ANNUAL REPORT

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Integrated disAbility Action Inc (IdA)

A voice and support network for people with a disability

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Our Mission

To help empower people with disability, to improve the quality of their own lives and to look at and improve the professionalism of the disability sector.

Our Vision

With a strong united voice people with disability will see significant improvements in facilities and services. This will enable them to achieve equality of life in the community and society in general.

Section 1	An Overview of Integrated disAbility Action Inc (IDA)

About Us

Integrated disAbility Action Inc (IdA) was formed in 1996 as the Northern Territory (NT) Peak Consumer Organisation for Territorians with disability. IdA actively supports and represents the views of people with disability and those of their family members, carers and guardians (paid and unpaid).

IdA's aim is:

- through consultation with relevant stakeholders, to identify issues of interest for people with disability, their family members, carers and guardians
- to campaign for positive change on identified issues of interest, which may be specific to an individual and / or systemic in nature
- to distribute information and promote public awareness of issues that impact people with disability through the development and publishing of resources for members and the broader community
- to ensure that the views and opinions of people with disability, their family members, carers and guardians are represented on government and non-government organisations committees and boards, particularly those where decisions and policy directions are set that impact the lives of the person with disability and those of their family members, carers and guardians.

IdA is funded through a small grant from the Department of Health which is supplemented through individual, family and organisation memberships and donations. We are also supported by our Patron His Honour, the Honourable John Hardy AO Administrator of the Northern Territory

IdA representatives work with all levels of government and service providers across the Northern Territory in the development, promotion and review of numerous policies and programs related to the sector.

IdA hosts members meetings as required, where guest speakers are invited to present on and

discuss issues of interest and share information. The meetings also provide an opportunity to develop support networks and socialise. Relevant information is also regularly distributed via our weekly e-bulletin, where we also welcome contributions from our members.

IdA firmly believes that it is only through our membership that we are able to gather the information needed to present a confident and coherent message to all levels of government. So we ask, if you are a person with disability, a family member, carer or guardian or are interested in the issues that impact people with disability that you become a member.

Our People

Patron

Her Honour the Hon Vicki O Halloran AM Administrator of the Northern Territory

Management Committee

Name	Position	Dates acted
Sue Shearer	Chair	2015 - 2017
Noel Land	Treasurer/Vice Chair/Public Officer	2015 - Present
Vanessa Harris	Secretary	2017 - Present
Michael Burge	Committee Member	2017 - Present
Jenny Upton	Committee Member	2017 - Present
Stephanie Ransome	Committee Member	2017 - Present
Angela Teasdale	Committee Member	2016 - Present

Employees

Name	Position	Dates acted
Sara Braines-Mead	Executive Officer	2011 - Present
Belinda Mawbey	Project Officer	2016 - 2017
Roma Hill	Admin Officer	2018 - Present

Honorary Life Members

Name	Year
Joyce Deering	2014
Robyne Burridge	2016

Recognised Volunteers

Name	Position
Cara Richardson	IdA Member
Izzy Dak	IdA Member

Our Supporters

Corporate Sponsors

Anglicare NT Ltd
Anti-Discrimination Commission
Carpentaria Carers NT
Carers NT
Catholic Care NT
City of Darwin
COTA
Crest NT Pty Ltd
Darwin Community Legal Service: Aged & DisAbility Rights Team
Dept of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics
Darwin Skills Development Scheme
Forrest Parade School
Golden Glow Nursing

Henbury School
HPA Inc
Keep Moving
Life Without Barriers
Helen and Frank Lo Castro
MJD Foundation
New Age Mobility
NT Friendship & Support Inc
NT Legal Aid Commission
Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition Inc
People with Disability Australia
Somerville Community Services
Step Out
TCASS
Venture Housing Company Ltd
Youthworx NT

