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Who We Are



DANA is the national representative body for a network of advocacy organisations throughout Australia

»» Vision

DANA's vision is of a nation that includes and values people with disabilities and respects human rights for all.

»» Purpose

DANA's purpose is to strengthen and support disability advocacy organisations across Australia.

We achieve this end through:

- Promoting the role and value of independent advocacy
- Giving our members a collective voice
- Supporting communication and the sharing of information between advocacy organisations
- Providing support and development for members, staff, and volunteers of disability advocacy organisations
- Promoting or undertaking research that supports our purpose
- Promoting the human rights, needs and values of people with disabilities

»» Our Governance Structure

Our members are independent Australian community-based organisations that advocate for and with people with disability. We are governed by a Board of Directors, who are employees and office holders of member organisations. We have staff based around Australia in Hobart, Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne and maintain strong links with each of the Australian state and territory advocacy networks and with the representative organisations for people with disabilities.





A Word from the Chair

Serena Ovens

It is once again a privilege to lead the governance team of an organisation such as DANA and to be able to report on what have been significant achievements for our small, but nimble organisation over the past financial year.

Having developed our new strategic plan in 2021, watching the team under the leadership of our CEO Mary Mallett, begin to implement its objectives and achieve so much, at times with so little resources, has been amazing and the board would like to acknowledge the efforts of all staff over the past year.

Over the past couple of years it had become clear that DANA needed to proactively source additional capacity in order to better support the sector we represent, and this year was a transformational one for us in that respect. Our strong, respectful relationship with the Department of Social Services enabled us to put forth a proposal to establish a National Centre for Advocacy in line with their development of the new Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031. After numerous discussions on its relevance and need, DANA successfully attained funding for the Centre for an initial three-year pilot period beginning in July 2022.

In addition, DANA was offered a role to act as secretariat for the National Disability Representative Organisations, bringing systemic advocacy issues to the fore in this forum, another fabulous opportunity for us and recognition of the pivotal role we play across the sector.

In preparation for these additional pieces of work, early in 2022 the board of DANA also brought on board a second executive to the team in the role of Chief Operating Officer and were delighted to secure the skills and expertise of Jeff Smith. Jeff's enviable knowledge and experience leading NFP organisations has seen him quickly establish significant improvements to DANA's operations, systems and procedures which will greatly assist us as we expand our activities, staffing levels and reporting requirements.

Alongside of securing these new pieces of work, the DANA team has undertaken significant work across numerous other projects, including submissions to the Disability Royal Commission and the Intake project – looking at the demand and gap issues for individual advocacy across Australia, to name a couple. You'll read more about these in the reports to follow.

Our members are the lifeblood of our organisation and I thank you for your continued support. I also look forward to meeting more of you as I travel with the DANA team in the upcoming months to consult on what you believe should be the priorities for the new National Centre for Advocacy and am excited to see where we can take this fabulous resource.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members. As leaders of disability advocacy organisations yourselves, I'm keenly aware of the many demands on your time and greatly appreciate the additional hours you find to guide the direction of DANA. It's been a pleasure working with you over the year and I look forward to the year ahead, as we navigate considerable new projects and what looks to be a 'bigger, brighter future' for DANA!



CEO Report

Mary Mallett

It has been a formative year for DANA.

First and foremost, DANA consolidated its role as an honest broker and trusted player in the advocacy sector. In this respect, we sought to make good on our promise of leading, strengthening, partnering, and promoting the sector in Australia. As the findings from the Disability Royal Commission and the latest report from the [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#) show, advocacy is as needed now as it ever was:

- 1 in 6 Australians are estimated to have disability (4.4 million people)
- 1 in 10 people experienced disability discrimination in the last year
- 40% of people with disability need assistance from formal providers
- 47% of adults with disability have experienced violence after age 15
- 1 in 5 people with disability (15+) are dissatisfied with the quality of assistance received from organised services.

