



Physical Disability Council of NSW

# ANNUAL REPORT

2017 - 2018



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# Organisational Profile

## Physical Disability Council of NSW

The Physical Disability Council of NSW (PDCN) is the peak representative organisation of and for people with physical disability across NSW. PDCN has a majority of people with physical disability in its membership and its governance.

### Membership

Individual membership of PDCN includes people with a range of physical disabilities from young children and their representatives to aged people. Members live across New South Wales, from the greater Sydney metropolitan area to rural NSW, and are from a wide range of socioeconomic circumstances. Organisational membership includes community organisations, human service providers and other organisations that have a commitment to people who have physical disability and to the work of PDCN.

### Values

As we implement our vision, we will be guided by our values...

**Integrity** - we are trustworthy, open and honest in all of our undertakings

**Inclusion** - we include people with physical disabilities in all that we do

**Independence** - we value our independence to remain true to our values

**Innovation** - we are committed to finding new ways to better support people with physical disabilities and the work we do

**Collaboration** - we work in partnership with our members, stakeholders and the broader community to achieve our purpose

### Vision

**As people living with physical disability...**

We strive to ensure that our human rights are protected, our equality of opportunity is assured and our full participation is a reality.

### Purpose

To build empowered, inclusive communities through:

- Information and education
- Engagement and participation
- Developing individual capacity and resilience

## Ordinary people; Ordinary lives...



PDCN receives 'Do Gooder' Award for Best Community Powered Campaign for our work and success on the 'Everybody's Bridge' Campaign

As a result of the #Stand By Me campaign, PDCN has now secured funding until 2020 to able to continue our vital systemic advocacy work



25 NDIS Ready workshops, 48 Plans in Practice workshops and 78 additional individual planning sessions delivered

Partnered with icare to provide independent visitor service to icare participants

**icare**<sup>TM</sup>



Representative on 25 advisory committees and 13 written submissions undertaken

Awarded a two year National Disability Insurance Scheme ILC grant for our Peer Support Groups (to June 2020)



# 2017-2018 Highlights



# Message from the President



Mr Chris Sparks

For several months it looked as if my first year as PDCN President would be my last and I would be known as the guy who oversaw the association closing its doors. The NSW Government's plan to cease funding disability advocacy from July 2018 presented us with a very bleak outlook. However, 12 months on, we have a ray of hope in the form of a 2-year funding extension with some strings attached.

This was achieved thanks to the highly successful #StandByMe campaign that brought some twenty-two advocacy groups together to highlight the essential role that advocacy plays for those with disability. The Berejiklian Government is to be congratulated for listening to the concerns of the sector and providing some breathing space for organisations like PDCN. We now must make the case for continued funding and beat the drum long and loud to ensure the government of the day understands the social value advocacy delivers and to understand that advocacy is not funded by the NDIS.

Much of the systemic advocacy work PDCN does goes unnoticed. For example, most people are not aware that we work on no less than 23 government and semi-government advisory committees including those serving the Ministers for Health, Transport, Family and Community Services along with the Department of Premier and Cabinet. If we could charge the sorts of rates for specialist advice as the large accounting firms do, we may not need funding!!! PDCN works as the eyes and ears of the NSW Government when it comes to systemic issues impacting those with physical disability in NSW.

Other work done by PDCN takes years to bear fruit, however 21st March 2018 will go down as a landmark day for Sydney-siders and those who visit Australia's most beautiful state capital city. Work started on our famous 'coat-hanger', the Sydney Harbour Bridge, to ensure the deck is accessible to all citizens and visitors. This will enable many more people to enjoy the stunning Sydney Harbour from a unique and historic vantage point and PDCN has been advocating strongly to get this project underway.

I am simply amazed by what PDCN achieves for such a small organisation. I need to recognise the excellent work done by our Executive Officer Serena Ovens and her team of dedicated individuals. They are the engine room that keeps our organisation relentlessly making the case for better outcomes for those with physical disability in NSW.

I would also like to acknowledge the contribution made by our Board of Directors, 5 of whom only joined the Board in the past 12 months. The calibre of this Board is outstanding, and members can be confident they are being well served by their leadership. I'm sorry to be farewelling David Jeffries, one of our Directors who is standing down at the AGM. Thank you, David, for all your hard work for PDCN.

One parting wish. I hope next year's President's report will be able to shout out loud and clear, 'NSW Government commits to ongoing advocacy funding'. That would really be a report worth writing.



# Executive Officer's Report



Serena Ovens



As I sit down once again to write the year's report I'm given the opportunity to reflect on just how much a small organisation can achieve.

