Group [facebook.com/groups/physicaldisabilityaustralia/](https://facebook.com/groups/physicaldisabilityaustralia/)) – accepted 45 membership requests from Facebook users around the world (total membership was 1849 on 1/7/18) and publishes an average of 25 group contributions per month.

The Facebook discussion group is accepting fewer membership applications in an effort to limit it to people with an actual interest in physical disability. People who wish to join the group now need to satisfactorily answer a question (What is your experience or understanding of physical disability in Australia?) before they are added as members of the group.

While it is good to see a lot of general public interest in PDA's Social Media pages, it continues to be disappointing (and perplexing) that few users of these become official PDA members. We hope that our soon-to-be-employed Promotion Officer will be able to convince our online followers, likers and members to officially join PDA.

### **Looking forward**

PDA's key focus over the coming year is delivering the Self-Management Promotion and Membership Renewal Project. However, this will not get in the way of our efforts to drive change in the community and improve access and opportunity for people with physical disability.

We will also be applying for more ILC funding so that we can deliver more information and support to our members in both the NDIA's National Information Program ([communitygrants.gov.au/grants/information-linkages-and-capacity-building-0](http://communitygrants.gov.au/grants/information-linkages-and-capacity-building-0)) and Disabled Peoples Organisations / Families Organisation's Individual Capacity Building Program ([communitygrants.gov.au/grants/ilc-individual-capacity-building-icb-program-grant-opportunity](http://communitygrants.gov.au/grants/ilc-individual-capacity-building-icb-program-grant-opportunity)).



Simon Burchill  
PDA Manager



## Treasurer's Annual Report

### Income

In the 2018-9 financial year, PDA's total income grew significantly from the previous year's \$23,519.61 to \$191,896.66. This was largely due to PDA winning a National Disability Insurance Agency Information, Linkages and Capacity-building (ILC) program grant worth \$118,000. The organisation is still subject to the Federal Government's continuing restriction on operational grants to Disability Representative Organisations (DROs) which paid us \$40,909.08 in this reporting period.

### Expenditure

The major items of expenditure in the last financial year were:

- Wages and superannuation – (\$72,103.83) to employ the PDA Manager, Simon Burchill, for 25 hours per week and Finance Officer, Trish Johnson, for 12 hours per week;
- Travel expenses – (\$8,732.14) mostly used by the Manager and Executive to attend NDIA CEOs' Forum meetings in Melbourne and other disability sector meetings and consultations;
- Insurances – (\$2,327.27) for public liability protection for the organisation and its members; and
- Computer Software/Peripherals – (\$1,473.54) on software subscriptions and website hosting fees.

The organisation has worked hard to limit its expenditure this year. There was again no face-to-face meeting of the Board of Directors and plans to give extra hours of work to the Manager were delayed to allow PDA to run as leanly as possible.

In the 2019-20 year PDA needs to spend most of the ILC grant to deliver its Self-Management Promotion and Membership Renewal Project. This means the surplus we will carry into the 2020-21 financial year will be limited. We are therefore keenly awaiting news of whether or not we were successful in other recent ILC applications.

In summary, PDA made an operating profit of \$101,488.83 for the 2018-9 financial year and the organisation had \$138,830.83 in available cash reserves on 1 July 2019.

With an expectation of a little over \$27,000 from the Federal Government's DRO funding commitments for the coming financial year, PDA needs to look for additional funding sources to continue its current range of activities in 2020 and beyond.



Jonathan Shar  
Treasurer



## Physical Disability Australia Ltd

ABN 79 081 345 164

Financial Statements

For the year ended 30 June 2019

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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 Physical Disability Australia Ltd for the financial year ended 30 June 2019.

### **Committee Members**

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

Elizabeth Reid  
Talia Spooner-Stewart  
Jonathon Shar  
Nick Schumi  
Timothy Marks  
Sharon Boyce  
Andrew Fairburn

### **Principal Activities**

The principal activities of the association during the financial year were: National peak body for people living with a physical disability..