Our work over the past year is testament to our endeavour to be the advocates' advocate and to improve the lives of people with disability. We worked tirelessly on behalf of and alongside the advocacy sector around crucial processes such as the Disability Royal Commission and the National Disability Advocacy Framework to demonstrate the need for advocacy and to empower advocates. Likewise, we were active in numerous forums both inside and outside the advocacy sector that deal with the NDIS, services to people with disability, employment and health, including COVID-19. We also ramped up our efforts to communicate and connect with advocates and to promote independent advocacy. We did this through our work in the national media and through our social media channels, and by facilitating forums that bring out the collective wisdom and expertise of the advocacy sector.

Second, DANA has been successful in obtaining grants to establish both a National Centre for Advocacy and a Secretariat for National Systemic Advocacy,

roles which have the potential to both benefit the advocacy sector and enhance the lives of people with disability. The National Centre for Advocacy is a key part of Australia's Disability Strategy 2021-2031. The Centre will have three principal aims – to build sector capacity, to identify unmet demand and to elevate systemic issues. The Secretariat role will enable organisations to provide systemic advocacy that promotes an understanding of the lives of people with disability; promotes and protects the rights and dignity of people with disability and fosters support for the participation of people with disability in all aspects of community life. Both these projects prefigure an exciting future for DANA, and we are determined to get them right. Planning for these projects has already begun and we will see the fruits of this in the coming year.

The gains made by DANA in recent times have been hard fought, as we have long existed on a shoestring budget and amidst ongoing uncertainty. COVID-19 has also made our work demonstrably harder for some time now. It is against this backdrop that I especially want to acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of our staff (Siobhan, Sara, Anna, Tracey and Jeff) in carrying out DANA's important and influential work. The Board has also been instrumental in our successes over the last year, providing crucial guidance and oversight of our operations, and continually setting and expecting a high standard of governance, professionalism and ambition. It is also true to say that DANA could not have the impact we do without the abiding support, wisdom and experience of our members, supporters, national peaks and advocates on the ground.

Thanks are also due to our funders who help us do the work we do. In particular, the Department of Social Services (DSS) has provided ongoing financial support, and the new grants demonstrate a show of faith in DANA. We are also extremely grateful to the NDIA for their commitment to our work and the institution of DANA.

I commend this report to our members and supporters.



Lead & Strengthen

Provide a leadership role for the collective voice of independent disability advocacy organisations Australia wide.

DANA seeks to provide a leadership role for independent disability advocacy organisations across Australia. We have done this in various capacities as a peak organisation with assistance and support for advocacy services to people with disability. Key examples follow.

Engaging with the Disability Royal Commission

Over the past 12 months, the Disability Royal Commission (DRC) continued to be a core focus for DANA and the advocacy organisations we work with. DANA has worked hard to share information and bring advocates and stakeholders together to identify gaps and share strategies for engagement and outreach. This helps to amplify the voices of people with disability who have experienced violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and to ensure these perspectives underpin the findings of the DRC. For example, DANA held a series of three meetings in 2022 with managers, coordinators, and CEOs from advocacy organisations to consult with and collect sector knowledge to inform our recommendations to the DRC on the importance of supporting and strengthening disability advocacy in Australia. Representatives from 38 advocacy organisations participated in these discussions, with several more providing input by email.

“What a wonderful opportunity to share our visions for the sector!”

(advocate from Queensland on our DRC consultations, 18 May 2022)

DANA also supported communication and engagement strategies to improve the effectiveness of the advocacy and engagement effort. For example, we hosted two online forums focused on DRC advocacy and engagement in July 2021 and April 2022 to over 80 attendees. We continued to distribute small grants to support community organisations to engage with and provide DRC information and updates to their networks, and also collected and collated input from events, engagement and an online survey to inform stakeholders about the [successes, challenges and case studies of DRC Advocacy](#).