Section 2 Governance

Structure & Management

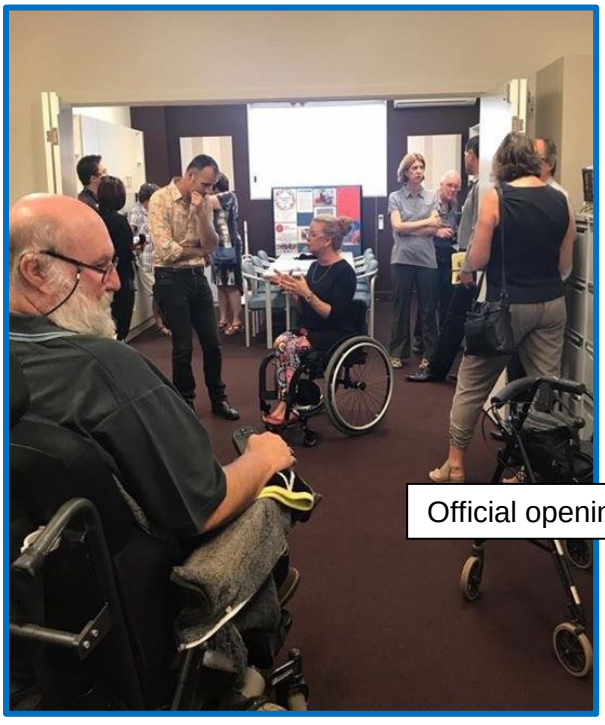
Integrated disAbility Action Inc is registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

ABN 75 183 351 648

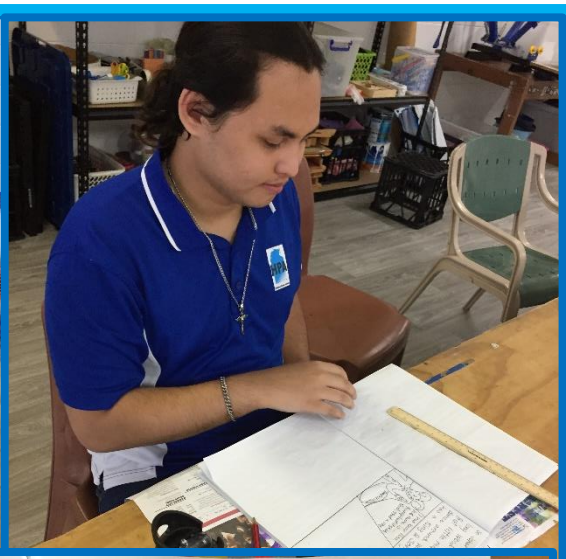
Integrated disAbility Action Inc (IdA) ceased to be registered for GST purposes from 1 February 2017.

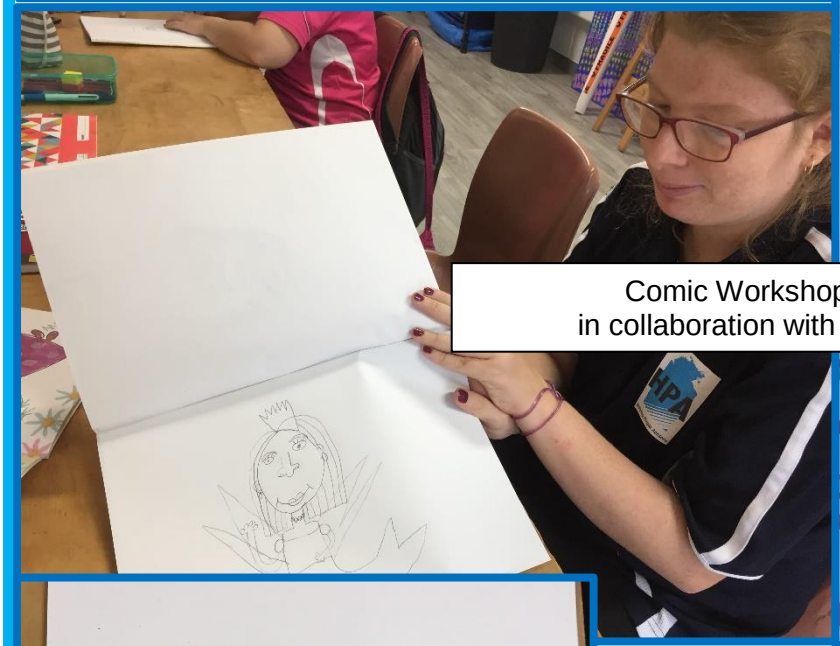
International Day of People with Disability 2017

