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List of Acronyms

AAT	Administrative Appeals Tribunal
AFDO	Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
AGM	Annual General Meeting
AWA	Advocacy WA
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
COVID-19	Corona Virus 2019
DoC	Department of Communities
DRC	Disability Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability
DSP	Disability Support Pension
DSS	Department of Social Services
EPP	Economic Participation Project
ILC	Information, Linkages, and Capacity Building
NDS	National Disability Services
NDIA	National Disability Insurance Agency
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme
PWdWA	People With disabilities WA
SAT	State Administrative Tribunal
SSCLS	Sussex Street Community Law Services
Strategy	A Western Australia for Everyone: State Disability Strategy 2020-2030
WA	Western Australia
YDAN	Youth Disability Advocacy Network

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About Our **Organisation**

Our **Vision**

People with disabilities are empowered in an inclusive society that values human rights.

Our **Mission**

Individual and systemic advocacy led by people with disabilities in Western Australia.

Our **Values**

Inclusive

We recognise the right to equal access and opportunity with dignity and empathy.

Integrity

We do what is right.

Courage

We are unafraid to show strength and unity in advocating for the rights of people with disabilities, creativity, and perseverance in pursuing our goals.



Chair Report

As I reflect on the achievements of People With disabilities WA (PWdWA), I am filled with pride in what the organisation has achieved.

I am grateful for the dedication of all staff and volunteers that have committed themselves to PWdWA, and this is reflected in the continual positive feedback from the community, our members and clients.

This year has been positive and productive for the organisation, with the notable highlights being:

- PWdWA as the lead partner in a consortium with other agencies, secured individual advocacy funding from the State Disability Advocacy Program for three years from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025.
- The organisation has secured funding for the National Disability Advocacy Program, and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Appeals Program, from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2025 from the Department of Social Services (DSS) to fund our advocacy.
- A year-on-year increase in individual advocacy delivery with a significant increase in assistance to people with issues under the backdrop of challenging staffing shortages. It is commendable that our current staff, under the leadership of Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Brendan Cullinan, have ensured the need for people seeking PWdWA assistance is being met.
- PWdWA continued to lead and work collaboratively with the advocacy sector and consult with our members for systemic submissions and has contributed to a range of submissions and projects including:
 - o the Disability Royal Commission - The impact of and responses to the Omicron wave of the Corona Virus 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic for People with Disability;
 - o the Joint Standing Committee on the NDIS - Inquiry into Current Scheme Implementation and Forecasting for the NDIS;
 - o the review of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984 (Western Australia (WA));
 - o the proposed NDIS legislative improvements and the Participant Service Guarantee;
 - o the submission to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) - Consultation Paper – Supporting you to make your own decisions (NDIS); and
 - o provide feedback on the State Commissioning Strategy for Community Services.
- Successfully commenced the implementation of the joint Economic Participation Project (EPP), which will provide 60 young people with disability casual employment and training to undertake audits with small businesses aimed at building their capacity and confidence to be more welcoming, confident, and accessible.



Tom Monks

Our success is due entirely to the dedication and commitment of our people, who worked tirelessly to ensure the rights and voices of our members and clients are being heard.

With a strong organisational foundation, PWdWA continues to work through the challenges arising out of the State Disability Advocacy Program and the National Disability Advocacy Program not providing any significant increase in funding to match the increasing advocacy need, particularly given that there has been a 158% increase in demand for NDIS Appeals assistance from the previous year.

Further challenges that we continue to face are in relation to the recruitment and retention of suitable staff. However, this challenge is being experienced across the sector with the tight employment market and limited pool of experienced personnel.

I would like to thank the current PWdWA Board for their time, passion and dedication throughout this year. I am grateful to have a strong and professional Board that robustly contributes to PWdWA and their assistance to me in my first year as the Chair of this organisation. Lastly, I would like to thank Brendan Cullinan for the work he has put into PWdWA and his commitment to our organisation.

Tom Monks
Chair



PWdWA 40th
Anniversary
Panel, 2021

Chief Executive Officer Report

The 2021-2022 year started with the lingering impact of COVID-19 affecting all people's lives across WA and our services.

Our staff worked under flexible working arrangements which allowed us to continue with our advocacy, although face-to-face contact was limited. Some of our project activities were also impacted, however online portals still allowed the delivery of a range of workshops.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all our Team for their tireless commitment and professionalism under difficult and challenging circumstances.

PWdWA was successful with our tender submissions for ongoing advocacy funding from both Federal and State governments. With our State government funding, we look forward to working with our consortium partners, Advocacy WA (AWA), Sussex Street Community Law Services (SSCLS), and Albany Community Legal Centre, to deliver individual advocacy in targeted regions.

As it will be shown later in this report, the demand for advocacy continues to increase with nearly 800 individuals with over 1,000 issues supported this year. The main area of concern was in NDIS Appeals, with an increase of 158% on the previous year. PWdWA welcomes the concerns expressed by the new Minister for the NDIS, Hon. Bill Shorten MP, on the significant legal costs, advocacy time, and trauma on people with disability who must endure the appeals process and we look forward to working with him to develop solutions.