### **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 2019	Year ended 30 June 2018
\$ 101,488.83	\$ (60,517.86)

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee on: 10 October 2019



Elizabeth Reid (President)



Jonathan Shar (Treasurer)

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**The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.**

**Physical Disability Australia Ltd**  
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**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2019**

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Aust Fed Disability Org Grant	40,909.08	
AFDO - ILC Readiness Project	13,000.00	19,791.14
AFDO Strategic Planning	676.96	1,695.57
NDIS	4,688.91	739.10
AFDO Website Hub Project	9,000.00	
DSS - Volunteer Grants - Activity	4,545.45	
NDIA DPFO ILC Readiness Grant	118,000.00	
Donations Received	365.00	250.00
Interest Received	711.26	1,043.80
Total income	191,896.66	23,519.61
<b>Expenses</b>		
Accountancy	550.00	550.00
Advertising and promotion	485.00	
Bank Fees And Charges	97.78	98.81
Computer Software/Peripheral	1,473.54	1,704.09
Depreciation - other		828.49
Fees & charges	709.11	995.70
General expenses	62.27	
Insurance - Public Liability	2,327.27	2,145.46
Postage	1,424.58	5,579.24
Stationery & office Supplies	201.83	22.55
Subscriptions & memberships	180.00	80.00
Teleconferencing	969.17	
Telephone	932.22	1,500.53
Travel, accom & conference	8,732.14	4,604.92
Wages	66,290.51	60,037.80
Wages - Workers Comp	159.09	186.39
Wages - Superannuation	5,813.32	5,703.49
Total expenses	90,407.83	84,037.47
<b>Profit from ordinary activities before income tax</b>	<b>101,488.83</b>	<b>(60,517.86)</b>
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities		
<b>Net profit attributable to the association</b>	<b>101,488.83</b>	<b>(60,517.86)</b>

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**Income and Expenditure Statement**  
**For the year ended 30 June 2019**

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
<b>Items recognised directly in equity:</b>		
Net increase in Asset Revaluation Reserve		
Increase (decrease) in retained profits due to:		
Retained Earnings		(3,359.08)
<b>Total revenues, expenses and valuation adjustments attributable to the association and recognised directly in equity</b>		<b>(3,359.08)</b>
<b>Total changes in equity of the association</b>	<b>101,488.83</b>	<b>(63,876.94)</b>
Opening retained profits	37,341.50	101,218.44
Net profit attributable to the association	101,488.83	(60,517.86)
Adjustments:		
Retained Earnings		(3,359.08)
<b>Closing retained profits</b>	<b>138,830.33</b>	<b>37,341.50</b>

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**Physical Disability Australia Ltd**  
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**Detailed Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2019**

	Note	2019 \$	2018 \$
<b>Current Assets</b>			
<b>Cash Assets</b>			
Bendigo Acc 120 469 325		131,397.79	2,159.48
Bendigo No2 137 580 866		8,889.76	7,701.25
Bendigo TD 153 286 356		20,198.85	37,978.40
VISA Credit Card			1,147.45
Mastercard		204.53	
		<u>160,690.93</u>	<u>48,986.58</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u><b>160,690.93</b></u>	<u><b>48,986.58</b></u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u><b>160,690.93</b></u>	<u><b>48,986.58</b></u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Tax Liabilities</b>			
GST clearing		14,597.00	2,698.00
		<u>14,597.00</u>	<u>2,698.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u><b>14,597.00</b></u>	<u><b>2,698.00</b></u>
<b>Non-Current Liabilities</b>			
<b>Provisions</b>			
Provision for SGC Super		1,492.68	1,607.16
Provision for Annual Leave		3,522.50	3,522.50
Provision or Long Service Leave		2,248.42	2,248.42
Wages Payable - Payroll			1,569.00
		<u>7,263.60</u>	<u>8,947.08</u>
<b>Total Non-Current Liabilities</b>		<u><b>7,263.60</b></u>	<u><b>8,947.08</b></u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u><b>21,860.60</b></u>	<u><b>11,645.08</b></u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><b>138,830.33</b></u>	<u><b>37,341.50</b></u>

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	Note	2019	2018
		\$	\$
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<b>Members' Funds</b>			
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		138,830.33	37,341.50
<b>Total Members' Funds</b>		<u>138,830.33</u>	<u>37,341.50</u>

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 Physical Disability Australia Ltd 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.