Lead & Strengthen

DANA has also actively liaised between advocacy organisations and the DRC, coordinating and participating in numerous forums with the advocacy sector and other stakeholders, seeking feedback and steering discussions for recommendations to the DRC. This involved participated in 35 forums including:

- regular Disability Representative Organisations meetings to collaborate on systemic advocacy, engagement and policy work
- DRC Support Service meetings hosted by DSS to facilitate liaison with the government and representatives of legal and counselling supports
- advisory group meetings related to DRC legal support and research about complaint mechanisms
- regular meetings between the DRC and Disability Representative Organisations
- roundtables hosted by the DRC to hear feedback on proposed reform direction for Supported Decision Making and Guardianship in Australia.

Arising out of this body of work, DANA developed and submitted 33 draft recommendations relating to independent disability advocacy on the following topics:

- awareness and access
- representation and participation of people with disability
- service capacity enhancement
- sector development
- targeted advocacy
- Commonwealth/State and Territory coordination
- data and information improvement
- safeguarding mechanisms
- sector coordination

DANA is continuing consultation and work to refine these recommendations and develop a strong supporting submission to the DRC.

Public hearings of the DRC were continually monitored by DANA, with information relayed back to the sector through social media channels, the DANA website, and eNews in 2021-2022. Over the past year, around 50% of social media and website updates from DANA were DRC-related.

Key elements of our work were:

- we distributed 6 editions of DRC-focused eNews to a network of over 250 interested advocates, lawyers, counsellors and other staff from advocacy, counselling, legal, peer support and disability representative organisations
- each edition of our eNews in 2021-2022 had a section focused on DRC updates and commentary
- our website highlighted DRC work of the advocacy sector with pages linking to DRC resources, submissions by advocacy organisations and available resources aimed at promoting safety from violence, abuse neglect and exploitation.
- we established a page to present examples of community engagement to raise awareness and inform people about how to share their story with the DRC.
- transcripts of DRC-focused discussion forums from 2020-2021 were finalised and made accessible on the DANA website: [Voices of Advocacy](#). These resources covered 5 workshops with advocates and the DRC community engagement team and 5 sessions from our Advocates Zoom in on... discussion series.





Lead & Strengthen

Identifying unmet demand – the Intake Project

DANA was funded by DSS to report on intake, referrals, and unmet demand in the advocacy sector. The purpose of the project - colloquially known as the Intake Project - was to ensure people with disability receive timely access to the advocacy they require, and that people who have the highest, and most urgent, need for advocacy are prioritised.

The project involved DANA conducting research into intake and prioritisation processes used by disability advocacy organisations and other sectors (such as community legal centres and financial counselling) as well as how waitlists and demand for services were managed.

This research identified significant unmet demand for advocacy assistance across Australia and assisted DANA to establish a more robust evidence-base on the need for advocacy, as well as understanding the range and effectiveness of different approaches within and outside the advocacy sector. We used discussion forums to highlight the benefits of these approaches, as well as to identify the range of challenges faced by advocacy organisations.

DANA also developed a guide that provides insight into the various tools and policies used for intake, prioritisation and demand management across the sector. The guide focused on how organisations provide advocacy services to people with disability, and the ways in which organisations manage intake and allocation to ensure people who have the highest or most urgent need for advocacy are prioritised, and able to access support. It also identified best practice policies and procedures. The guide was co-designed with input from the advocacy sector.