The Federal Labor government was elected on a platform that included a plan to fix the NDIS. PWdWA, with the national disability sector, will be closely monitoring the implementation of the plan and ensuring the Labor government is held accountable in achieving its outcomes.

PWdWA continued to work on systemic issues with the completion of a number of submissions on a range of topics which are detailed later in this report. PWdWA representation continued with several working groups, including the State government's Single-Use Plastics Working Group that ensured exemptions for the availability of single-use plastic straws for people with disability were included in the revised regulations.

Later in the report we will detail our ongoing work and successes with our members and the broader community with the delivery of a range of projects aimed at building individual, organisational and community capacity.

The Office of Disability within the Department of Communities (DoC), under the guidance of Executive Director Marion Hailes-MacDonald and her Team, continue to support PWdWA with our advocacy, and I acknowledge and thank Marion for this support. I also acknowledge and thank the DSS for its ongoing support and funding.

The PWdWA Board welcomed new members following the 2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and duly elected at its first meeting our new Chair, Tom Monks. Tom has provided great support and leadership to myself and the Board, and I wish to acknowledge and thank Tom, particularly considering he is also running his own busy law practice. I would also like to thank and acknowledge all our voluntary Board members for their support and guidance, specifically Yhana Lucas who has undertaken a number of additional tasks in her role as the Secretary and now Treasurer. We had two Board members leave during the year for personal reasons and I would like to thank Lara Moore, and Simon Glossop who during his time as Treasurer provided great support with our transition to new financial services and modelling.

The year ahead will continue to provide many challenges for PWdWA. While we have secured our advocacy funding for the next three years, the adequacy of this funding in an environment with increasing demand will be challenging. The impact of the current tight and thin labour market will

also be challenging as we seek to ensure that our current quality staff are retained, and we are able to recruit new staff to a supportive and welcoming work environment.

The Board and Staff are committed to ensure that we achieve our vision where people with disabilities are empowered in an inclusive society that values human rights, and we look forward to meeting the challenges ahead.

Brendan Cullinan CEO

Brendan Cullinan (CEO)



Our Board



Tom Monks
Chair



Janine Neu
Board Member



Nihal Iscel
Vice Chair



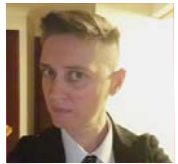
Shazzy Tharby
Board Member



Yhana Lucas
Secretary, Treasurer
from May



Tom Oliver
Board Member



Kat Johns
Board Member,
Secretary from May



Simon Glossop
Treasurer, resigned May



Danielle Loizou-Lake
Board Member



Lara Moore
Board Member,
resigned May



Georgina Hook
Board Member

Our Team

Brendan Cullinan
Chief Executive Officer

Brianna Lee
Systemic Advocacy
Projects Manager

Lisa Hook
Individual Advocacy
Service Manager

Michele Frost
Senior Individual Advocate

Dr Amber Arazi
Member Engagement
Project Officer (to July
2021)

Andrew Fairbairn
Project Officer – Individual
Capacity Building (to
December 2021)

Chris Chambers
Community Disability
Advocate

Claire McCormick
Individual Advocate

Elisha Johnson
Individual Advocate

Felix Palmer
Project Officer -
Economic Participation
(to May 2022)

Glenda Bye
Individual Advocate

Idil Sudi
Individual Advocate

Isabella Choate
Project Officer -
Economic Participation
(from May 2022)

James Cresswell
Individual Advocate
(to August 2021)

Julie Bloomfield
Individual Advocate

Kerry Kessner
Individual Advocate

Leia Robinson
Individual Advocate

Mark Hutson
Regional Outreach Advocate

Melissa Higgins
Project Officer – Individual
Capacity Building (from
October 2021)

Neisha Walker
Individual Advocate
(to July 2021)

Oliver Offer
Disability Royal
Commission Advocate

Renata Krollig
Administration Officer

Sharon Stanton
Self-Advocacy WA
Coordinator
(from October 2021)

Suresh Rajan
Project Officer - State
Disability Strategy
(to December 2021)

Tahnee Gilmour
Project Officer - Individual
Capacity Building
(to August 2021)

Vanessa Jessett
Organisational Development
and Communications Officer

Vanessa Krollig
Data Entry Clerk (casual)



PWdWA Team, PWdWA AGM 2021

Our Achievements

Provided submissions on a range of topics including NDIS, Equal Opportunity, Supported Decision Making, COVID-19, and Guardianship and Administration



Provided high quality advocacy for nearly 800 people across WA with over 1,000 issues



Provided individual advocacy for people to make submissions to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability



Increased our **social media following** on Facebook by 16%



Worked on a **range of collaborative projects** including building tenancy skills, independent support person, METRONET and ban on single-use plastics