Celebrating IdA 21st Birthday

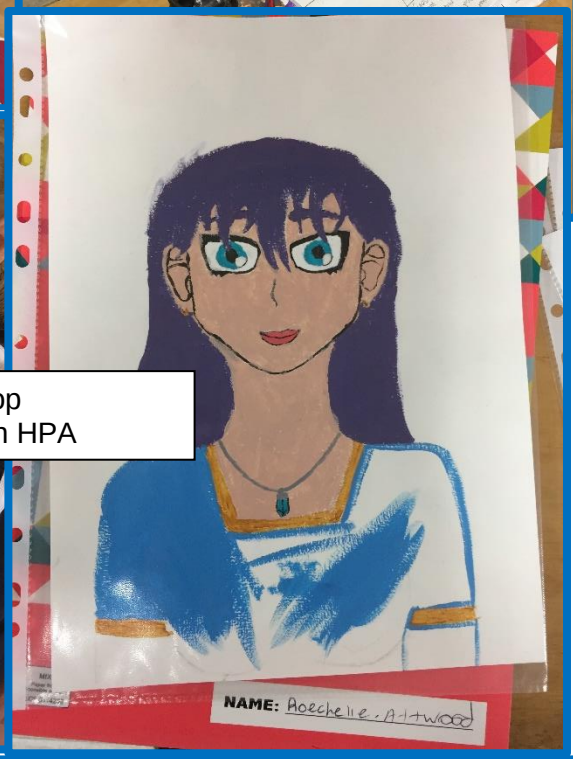


Official opening of IdA renovations





Comic Workshop
in collaboration with HPA



Chair's Report

I am pleased to present my Annual Report as Vice Chair on the activities of the Management Committee and Members of Integrated disAbility Action Inc. (IdA) from 1st February 2017 to 31st January 2018.

It was certainly a very busy time for IdA with the extra funding received we were able to have the office manned five days a week and the Project officer was able to provide assistance to the Executive Officer.

Unfortunately, towards the end of the period IdA's Project Officer resigned to take up a position as Executive Officer with the Australian Association of Social Workers. Difficulties associated with immediately recruiting a suitable person to the position resulted in a review of the position through funding assistance provided from a DBTI NDIS Readiness grant.

In the absence of the additional staff member the Executive Officer (Sara Braines-Mead), IdA life member (Robyne Burridge) and IdA Committee members and volunteers undertook work in pursuing systemic change through proactive work associated with attendance at meetings and actively engaging in related events for the remainder of the 2017 calendar year.

We were also sad to lose our Chair Sue Shearer during this period however our hardworking Management Committee have continued to meet monthly and members of the committee are involved in regular interviews in local media to discuss issues of concern to our members. They have also attended numerous functions and events representing IdA.

In April we held our AGM. This was very well attended and many new members joined on the day. Also during April as part of Youth Week we held a cartooning workshop. In May we held a reception to celebrate our 21st birthday celebrations at Government House hosted by our then patron Hon John Hardy AO Administrator of the Northern Territory. Following this, in June we held an official opening of our newly renovated office opened by Hon Natasha Fyles MLA. These renovations were made possible through an immediate works grant from the NT Government. Once again during Seniors Month in August we hosted our popular Know Your Rights Forum. Corporate members and organisations within the sector presented and gave information and advice to IdA members and the general public. Organisations represented included Anglicare, Carers NT, Anti-Discrimination Commission, Darwin Community Legal Services and NT Consumer Affairs. A number of new members also joined up on the day. In November we held a public consultation in conjunction with NDS and the Anti Discrimination

Commission at NDS regarding proposed reforms to the Anti Discrimination Act.

Towards the end of the year, in December we held a morning tea at the IdA office to celebrate International Day of People with Disability. We were pleased to have our new Patron Her Honour the Honourable Vicki O Halloran AM Administrator of the Northern Territory and Hon Natasha Fyles MLA Minister for Health attend this function. Throughout the year we also held coffee mornings for IdA members at Casuarina Shopping Centre.

We have also attended various NDIA Information forums, NDS - NT consultations/meetings and a NDIA Support Co-ordinator Workshop.