project participation

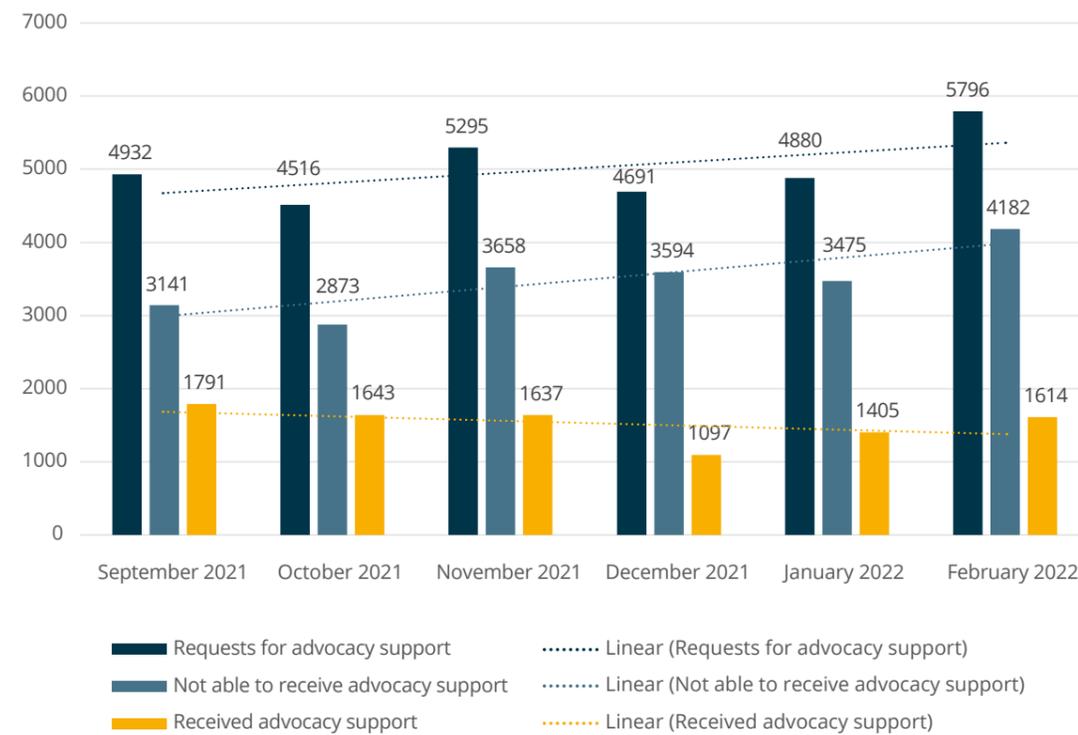




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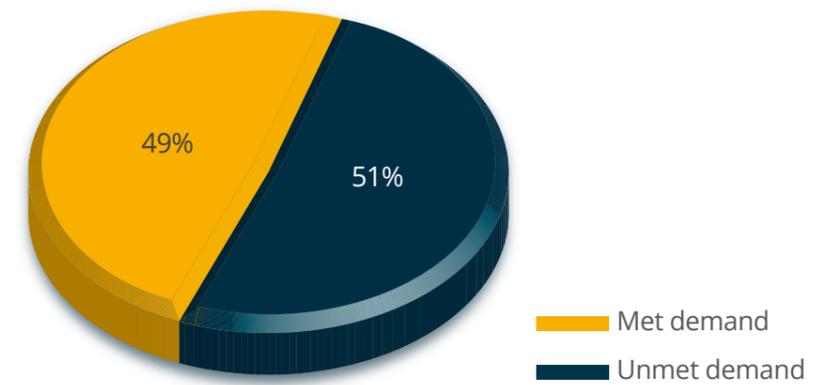
Graph 1 below shows requests for advocacy support ranged between 4,500 and 5,800 per month over a 6-month period. The graph indicates that demand for advocacy is more than the capacity organisations have to provide an advocacy service based on current resources and funding. Put another way, this means more people seeking advocacy support were declined access to an advocate, than were accepted. Between 2,800 and 4,200 people were unable to access the advocacy support they requested each month.

1. Requests for advocacy assistance:

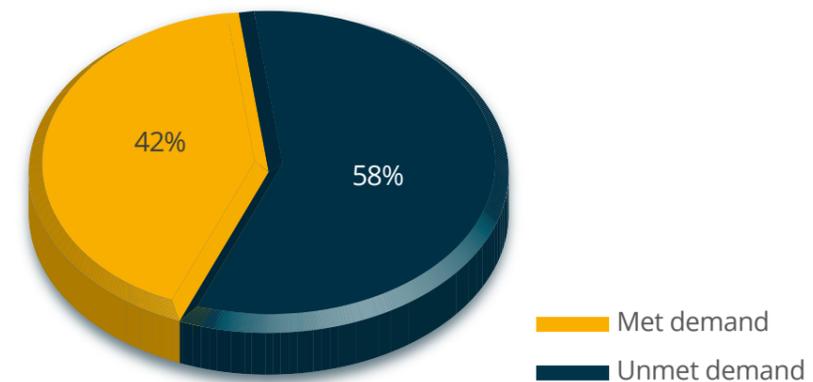


Graphs 2 and 3 highlight the gap between met and unmet demand for both NDAP funding and NDIS appeals funding.