Delivered 39 Community Forums in metropolitan and regional areas building community awareness of the Western Australian State Government's Disability Strategy 2020-2030



Delivered online and face-to-face sessions on NDIS Planning, Discriminations Complaints, Disability Support Pensions and Self-Advocacy

Secured Federal and State funding for advocacy for the next three years



Finalist for the Richard (Dick) Fletcher Award at the 2022 Consumer Protection Awards, acknowledging PWdWA's significant contribution towards the advancement of consumer protection in WA



Continued growth and engagement with our members



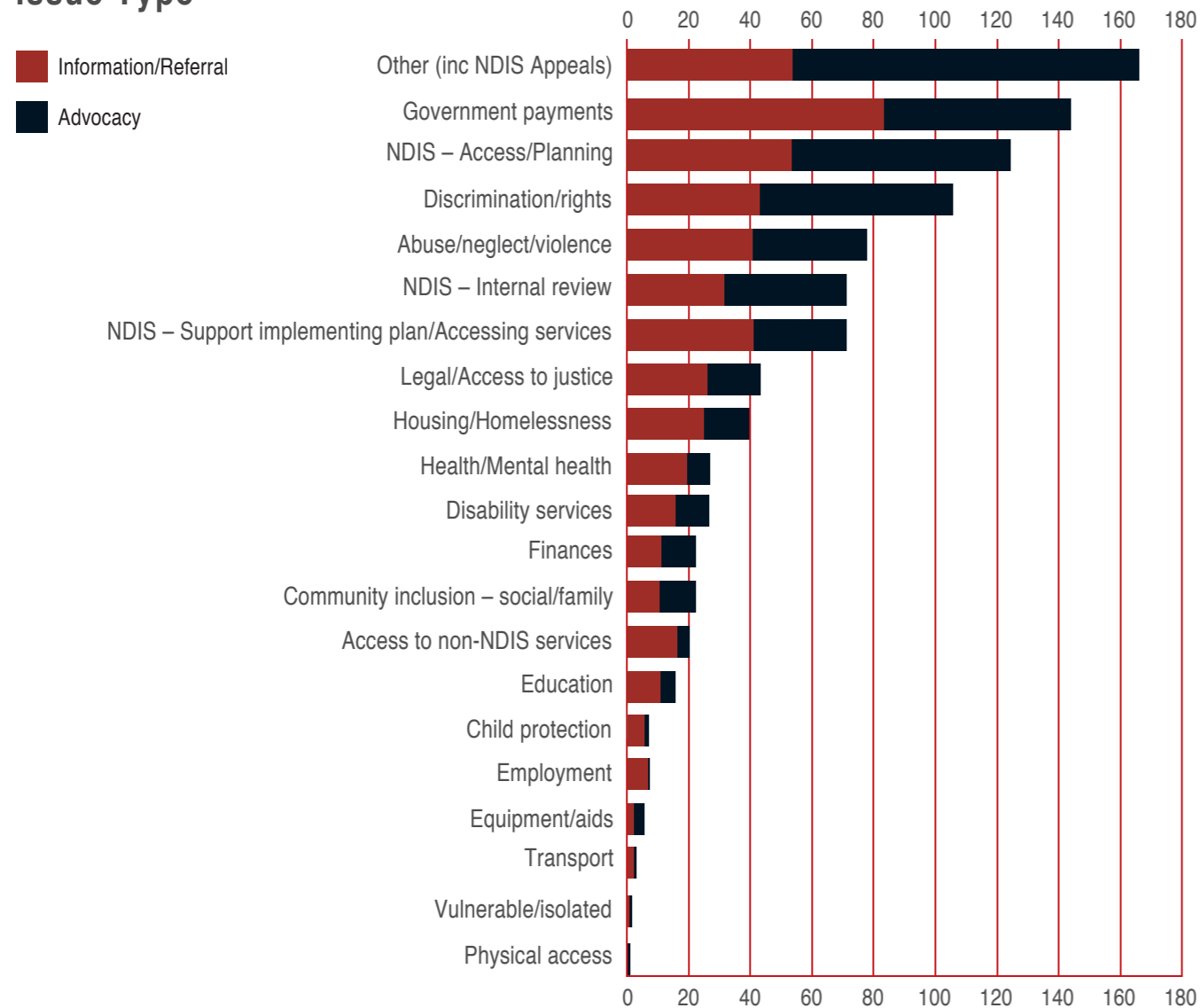
Individual Advocacy

PWdWA provides independent non-legal advocacy that is issue based and client directed to people with disability.

Our service comprises individual advocacy that includes once off information and advice appointments, and support for people through the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT), and State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) processes. PWdWA has a range of advocacy resources available on our website that are free to access.