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



Elizabeth Reid  
President



Jonathan Shar  
Treasurer

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## PHYSICAL DISABILITY AUSTRALIA LTD INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

### SCOPE

I have audited the attached special purpose Statements of Profit and Loss and Balance Sheet of the Physical Disability Australia Ltd for the year ended 30 June 2019. The Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Statements and the information contained therein and have determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the members. An independent audit of the Statements has been conducted in order to express an opinion on them to the members.

The Financial Statements have been prepared for distribution to members so as to fulfil the Directors' financial Reporting obligations. I disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report, or on the statements to which it relates, to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

The audit has been conducted in accordance with normal auditing standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the Statements are free of material misstatement. Audit procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosure in the Statements, and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates.

The procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion as to whether, in all material respects, the Statements present a view of the organisation which is consistent with my understanding of its financial position and the results of its operations.

### LIMITATION OF SCOPE

As an audit procedure, it was not practical to extend the examination of income items beyond the accounting for amounts received as shown by the books and records of the organisation. The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

### AUDIT OPINION

In our opinion the financial report of Physical Disability Australia Ltd presents fairly in all material aspects the financial position of Physical Disability Australia Ltd as of 30 June 2019 of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies.

The accounts and associated records have been properly kept during that year in accordance with the Charitable Fundraising Act 1991 and Regulations.

WARWICK GOOGH

Company Auditor Registered under the Companies (New South Wales) Code  
(Sub-section 18(5))

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8<sup>th</sup> August 2019



## **Minutes from 6 December 2018 Physical Disability Australia (PDA) Annual General Meeting**

**Meeting opened at 6:00pm AEDT**

### **Introductory Matters**

*Attendees:* Tim Marks (TAS-Director); Trish Johnson (Finance Officer), Jonathan Shar (NSW-Director), Peter Simpson (QLD), Stephen Thornton (QLD), Simon Burchill (Manager), Lisa Stafford (QLD), Sharon Boyce (QLD-Director), Nigel Webb (QLD), Gabrielle Trenbath (WA), Matthew Lee (WA), Liz Reid (NT-President), Nick Schumi (SA-Director [late]).

*Apologies:* Andrew Fairbairn (WA-Director), Talia Spooner-Stewart (ACT-Treasurer), Fran Vicary (QLD)

*Declaration of Proxies:* 1 proxy was received Talia Spooner-Stewart giving her vote to the President for all elections and motions.

Declaration of Quorum: There being 12 PDA members present (10 with full membership) at the start of the meeting, quorum was confirmed.

### **Traditional Welcome**

*PDA acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands in which we dwell and pays its respects to elders past and present. We also acknowledge people with disability, past and present, those who are living full and complete lives and those who have needs that are not yet being met. We ask you to reflect on this and to work with us to bring about the changes that will give ALL people with disability an opportunity to live an ordinary life.*

### **Minutes of 2017 AGM**

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were brought to the meeting's attention and attendees were asked if any corrections were needed. None were suggested.

*Motion:* That the Minutes of the 2017 PDA AGM be approved.

Proposer: Jonathan

Secunder: Tim

### **President's Report**

Liz highlighted the contents of her President's Report that was circulated before the meeting. Summarising the year, she noted that the 2017-8 financial year had been pretty good for PDA as it had been quite active despite it's reduced operational funding from the Federal Government. This has required PDA to engage in more project-like activities with other diagnostically focused national peak bodies in similar circumstances to work with the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) and the NDIS Information Linkages and Capacity-building (ILC) grants it has secured.