2. National Unmet Demand - NDAP Funding



3. National Unmet Demand - NDIS Appeals Funding





Lead & Strengthen

Improving the National Disability Advocacy Framework

In 2022, DANA made a submission on the new draft National Disability Advocacy Framework 2022-2025. As part of this work, DANA held 4 discussion sessions with advocacy organisations to collect the sector's perspective and ideas about independent disability advocacy. These sessions built on a substantial body of expertise developed by DANA over the years in consultations with disability advocacy organisations across Australia about the challenges faced in the disability advocacy sector, including:

- inadequate and insecure funding;
- the need for increased sector development and support, including training, peer support and networks for sharing expertise between disability advocates;
- the need for increased evidence of demand and need for advocacy
- demonstrating the impact and positive outcomes achieved through independent advocacy; and
- reaching people with disability who are most in need of independent advocacy and/or at risk of violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation in small institutional and domestic settings, due to gatekeeping, isolation, and lack of independent support.

Our [submission](#) strongly supported many aspects and elements included in the draft Framework, while also identifying key issues and challenges and making numerous proposals to improve the Framework.



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Communication & Connection

Provide expert commentary on the issues that affect the sector and develop and strengthen partnerships to enhance the work we do.

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Providing expert commentary

In the past year, we doubled our media mentions from last year and appeared in mainstream media on 11 occasions covering:

- barriers in regional areas
- the crackdowns on fraud, overcharging, and lack of choice
- appeals in the Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- denial of funding, cuts to plans and the NDIS budget
- vaccines and COVID-19
- DANA's upcoming Secretariat role

Our social media focus has been on topical issues which impact the wider community and sector such as the Disability Royal Commission (DRC), and COVID-19. Our reach in this space also continues to grow, with regular and active engagement through our channels.



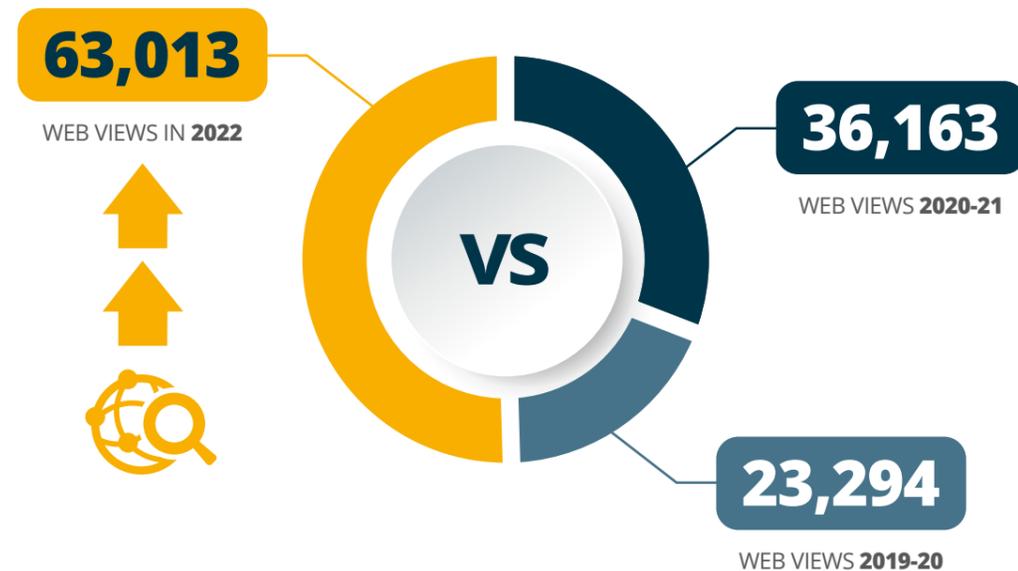


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The DANA website is regularly updated and viewed as a respected source of news for the sector with regular updates on current disability and advocacy news, DRC Resources and updates and sector job vacancies.