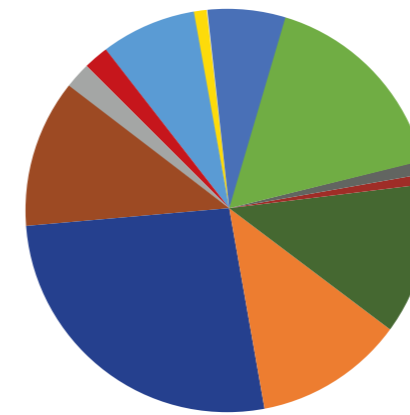
Over the past year PWdWA Advocates have provided information advocacy to nearly 800 people with over 1,000 issues. The largest requirement for advocacy has been NDIS issues including AAT Appeals at 432 issues, followed by government payments at 146 issues.

Issue Type



PWdWA continued to work collaboratively as the lead agency in a consortium with AWA, and Individual Disability Advocacy Service under SSCLS.

The growing demand for advocacy state-wide continues to stretch the capacity of advocacy agencies including PWdWA. PWdWA implemented a waitlist with a triaging process to allocate cases according to urgency of the issue and advocacy capacity, or on-refer cases to other agencies if they have capacity.



Disability Type

Disability Type	Count	Percentage
Physical Disability	203	25%
Psychiatric Disability	134	17%
Autism	129	16%
Neurological Disability	96	12%
Intellectual Disability	74	9%
Not Stated	61	8%
Acquired Brain Injury	46	6%
Developmental Delay	15	2%
Hearing Impairment	13	2%
Sensory and Speech	11	1%
Vision Impairment	9	1%
Specific Learning/ADHD	7	1%

The Disability Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability (DRC)

The DRC Advocacy Team has continued with the ongoing responsibility of delivering individual advocacy, coordinating education sessions, and organising and providing community outreach and information sessions to ensure people are aware of the DRC and to provide support to engage with the DRC. PWdWA welcomed the change in private submission legislation which will provide protection for people with disability to share their story.

Over the last year our DRC Advocates have:

- Supported 75 individuals to engage with the DRC.
- Conducted outreach support to several organisations to raise awareness and direct people to make submissions independently.
- Conducted surveys of our members and developed several responses to various issues papers.
- Developed online information sessions available to members and the public, to provide information about the DRC.
- Supported the DRC Community Outreach teams as they engaged with people in WA.
- Developed a Regional Roadshow that visited 15 towns throughout the Wheatbelt, Mid West and Great Southern regions of WA. This was done in collaboration with Explorability and the Your Story Disability Legal Service.
- Engaged with media to share information about the DRC.
- Contributed to a submission about Guardianship and Administration and the impacts of these processes on people with disability.
- Continued to support a community of practice for DRC-funded services via the WA DRC Support network.

DRC Rural Roadshow, Geraldton



Individual Advocacy in Action

Case Studies

State Administrative Tribunal (SAT)

A person with a psycho-social disability and experience of significant trauma sought advocacy to have their Guardianship and Administration orders revoked. They had previously tried to have the orders removed on two occasions without advocacy. However, the orders were not removed, and further decision-making restrictions were included due to the frustrated response by the person at the SAT hearing.

The SAT Advocate worked with them to establish a rapport and an action plan of how the person could demonstrate there was no longer a need for orders. They were linked to community services such as financial counselling, and trauma-informed counselling.

The SAT Advocate arranged for the SAT hearing to be relisted to allow the individual sufficient time to prepare for the hearing and provided the individual with an explanation on how the SAT process works, and what information the Member requires to make their decision. This resulted in the individual being able to make informed decisions. They were assisted to write a personal statement to the Member explaining how the process and lack of self-determination made them feel. It also demonstrated their initiative in seeking support and identified that they knew who may be able to assist them; for example, PWdWA and their support coordinator.

Over six months, three hearings were held. The Guardianship Order was revoked at the first hearing, and after an adjournment at the second hearing the individual gained responsibility for their Disability Support Pension (DSP) income through a limited Administration. The person regained decision-making for their savings at the final hearing.

Information and Advice

A person contacted PWdWA to discuss an application for the DSP as their previous application was declined. They were offered an information and advice appointment to discuss their application further. The Advocate sent a letter outlining the documentation required before the appointment could take place. The Advocate then had time to prepare and ensure the information they provided was accurate, up to date, and specific to the individual's case. Included in the package was the Individual Advocacy Handbook that outlines PWdWA's limitations and actions advocates can complete in providing advocacy.

The Advocate and the individual revised the application form and decided what evidence was needed to provide to Centrelink to increase the possibility of access to the DSP. The person then gathered the required information and doctors' support letters which the Advocate reviewed. The individual resubmitted their application for the DSP.

The individual, after receiving information and advice from PWdWA, was able to self-advocate

to achieve their desired outcomes. PWdWA received notification that the individual's DSP application had been accepted.

NDIS Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) Appeal

A young child's parent contacted PWdWA for advocacy through the AAT Appeals process. The child has challenging behaviours that put the family under strain. Their child's NDIS plan had been halved. The value was the same but over two years and not one year, as had been previously approved. The reduction in the plan funding meant that the child was not able to continue some services such as speech pathology and physiotherapy. The family requested out of home respite that was also rejected by the NDIS.