IdA is also a member of the following :

- Department of Transport 'Ride-Sharing' Committee
- RDH Accessible Parking Group
- NDS-NT Zero Tolerance Working Group
- NDS
- NT Mental Health Coalition

IdA met with the Anti Discrimination Commission and Department of Planning, Infrastructure and Logistics with a view to establishing a working group together with the taxi industry to regulate complaints from IdA members regarding taxis. From this a complaints number was established for members to call and register complaints regarding unsatisfactory service from taxi drivers and taxi companies.

Our advice has also been sought on the case of the Multi-Storey Carpark currently under construction at RDH.

IdA has collaborated with a number of organisations to ensure that it is fully aware of all issues that impact on people with disability, their families and carers. This interaction ensures that IdA is able to strategically prioritise issues for immediate action.

Due to the cessation of tenure of Patron John Hardy AO, towards the end of the year we welcomed our new patron her Honour the Honourable Vicki O Halloran AM Administrator of the Northern Territory.

For the first time, we were a sponsor at the Disability Service Awards and will be looking at a similar venture this year. We believe that this is an excellent way to raise the profile of IdA.

We have been fortunate to secure a temporary casual part time Administration Office to provide assistance to the Executive Officer.

Looking to the future

With two further grants applied through the NDIS business readiness Progam we intend to appoint a consultant to come in and review our Marketing and Digital solutions allowing us to updating our website to make it more interactive whilst also raising our social media profile. We will also appoint a Consultant to carry out a financial feasibility review, which also includes review and development of a strategic plan and marketing policies.

As Vice Chair I firmly believe that the next 12 months although no doubt challenging with the roll out of the NDIS on 1 July, will be a time of immense growth for IdA.

With increasing ongoing funding it is hoped that IdA will continue to go from strength to strength working closely with the Department and NDIA to assist participants in finding out information on the NDIS as the scheme is rolled out, whilst at the same time raising IdA's profile and increasing membership.

Acknowledgments & Thank You

Unfortunately my three year tenure with the IdA committee is up and I shall be resigning however will still be an active member and wish the new Chair and Treasurer every success.

I would like to thank Sue Shearer for the work she did while Chair of IdA and also
I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the members of the Management Committee for their contributions throughout the year to ensure that IdA

continues to grow and develop. It is important to remember that all work done by
the Committee is in a voluntary capacity and is in addition to their roles in other organisations

I also wish to place on record my thanks to our Executive Officer Sara Braines-Mead for her sustained commitment to IdA and its members. I know that the incoming committee will also appreciate her attention to detail.

Section 3 Our Finances

In closing I acknowledge our strong relationship and the funding provided by the NT Office of Disability. Ida looks forward to this continuing into the future.

Financial Statements and Auditor's Report can be viewed at the AGM or upon request.

Noel Land
Vice Chair

Treasurer's Report

During the last year we have been in a position to set aside some surplus funds. In the main this was due to the time delay in appointing a suitable replacement for our project officer position. The three year funding period for this $100,000 per annum advocacy grant comes up for renewal in July 2019 and we have every reason to be optimistic that this grant will be continued into the future; especially with the NDIS rollout into the Darwin urban areas from July this year.

For many years we have received about $30,000 per annum as a Peak Body grant to run our office. As the Executive Officer's role has grown and our costs go up, it is vital to submit an application to NT Health to increase this grant substantially.

Finally, I have enjoyed the last three years as your Treasurer. I have learned a lot, particularly about NDIS and associated intricacies. I wish IdA all the best for the future.

NOEL LAND
Treasurer

Section 4 **Other Important Information**

How Can You Help

Become a member

Membership Fees:

Individual $15 Family $20 Concession Card Holder $10 Corporate $100

Contact the office or download a membership form through our website.

E: office@idainc.org.au P: 08 8948 5400

W: www.idainc.org.au

Volunteer your time

Contact Sara office@idainc.org.au or ph: 08 8948 5400 to see how you can help.

Make a donation

Bank details are on our membership form or contact the office for more information 08 8948 5400

Support an event or fundraising activity

Subscribe to our e.bulletin to see what events are coming up and how you can help.

Other ways you can help our cause

Promote IdA wherever you go! If you become aware of any issues you think we should know about let us know either through email or phone or drop in to the office Tuesdays to Thursdays between 9am and 2pm or Mondays and Fridays by appointment.

Contact Us

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