Website views compared to previous years

In the last year, our website was viewed 63,013 times as compared to 36,163 (2020-21) and 23,294 (2019-20) in the two previous years.



Over 2021-2022 DANA delivered 6 issues of its newsletter to the sector, providing updates on:

- the DRC
- the NDIS
- COVID-19 updates
- Resources
- submissions and consultations
- sector related events
- resources of interest to the sector
- training and webinar opportunities
- recent media articles
- state and territory specific issues
- grants and funding opportunities
- employment opportunities

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Communication & Connection

Developing and strengthening partnerships

DANA uses a variety of tools to develop and strengthen partnerships in the advocacy sector. For example, we hold monthly Advocacy Catch Ups and routinely attend and engage in regional meetings such as those held by the Northern Territory Disability Advocacy Organisations, the Combined Advocacy Groups QLD, the SA Advocacy Organisations, VICDAN and DARU and the WA Advocacy Coalition. We are also closely involved in a suite of DRC and NDIA forums (see below).

Thanks everyone for a great discussion and DANA for leading, recording and sharing our collective opinions, issues and ideas.

(participant at Advocates Discuss, 7 June 2022)

An important way that DANA helps to develop and strengthen partnerships is through building the capacity and empowering the advocacy sector. DANA actively uses its digital communication channels to identify and provide updates on relevant training, workshops, resources, and professional development opportunities for advocates and advocacy organisations.



Our DRC Advocacy and Engagement Forum brought together a wide range of prominent speakers in the disability advocacy space. The program was as follows:

SPEAKER(S)	TOPIC
Peter Morrison & Alex Ladd Disability Royal Commission	Update from the Submissions, Briefing and Narratives Team (10 minutes)
Carolyn Wilkes Department of Social Services	DSS Update - What we've learned from reporting on DRC Advocacy & Counselling (10 minutes)
Jo Sullivan Blue Knot Foundation	National Counselling and Referral Service Update (10 minutes)
Susannah O'Reilly & Oliver Moore Your Story Disability Legal Support team	Your Story and Advocates working together (including case study) - Advocates who want to submit to the DRC and how to de-identify (10 minutes)
Mali Hermans Women With Disabilities Australia	Encouraging stories about the experiences of women and girls with disability, including forced reproductive treatments (5 minutes)
Dominic Golding National Ethnic Disability Alliance	Encouraging stories about the experiences of culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse people with disability (5 minutes)
June Riemer First Peoples Disability Network	Encouraging stories about the experiences of First Nations people with disability & Training delivered by FPDN (5 minutes)
Maeve Kennedy Children and Young People with Disability Australia	Encouraging stories about the experiences of children and young people with disability (5 minutes)
Margherita Coppolino & Matthew Bowden LGBTIQ+ Health Australia	Encouraging stories about the experiences of LGBTIQ+ people with disability - DRC LGBTIQ+ Disability project (5 minutes)
Jenny Hughes & Jo Battersby Advocacy for Disability Access and Inclusion Danelle Maher-Norris Relationships SA	Networking and collaboration in South Australia (5 minutes)
Wrap up - DANA team Mary Mallett - Case Studies Project Sara Franzoni - Intake Project	Advocacy and engagement challenges - Encouraging stories from advocates (15 minutes)



Communication & Connection

A Case Study on How DANA Works

DANA's strategic goals of leading and strengthening; communicating and connecting; and promoting independent advocacy frequently intersect in practice, often with profound results. Our DRC Advocacy and Engagement Forum held in July 2021 and attended by over 130 participants is an example of this intersection.