Initially, the Advocate spent time learning about the child and their behaviours and the impact these had on the parents and other children. The Advocate provided advice about what to do before submitting the application to the AAT, including what evidence would be required and how to go about providing this information. They also engaged with all stakeholders including the NDIS lawyers, support coordination and informal supports, with the consent of the individual. The Advocate attended several case conferences and followed up the outcomes requested by the NDIS.

PWdWA successfully assisted the family over a nine-month period to have the new plan approved to the original funding amount.

Disability Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability (DRC)

A person contacted PWdWA and spoke to the Duty Advocate about putting in a submission to the DRC regarding their treatment in a care facility. They alleged they had been abused and excluded from facility events by some staff.

The PWdWA Advocate provided information about the DRC submission process and talked about what the individual's options were. The Advocate provided the individual with the opportunity to discuss the information for their submission over four sessions. At each meeting, the individual was able to provide further information that was added to the submission. A draft was sent to the individual for them to review and make corrections, and revised drafts were sent to the individual until they felt their story had been told correctly.

The Advocate provided the individual with names and contact details for Blue Knot Foundation, who provide counselling specific to DRC participants. The Advocate explained that counselling is optional and will not impact their submission.

The individual lodged the submission themselves.



Systemic Advocacy

During 2021-2022, PWdWA's systemic advocacy involved action in the following areas:

-  **NDIS**
-  **Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation**
-  **Access and Inclusion**
-  **Social Security**
-  **Justice**
-  **COVID-19**
-  **Supported Decision Making**
-  **National Disability Advocacy Framework**
-  **Transport**
-  **Housing**
-  **Environment**

PWdWA receives funding for systemic advocacy via the National Disability Advocacy Program. Our continued strong relationships with government, the disability sector, and the NDIA enable us to proactively raise systemic issues and influence longer-term change. We continue to be invited to meetings, sit on advisory committees and reference groups, and work on collaborative projects, acknowledging our role as a lead member-based disability organisation in WA.

Some of the key areas we have worked in over the last 12 months include:

- Authorisation of Restrictive Practices
- Minimum Accessibility Standards in the National Construction Code
- National Strategy on Violence Against Women and Children
- State Commissioning Strategy
- Religious Discrimination Bill
- Hospital to Home Project
- Bilateral Agreement
- Disability Transport Standards
- National Disability Advocacy Framework
- Disability Support for Older Australians Age Discrimination

The collaborative projects and working groups we have been involved with include:

- Single-Use Plastics Working Group
- Building Tenancy Skills Project (collaboration with Shelter WA)
- Independent Support Person Project (collaboration with Kin Disability Advocacy)
- State Disability COVID-19 Taskforce

- NDIS Commission Disability Sector Consultation Committee
- METRONET
- WA Coalition of Disability Advocacy Organisations
- Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
- Disability Advocacy Network Australia
- WA Council of Social Services
- Disability Health Network
- Companion Card and Australian Council for Rehabilitation of Disabled (ACROD) Parking Program

