



“Empowering Australians living with physical disability.”

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PDA's Ambassador, Dr Dinesh Palipana OAM, presents a popular and well received vaccination webinar



On Thursday 7th October Dr Dinesh presented a free webinar titled “Vaccination and disability: staying safe in our COVID world”.

In light of plans to open Australia, this webinar highlighted the grossly inadequate vaccination numbers amongst Australia's disability community and the anticipated repercussions for our most vulnerable.

Providing the webinar's audience with the true facts, Dr Dinesh debunked the myths surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine, answered questions and urged the medically-able unvaccinated to get the jab.

If you missed the webinar, or just want to see it again, you can now watch it by going to PDA's YouTube channel:

<https://youtu.be/EbefjSLcgZA>

Whilst you're there, please subscribe to our YouTube channel.



PDA launches website to encourage members to consider moving to self management of NDIS plans



Did you know that self managing your NDIS plan offers you the flexibility to make decisions on your own terms?

Providing you with a direct say into how you spend your NDIS funding, when you are self-managed you are able to personally select supports from service providers that best meet your needs.

A self-managed plan gives you the freedom to:

- choose from a wide range of providers
- employ staff directly
- negotiate costs
- manage your own budget

PDA has published a website around this to guide you along the path to becoming self-managed and to help you decide if it's the right option for you.

Whether you're a participant, parent or carer, this self-managed NDIS guide is your resource for helpful, straightforward information on what NDIS self-management involves, whether or not you're eligible, the benefits and how to set yourself up as the self-manager of your plan.

Sharing the facts, personal stories and offering free peer support, this website will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of self management and help you make the transition if you choose

to change from your current NDIS arrangements.

If you're considering making the change or just want to learn more about taking control of your NDIS plan, head across to www.ndisselfmanagement.com.au

To coincide with the launch of this website, and as part of PDA's 2021 Webinar Series, we will be running an "NDIS Self Management Webinar" on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 6:00pm AEDT.

Sharing the facts, personal stories and offering peer support, this webinar will work to get you on the road to self management.

This webinar is FREE, but you will need to register by going to:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1f68LI -To\)4p3KcXPXhwx](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1f68LI-To)4p3KcXPXhwx)

We hope to see you there.

Liz Reid's tenure as PDA President draws to an end, closing a chapter of great growth and development for the organisation and for Australia's disability community



After an incredible period of success in leading PDA for the last nine years, our amazing President Liz Reid will depart her role at the end of the year following the end of her elected three terms.

Liz has brought so much to PDA through her time as President, having been instrumental in building its presence, recognition and standing as a major player on Australia's disability field.

Providing incredible leadership and guidance not just to PDA's Members and Board, but also to fellow disability organisations and Australia's disability community in general, Liz's legacy will certainly be felt for many years to come.

On behalf of PDA, its Board and our Members, we wish Liz well for the future and thank her not only for her contribution and commitment to the organisation and improving the lives of Australians living with disability, but for her friendship, leadership, energy and support.

We will not allow Liz to disappear into the distance, but look forward to her continued involvement with PDA in whatever capacity the future holds.

We also look forward to welcoming PDA's next President and any new Board Members that are duly appointed.

2021 Annual General Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday 27th November 2021 and you're invited to attend



On the following pages, you will find the official notice for PDA's 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and we'd love you to join us to hear what we've been up to, what our plans are moving forwards, how you can get involved and to just be part of the conversation.

The meeting will be held via Zoom so, no matter where you are, all you need is an internet connection and a mobile, laptop, tablet or computer.

You will need to register to be a part of our AGM. To register go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAufuygrzgrE9KCLt1C2Mg3H9RvgFCXVxvo>

If you are wanting to attend the meeting but don't have access to the internet and would prefer to join by phone, please contact PDA's Manager, Simon Burchill, either via email manager@pda.org.au or by calling him on 1800 732 674.