DANA provided a clear **leadership** role in convening, structuring and determining the event's focus and themes. The forum focused on advocacy and engagement activities that support people with disabilities, their family members and supporters, to tell their stories to the DRC. The sessions were premised on constructive engagement and devising solutions to emerging issues.

The forum **strengthened** advocacy by providing a conduit to the collective wisdom of the sector, as well as hearing from others. It provided information and insights to advocates about successes regarding the DRC – in this regard, a key theme was encouraging stories about the experiences of people with disability. At the same time, the forum also discussed the challenges and how the advocacy sector might go about addressing some of the emerging gaps in reaching people with important experiences and insights to share.

The forum **communicated** and **connected** advocates and supporters, bringing together a rich tapestry of presenters – from government, the DRC, members and allies. From within the advocacy sector alone, perspectives were gleaned from First Nations, LGBTIQ+ and CALD communities, women, children and young people.

Finally, of course, the forum **promoted advocacy**. Participants in the forum were left in no doubt as to the value of advocacy, and the abiding experience and expertise of advocates in the room.



3

Promote Independent Advocacy

Champion the benefits of independent disability advocacy for people with disability and governments.

DANA seeks to champion the benefits of independent disability advocacy in all our work. This can be seen in many of the activities already covered in this report, including our work to lead, strengthen, communicate and connect.

Over the past 12 months, DANA has been involved in numerous forums, regular meetings, advisory groups and committees where it has promoted the value of independent advocacy.

For example, these forums included:

- the National Disability Strategy Reform Steering Group
- quarterly Disability Representative and Carer Organisations Forums
- quarterly Disability Discrimination Commissioner and CEOs of Disability Peak Organisations forums
- Disability Royal Commission (DRC) Support Services Meetings
- quarterly DRC and Disability Representative Organisations meetings
- DRC State and Territory Network meetings
- DRC Complaints Expert Reference Group
- monthly DRC Service meetings
- fortnightly Disability Representative Organisations meeting on DRC and other priority issues
- quarterly Your Story Disability Legal Support Advisory Group meetings
- advisory meetings on Frameworks for Supported Decision Making (pursuant to a DRC-commissioned study)

Similarly, our engagement with the NDIA encompasses regular forums on stakeholder engagement, dispute resolution and appeals, systemic advocacy, participant safety and its CALD Strategy. Likewise, we are involved in several inter-agency forums involving health, COVID-19, employment and services where a disability advocacy lens is sought.

DANA has also promoted the advocacy sector through its support of campaigns to defend the NDIS. DANA brokered in [experts on administrative law](#) and representatives of DSS to speak to advocates about the proposed changes, and their implications. The CEO often speaks to media drawing attention to overwhelming demand on advocacy organisations.

“This year in particular, the number of people coming to [disability advocacy organisation] for assistance with internal reviews or appeals with the AAT has just risen exponentially.” (Mary Mallett, CEO DANA)

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Sustainability

Build a sustainable organisation that delivers on its vision and values and supports recurrent funding of the disability advocacy sector nationally.

DANA has been focused on both building a sustainable organisation that delivers on its vision and values and one that actively supports recurrent funding of the disability advocacy sector nationally.

The news in early 2022 that we had been successful in obtaining grants for two new functions was a boon for staff, the Board and our members. The Board immediately convened two strategic planning days in Melbourne in March 2022 to discuss these new functions – first, operating as a secretariat for national systemic advocacy and second, establishing the new National Centre for Advocacy. It was also an opportunity to reflect on what it means for DANA to be operating with greater capacity.

The new functions are an exciting development for DANA and we plan to make sure that they are also initiatives that help the advocacy sector and improve the lives of people with disability.

DANA's Intake Project is just one example of DANA's work to actively support recurrent funding of the disability advocacy sector nationally. We also began preparations and consultations for a submission to the DRC on the role and value of independent advocacy. This submission will be released in the next financial year before the DRC winds up.

Staffing

Staffing changes

Early in the financial year, DANA welcomed Sara Franzoni and Anna Lienhop to work on the Intake Project, funded as part of our Disability Royal Commission work. Jeff Smith also joined in March 2022 in the newly-created role of Chief Operating Officer. A key part of this role will be to help build the foundations for DANA's expansion into the new roles, and in anticipation of growth over the next few years.