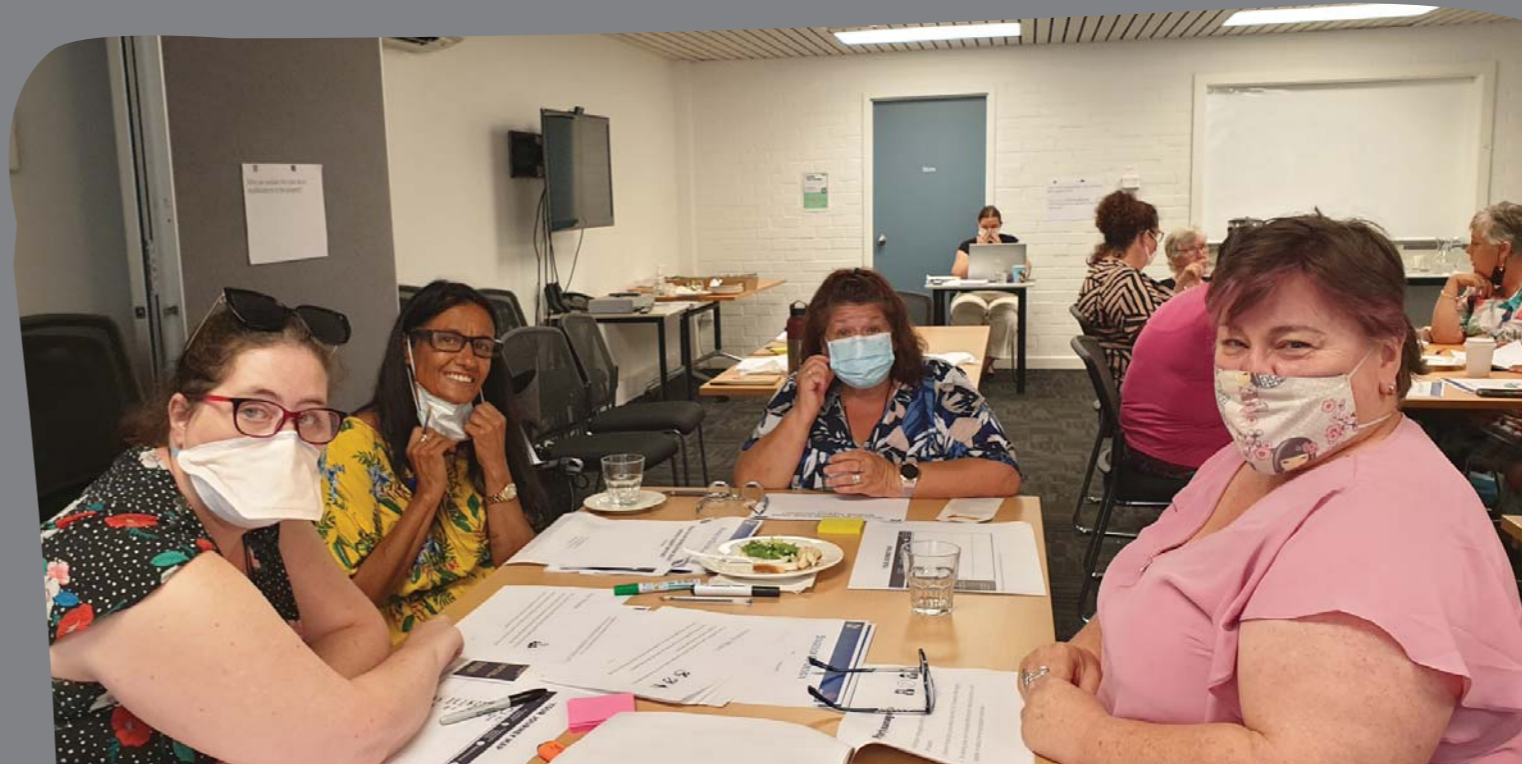
We have also responded to consultations and enquiries through submissions including:

- Impact of and responses to the Omicron wave of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Equal Opportunity Act
- Disability Access and Inclusion Plans
- NDIS Legislative Improvements and Participant Service Guarantee
- Disability Support Pension

- Supported Decision Making
- Guardianship and Administration

Our systemic work is informed by the WA community, both through the trends and case studies seen in our individual advocacy work, and direct community engagement including community forums and surveys. We take a collaborative approach to all our systemic work, seeking opportunities to partner with other organisations to strengthen our responses. We wish to particularly acknowledge WA Individualised Services and the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) with whom we have collaborated on several submissions over the last 12 months. All our submissions are available to be viewed on our website.

Building Tenancy Skills Project – Co-design workshop with Shelter WA & PWdWA



Projects

PWdWA delivers a range of community-based projects that support one of our strategic priorities to **Empower people with disabilities and communities**. The projects range from informing and empowering people with disabilities on a range of issues, working with small to medium businesses to improve accessibility and employment

opportunities for young people with disability, and mobilising communities to identify and take action to remove barriers experienced by people with disabilities in their community.

The projects are funded by the DoC, and via the Information, Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) grants from the DSS.

Community Disability Advocacy Project

Funder: DoC
Partners: AWA

PWdWA and AWA are supporting communities to come together to solve local issues impacting people with disabilities. We are working alongside community members and groups to develop a Community Disability Advocacy Network in their local community. This network will meet to collaborate with local people with disabilities to help find solutions to local issues they face. Issues range from access and inclusion, local education and employment, to discrimination and developing community connection.

Throughout this year, the project successfully completed a co-design process, recruiting 24 co-designers from around 130 expressions of interest. The group consisted of a broad cross-section of the community, including people with disabilities, family members, and carers working alongside and representing community, local governments, businesses, and providers. The co-design was invaluable in designing a model

for how the project will engage and support local networks.

The project is engaging with multiple communities in conversation about what needs to change. Over the next 12 months, the project will continue to focus on establishing 12 Community Disability Advocacy Networks in the Perth Metropolitan, Wheatbelt, Peel, Southwest, Great Southern, Goldfields, and Mid West regions of WA.



Economic Participation Project (EPP)

Funder: ILC Grant
Partners: AWA and Youth Disability Advocacy Network (YDAN)

The EPP is a collaborative project between PWdWA, YDAN and AWA. Following on from the Diversity Field Officer Project developed by Deakin University, this project focuses on increasing accessibility of local businesses to people with disabilities who may be employees, clients, or stakeholders of these businesses.

This project covers the regional areas of the Southwest, Peel, Wheatbelt and Perth Metro areas, and includes providing accessibility training to 60 small to medium businesses. The training includes a workshop, on-site and online audits, which are tailored specifically to the needs of each business.