Important Dates for the rest of 2021

Monday 1st November 7pm AEDT
PDA Social Hour. Register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqc--qqjkjG903J2KoieI9ASVSig7b4mxr>

Thursday 18th November 7pm AEDT
PDA Youth Network HangOut:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrc-GqrDwpHdWVcSOD2mVq4XbwP9P2ZOv4>

Friday 3rd December International Day of People with Disability

<https://www.idpwd.com.au>

Monday 6th December 7pm AEDT
PDA Social Hour:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqc--qqjkjG903J2KoieI9ASVSig7b4mxr>

Wednesday 8th December 6pm AEDT
PDA Self Management Webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1f68LI-ToO4p3KcXPXhwx

Thursday 16th December 2021 7pm AEDT
PDA Youth Network HangOut Register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrc-GqrDwpHdWVcSOD2mVq4XbwP9P2ZOv4>

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If you have an email address, please update your details on the PDA Membership form

<https://www.pda.org.au/membership/>

NOTICE TO MEMBERS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 27 November 2021

2:00pm Australian Eastern Daylight-Saving Time

Physical Disability Australia (PDA) will hold its 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) by Zoom Video Conference.

All members are invited to register their intent to attend by clicking this registration link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAufuygrzqrE9KCLt1C2Mq3H9RvgFCXVxvo>

Once you have registered, you will receive another email with details of the AGM and an link to the meeting. Make sure you have the Zoom app installed on your computer, tablet or phone.

Alternately, if you would like to attend by phone, please call the PDA Manager, Simon Burchill by close of business (5:00pm AEDT) **Friday 12 November** so that an accurate attendance list can be made and so that we can forward further meeting related documents to you. PDA's contact details are listed in the header of this letter.

At this year's AGM, the Directorships of Talia Spooner-Stewart (ACT), Jonathan Shar (NSW), and Sharon Boyce (QLD) are reaching the end of their current 3 year terms and the Directorship of Liz Reid (NT) is reaching its limit under the Constitution. Full members wishing to nominate for any of these roles need to complete and return the 'Nomination Form' (next page) by close of business on **Friday 12 November**. Similarly, if you wish to appoint a proxy to vote on your behalf you need to complete and return the 'Appointment of Proxy Form' (below) by the same date.

We look seeing you at the meeting!



Proxy Appointment Form

2021 Physical Disability Australia Ltd AGM

I, _____

of (address) _____

being an individual member of the Physical Disability Australia Ltd (PDA) appoint:

- *Ms Liz Reid AM, President; or
- *(other PDA member) _____
of (address) _____

as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting to be held on **Saturday 27 November** and at any adjournment thereof.

My proxy is authorised to vote *in favour of/*against the following matters:

1. Election of new and/or renominating PDA Directors; and
2. Any other motions and or resolutions put to the quorum.

Signed: _____ Date ____/____/____

Note: If the member wishes to vote in a particular with regard positions on the PDA Board of Directors, or any other motions and/or resolutions put to the quorum, it is the appointing member's responsibility to communicate these to his or her proxy. Otherwise, the proxy may vote as he/she thinks fit.

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Nomination form for Directors / Associate Directors

I, _____ of _____,
(Full name of Nominee) (Nominee's address)

Telephone: _____ Email: _____,

Signature of Nominee: _____ Date: ___/___/___,

Wish to nominate for the role of Director / Associate Director of Physical
(Delete or circle as appropriate)
Disability Australia Ltd (PDA) for the 3 year term: December 2021 to November
2024.

This nomination is proposed and seconded by the following PDA members:¹

Proposer : _____ of _____
(Full name of Proposer) (Proposer's address)

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Proposer: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Secunder: _____ of _____
(Full name of Secunder) (Secunder's address)

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Signature of Secunder: _____ Date: ___/___/___

All nominations must be received by the PDA Manager by close of
business **Friday 12 November 2021**

Mail: PO Box 345, Toowong QLD 4066

Email: manager@pda.org.au

¹ If you don't know any other PDA members, please return the form anyway and we will assist you in finding proposers and seconders.

AGENDA



Meeting Name:	Date	Time
2020 Annual General Meeting of Physical Disability Australia (PDA)	Saturday 20 November 2021	3:00pm AEST 2:30pm SA 2:00pm QLD 1:30pm NT 12:00noon WA
Location: Zoom Video Conference		

Agenda Items for Discussion		
Item	Subject	Presenter
1	Welcome <i>PDA acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands in which we dwell and pays its respects to elders past, present and emerging. 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 their best lives.</i>	Chair
2	Apologies and Attendance <i>Declaration of quorum</i>	Chair
3	Declaration of Proxies	Chair
4	Minutes of Last AGM	Chair
5	President's Report	Chair
6	Manager's Report	Manager
7	Treasurer's Report	Treasurer
8	Appointment / Election of Directors NSW, QLD, ACT	Chair
9	Ratification of Constitution Amendment - Position of Associate Director	Chair
10	Other Business - Discussion of any matters raised by Members	Chair
11	Meeting Close	Chair
Meeting Papers: <i>PDA Annual Report 2020-21, Proposed Constitution Amendment (below)</i>		

Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAufuygrzgrE9KCLt1C2Mg3H9RvgFCXVxvo>

Proposed Constitution Amendment

To recognise the role Associate Directors play in the organisation, the Board would like to amend the Physical Disability Australia Ltd Constitution by inserting a definition and details of the appointment (and removal) processes for people in these roles

The relevant sections are copied below with proposed changes in underlined red text.

Part 3 – Definitions:

Associate Director means a Member who has been appointed to assist Directors in their jurisdiction and the company generally by participating in Board meetings and other activities.

Part 17 – Appointment and Tenure of Directors and Associate Directors:

Appointment of Director by Board

- 17.8 The Board may appoint a person as a Director.
- 17.9 If a person is appointed as a Director by the Board, the Company must confirm the appointment by resolution at the Company's next AGM. If the appointment is not confirmed, the person ceases to be a Director at the end of the AGM.

Appointment of Associate Directors

- 17.10 The Board may appoint a person as an Associate Director.
- 17.11 The Company may not have more than 8 Associate Directors and preferably (although not mandatory) no two Associate Directors ordinarily reside in the same State or Territory in Australia (jurisdiction).
- 17.12 As with Directors, such a person must:
- 17.12.1 be over the age of 18 years;
 - 17.12.2 have a physical disability; and
 - 17.12.3 be a Member.

Appointment of Alternate Directors

- 17.13 With the Board's approval, a Director may appoint an alternate director to exercise some or all of the Director's powers for a specified period.
- 17.14 If a person is already appointed as an Associate Director in the Director's jurisdiction, that person should be the preferred alternate director.
- 17.15 If the appointing Director requests the Company to give the alternate director notice of Directors' meetings, the Company must do so.
- 17.16 When an alternate director exercises the Director's powers, the exercise of the powers is just as effective as if the powers were exercised by the Director.
- 17.17 The appointing director may terminate the alternate director's.
- 17.18 An appointment or its termination of an alternate director must be in writing. A copy must be given to the Company for record keeping.

Part 18 Cessation as a Director or Associate Director

Resignation as a Director or Associate Director

- 18.1 A Director or Associate Director may resign by giving a written notice of resignation to the Company. The

resignation shall take effect at the time expressed in the Notice.

Removal by Resolution in General Meeting

- 18.2 The Company may remove a Director or Associate Director by resolution passed in SGM or AGM.
- 18.3 Notice of intention to move the resolution must be given to the Company at least 2 months before the meeting is to be held. However, the meeting may pass the resolution even though the meeting is held less than 2 months after the notice of intention is given.
- 18.4 The Company must give the Director or Associate Director a copy of the notice within 1 month.
- 18.5 The Director or Associate Director is entitled to put their case to Members by:
- 18.5.1 giving the Company a written statement for circulation to Members (see Clauses 18.6 and 18.7); and
 - 18.5.2 speaking to the motion at the meeting ~~(whether or not the Director is a Member of the Company).~~
- 18.6 The written statement is to be circulated by the Company to Members by:
- 18.6.1 sending a copy to everyone to whom notice of the meeting is sent if there is time to do so; or
 - 18.6.2 if there is not time to comply with paragraph (a) — having the statement distributed to Members attending the meeting and read out at the meeting before the resolution is voted on.
- 18.7 The Director's or Associate Director's statement does not have to be circulated to Members if it is more than 1,000 words long or defamatory.

Cessation as a Director or Associate Director by Other Events

- 18.8 In addition to the circumstances prescribed by the Act, the office of a Director or Associate Director becomes vacant if the Director or Associate Director:
- 18.8.1 Ceases to be a member;
 - 18.8.2 Absents himself or herself from three consecutive meetings of the Board without special leave of absence from the Board and the Board resolves that the person's office be vacated;
 - 18.8.3 Becomes unsound of mind or a person, who is, or whose estate is, liable to be dealt with in anyway under the law relating to mental health; or
 - 18.8.4 Becomes an insolvent under administration of makes any composition or arrangement with his or her creditors, or any class of them.