Staff training and development

DANA supports the ongoing training and development of its staff to enhance their capacity to deliver high quality services. To continue its work supporting disability advocacy organisations, staff are encouraged and supported in their professional development, benefitting DANA and the disability advocacy sector. In the last 12 months staff have participated in around 30 training activities including short courses, webinars, and professional development sessions related to their employment and activity outcomes.



Sustainability

Areas of training and development included

- disaster recovery
- intake and triage
- children and young people with disability
- mental health law
- NDIS legislation
- disability justice
- COVID-19
- inclusion in disability research
- intersectionality in public policy
- young people in aged care
- business analytics and data visualization
- remote collaboration in Microsoft Teams
- future of work for NFPs
- 2021 trends shaping the Nonprofit sector





Meet the team



DANA

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Our Board



Serena Ovens
Chairperson
(CEO Physical Disability Council of NSW)



Deborah Wilson
Deputy Chairperson
(CEO Independent Advocacy
in the Tropics, QLD)



Geoff Southwell
Treasurer
(CEO Leadership Plus, VIC)



Fiona Campbell
Director
(Manager, Independent Advocacy SA)



Terri-Ann Dwyer
Director
(Manager, Social Justice Services
TASC National, QLD)



Jenny Hughes
Director
(CEO Advocacy for Disability Access
and Inclusion Inc, SA)



WENDY PROWSE
Director
(CEO, ADACAS, ACT)



Adrian Terranova
Minutes Secretary (retired 12 February 2022)
(CEO Gippsland Disability Advocacy Inc, VIC)

Our Staff



Mary Mallett
Chief Executive Officer



Jeff Smith
Chief Operating Officer
(from March 2022)



Siobhan Clair
Policy Officer,
Disability Royal Commission



Sara Franzoni
Projects Officer,
Disability Royal Commission



Anna Lienhop
Projects Officer/Project Coordinator,
Disability Royal Commission
(from October 2021)



Tracey White
Administration Officer



Financial Report 2022

Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2022

	NOTE	2022	2021
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS		\$	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	3	750,572	957,679
Trade and other receivables	4	143	15,052
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		750,715	972,731
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	5	8,332	-
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		8,332	-
TOTAL ASSETS		759,047	972,731
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade and other payables	6	22,694	84,289
Other current liabilities	7	220,296	534,160
Employee provisions	8	26,488	18,720
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		269,478	737,169
TOTAL LIABILITIES		269,478	737,169
NET ASSETS		489,568	125,989
EQUITY			
Retained earnings		489,569	335,562
TOTAL EQUITY		489,569	335,562



Note the above data is an excerpt from the 2022 Financial Statement only.

For full audited financial statements [click here](#)



Independent Auditors Report

Independent Audit Report to the members of Disability Advocacy Network Australia Limited

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

I have audited the financial report of Disability Advocacy Network Australia Limited (the "Company"), which comprises the statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, the statement of changes in equity and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the directors' declaration.

In my opinion, the financial report of the company is in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012, including:

- (i) Giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2022 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (ii) Complying with Australian Accounting Standards – Reduced Disclosure Requirements and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Basis for Opinion

I have conducted my 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. I am independent of the Company in accordance with the auditor independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012 and 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 my audit of the financial report in Australia. I have also fulfilled my other responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

I confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, the Australian Charities and Not for Profits Commission Act 2012 which has been given to the directors of the company, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

I believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Director's report for the year ended 30 June 2022 but does not include the financial report and my auditor's report thereon.

My opinion on the financial report does not cover the other information and accordingly I do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial report, my responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial report, or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

Responsibilities of Directors for the Financial Report

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, management is responsible for assessing the registered entity'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 management either intends to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

My 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 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 the financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I 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 registered entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management'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 registered entity'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 registered entity 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.

I communicate with responsible entities 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 my audit.

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