This iteration of the project has a focus on young people with disabilities; the program was co-designed by young people, and 60 youth consultants will be engaged to facilitate business training and conduct audits. There

has been a focus on teaching the youth consultants skills to self-advocate and bring a lived experience perspective to their work.

In November 2021, nine young people with disabilities were involved in co-designing the delivery of this project. The learnings from this informed the formation of the project delivery and included:

- ensuring young people are involved in every aspect of the project delivery
- teaching young people soft skills for their workplace development
- discussions about intersectionality of youth in the training delivery for businesses

Businesses were approached using several strategies including directly approached, relationships formed with Business Associations and Chambers of Commerce, as well as local governments and Disability Employment Services.

Several networking events were held to help recruit businesses, including the City of Swan Job Expo, and the City of Bayswater Accessibility Program Opening.

Empowered, Connected and Co-designed

Funder: ILC Grant

Partners: Health Consumers' Council and Evolve WA

The Empowered and Connected project continued to offer free interactive content to the community with our Self-Advocacy and Empowering Health Consumers With Disability workshops alongside information sessions on the DSP, NDIS Reviews and Appeals, and the DRC. This year saw the addition of a co-design training workshop, which was co-designed by members of the community with lived experience. This training workshop builds on self-advocacy skills to provide people with disability training in the fundamentals of co-design. Currently, these workshops and

information sessions have been delivered to over 118 people with disability and 48 family and support teams in WA.



Self Advocacy WA (SAWA)

Funder: DSS

SAWA was set up in the 1980s, originally run by and for people with developmental disability. In 2020, SAWA extended its membership to allow for any person with disability over 15 years old to join. SAWA is involved in meetings, workshops and forums on topics that are important to members. SAWA members also network with other groups, government services, organisations and businesses to share ideas and improve access and inclusion.

This year, SAWA Members focused on a range of issues which included the following:

- Members of SAWA were co-designers in the Building Tenancy Skills Co-Design Project with Shelter WA and supported by PwDWA.
- SAWA made a submission for the Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU) Online Arts Exhibition.

- SAWA attended various other events including the Perth Community Forum on the Draft National Disability Advocacy Framework.

Members of SAWA would like to thank PwDWA for their support over the last year.



State Disability Strategy 2020-2030 – Community Awareness Project

Funder: DoC

PwDWA met and spoke with people with disability, their families, carers, and key community stakeholders across WA to promote, educate and inform the broader community of 'A Western Australia for Everyone: State Disability Strategy 2020-2030' (Strategy) and the first Action Plan.

Achievements include:

- Development of consumer tested Easy Read version of the Strategy.
- Development of Accessible Word versions for screen readers.
- Developed a video of the Strategy.
- Developed a video introduction to the Strategy with an Auslan Interpreter.
- Translated versions of 'Strategy on a Page' into six languages.
- *Thank You* event for the Co-Design Group.



- Delivery of printed hard copy versions of the Strategy and Action Plan.

Over 500 people attended 30 state-wide community forums, with 39 of these community forums completed across regional WA in Goldfields-Esperance, Great Southern, Mid West, Peel, Pilbara, Southwest and across metropolitan Perth.

Extensive media coverage was achieved with 16 radio interviews with 6PR, Noongar Radio, ABC Regional, ABC Goldfields, and Triple M Busselton Drive Show.

Reaching Out for Advocacy

Funder: DoC

Partners: AWA and SSCLS

The Reaching Out for Advocacy project provided advocacy, presentations and targeted information to individuals and communities in the Wheatbelt, Great Southern, and the Southwest regions of WA.

The PwDWA Regional Advocate provided advocacy on a monthly basis in Dandaragan, Moora, Jurien Bay, Narrogin, Merredin and Northam. The Advocate worked closely with relevant organisations in each community. These organisations regularly identified their community members who would benefit



from advocacy. Major issues continue to be access to the NDIS and the DSP. Information was provided on a myriad of topics including referrals to appropriate organisations.

PWdWA Honorary Members Jenny AuYeong (left) and Helen Errington (second from right) with PWdWA staff Idil Sudi (second from left) and Suresh Rajan (right) at PWdWA AGM 2021



Key Relationships

- Aboriginal Legal Service
- Ability First Australia
- Advocacy WA
- Albany Community Legal Centre
- Australian Federation of Disability Organisations
- Australian Network for Universal Housing Design
- Blue Knot Foundation
- Carers WA
- Climate Justice Union
- Community Employers WA
- Consumers of Mental Health Western Australia
- Department of Communities
- Department of Social Services
- Developmental Disability Western Australia
- Disability Advocacy Network Australia
- Disability Leadership Institute
- Disability Resource Centre
- Evolve WA
- Explorability
- Health Consumers' Council WA
- Kalparrin
- Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation
- Kin Disability Advocacy Inc
- Leadership WA
- Legal Aid WA
- Linkwest
- Lotterywest
- McCusker Centre for Citizenship
- Midlas
- National Disability Insurance Agency
- National Disability Services
- Office of the Minister for Disability Services, Hon. Don Punch MLA
- People With Disability Australia
- Relationships Australia
- Self-Advocacy WA
- Senator Jordan Steele-John, Greens Senator for WA
- Sexual Education Counselling and Consultancy Agency
- Shelter WA
- Summer Foundation
- Sussex Street Community Law Services
- University of Western Australia
- Western Australian Council of Social Service
- Western Australia's Individualised Services
- Western Australian Association for Mental Health
- Women with Disabilities WA Inc
- Yorgum Healing Services
- Your Say Uniting Care West
- Youth Disability Advocacy Network