Liz thanked the other Directors, Simon and Trish for their efforts during the year.

Motion: That the President's Report be accepted

Proposer: Tim

Secunder: Sharon

### **Manager's Report**

Simon briefly described the contents of his Manager's Report and thanked the Board of Directors for their assistance during the year.

Motion: That the Manager's report be accepted

Moved: Liz

Seconded: Jonathan

### **Treasurer's Report**

Trish Johnson described the organisation's financial performance over the previous year noting that PDA's income (\$23,519.61) was significantly reduced from the previous year. Expenditure (\$84,037.47) had been pared back to reduce the draw on the organisation's savings but there was still an operational loss (\$60,517.86) recorded for the year. PDA had cash reserves of \$37,341.50 at 30 June 2018

These figure indicate that PDA will need to secure additional revenue sources if it is to maintain its activities at current levels.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report and Financial Statements be accepted

Moved: Peter

Seconded: Tim

### **Appointment / Election of Directors and Associate Directors**

The 3-year directorship terms of Jonathan Shar (NSW) and Talia Spooner-Stewart (ACT) have expired. There remains a vacancy on the Board of Directors for a Victorian member (Tony Williams resigned from the role on 4 March 2018) .

PDA received nomination forms from Jonathan Shar (for a second 3-year term as NSW Director) and Talia Spooner Stewart) (for a second 3-year term as NSW Director). No nomination form for the role of VIC Director was received.

There being no other nominations for these vacancies, the Returning Officer (Simon) declared Jonathan Shar and Talia Spooner-Stewart duly elected as Directors for NSW and ACT respectively. The vacancy for a Victorian on the Board of Directors remains open.

Simon also noted that there were vacancies for the role of Associate Director for all states and territories except NSW. Matthew said that he would be interested in the role for WA.

## **Other Business**

Peter Simpson gave an overview of his participation in the aviation access forum. The meeting thanked him for volunteering his time and representing people with physical disability in this important group.

Nigel asked the Manager and President what activities PDA was likely to undertake in the lead-up to the next Federal election that is due to be held before May 2019. Liz advised that PDA would be working with AFDO to build the National Peaks Consortium's reputation as a collective that gets useful work done. Liz also noted that the Australian Labor Party had committed to restore adequate funding to disability representative organisations like PDA. With regard to non-funding related issues, Simon advised that, as with previous state elections, he would provide information about each political party's disability policies in a newsletter article so that members could make an informed choice about who to vote for.

With regard to the Manager's work in contributing to the Senate Inquiry into the Regulation of Mobility Scooters (Otherwise known as Motorised Wheelchairs) *sic*, Matthew asked if there were any moves to clarify speed limits and registration requirements for these devices. Simon responded that rules and regulations regarding vehicles are a state/territory responsibility and agreed there was no consistency about them around the country. The issue is further complicated by the growing popularity of electrically assisted bicycles, skateboards and scooters which are mostly unregulated. PDA continues to participate in a Standards Australia technical sub-committee that is developing a standard for motorised mobility aides. The current draft would impose a 10 kph speed limit and manoeuvrability requirements to ensure they can access reserved spaces in public transport vehicles. Matthew indicated he would like to help develop the standard if there was an opportunity to do so.

**Meeting Closed at 6:55pm AEDT**

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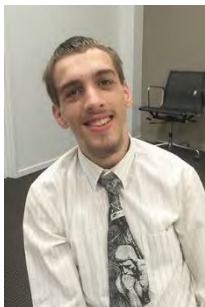
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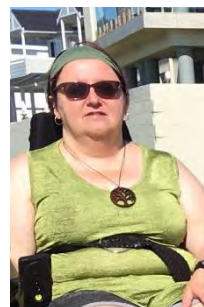
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