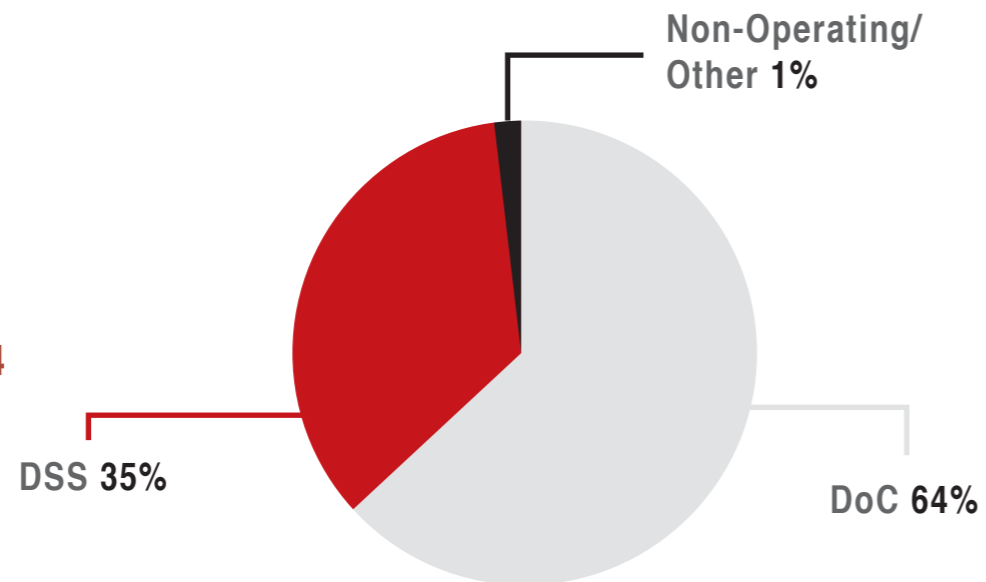


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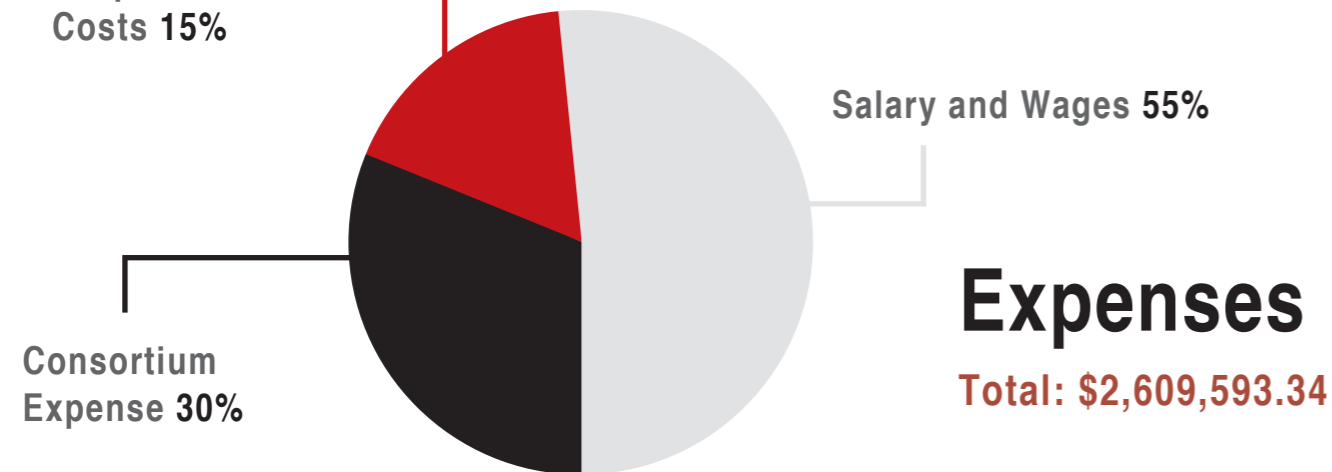
Summary 2021-2022

Income

Total: \$2,627,809.44



Administration
& Operational
Costs 15%



Expenses

Total: \$2,609,593.34

DSS = Department of Social Services

DoC = Department of Communities

Individual and systemic advocacy
led by people with disabilities in
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