Over the past twelve months as well as covering off on the day to day work of the organisation, we added to our workload exponentially by taking on a lead role in the #StandByMe campaign to reverse the NSW government's decision to cease funding disability advocacy as of June 2018.

I'm truly proud to be able to say that we were successful in this, gaining a commitment until June 2020 – and taking some of the immense pressure off. However, this is only a temporary fix, and we will continue to work with our Alliance partners in the campaign to ensure that this commitment becomes one for the longer term.

In order to meet our current funding requirements we've also advocated on behalf of our members through providing our expert opinion on the 25 advisory councils on which we sit and via numerous written submissions - providing feedback on everything from the implementation of NDIS to transport, e-voting, and the IPART taxi review.

Our programs have attracted many members, and other people with disability to take part in peer groups; gain individual assistance in understanding their NDIS plans or attend workshops to develop the skills to better implement them.

In addition, we've spent time around the state consulting with members, attending expos and running consultations to talk with them face to face and ensure that when we do provide our expert opinion, we do so with the voice of our members at the forefront.

A highlight of the 17/18 year was being surprise winners of the 'Do Gooders' Community Powered Campaign of the Year – for the 'Everybody's Bridge' campaign.

As many of you know, PDCN has petitioned for over 10 years to gain lift access to the Sydney Harbour Bridge and took great pride in standing by the Minister for Roads in July 2016 when the project was finally announced.

It was a huge disappointment when - a year to the day later - in July 2017, the NSW government tried to shelve the project, citing funds were needed elsewhere. To PDCN this was unacceptable, and we called our members' and other valued stakeholders assistance to show the government that this was unconscionable and call on them to find the funds to continue to complete this vital project.

With the groundswell of vocal and visible support our 'Everybody's Bridge' campaign was successful in overturning the government's decision within a week, and as I write this piece, I'm incredibly proud to say that we should see the Southern lift opening within the month.

Thank you to the many individuals and organisations that supported us in both campaigns.

Finally, a huge thank you must go to both the PDCN Board, and my small but incredibly dedicated team of staff, whom as always go 'above and beyond' to ensure that we continue to make NSW a better, more inclusive place for people with physical disability.

Here's to another year of successes,







# Meet the team

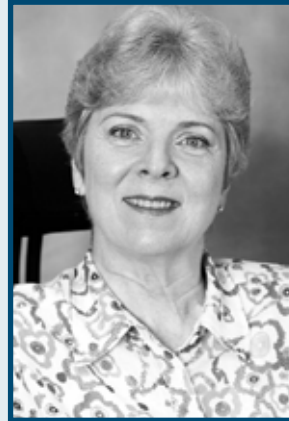
## BOARD



**Chris Sparks**  
President



**Matthew Kayrooz**  
Vice President



**Simone Stanford**  
Treasurer



**David Jeffries**  
Secretary

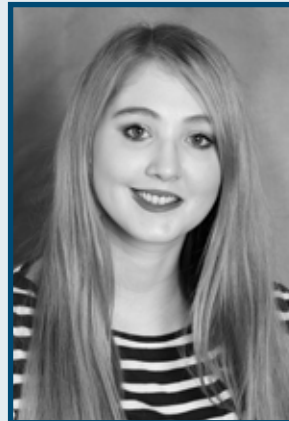
## STAFF



**Serena Ovens**  
Executive Officer



**Ellen Small**  
Policy Officer



**Sarah Humphries**  
Project Officer  
DSO Peer Support



**Sarah Gunasinghe**  
Project Officer  
NDIS Ready

### Training Facilitators and Support Planners

Carolyn Campbell McLean  
Catherine Hogan  
Chris Morris  
Jade Rodrigues  
Krysten Taylor  
Meg Sweeney  
Michael Magro

### Peer Group Facilitators

Astrid Bannah  
Beth Horton  
Carolyn Campbell McLean  
Debra Jefferis  
Kim Satler  
Rebecca Sciroli

## Former Staff

Arabella Peterson – to April 2018  
Mel Schlaeger – to August 2017



**Jacob Cross**  
Board member



**Julia Mansour**  
Board member



**Michael Rabbitt**  
Board member



**Rex Betar**  
Board member



**Ryan Saunderson**  
Campaign Coordinator  
and Administration



**Joshua Rhodes**  
Online & Social  
Media Officer



**Sharon Holz**  
Community  
Connector

## Board Attendance Record

Chris Sparks	8/9	Phil Burfurd	2/3 Resigned Oct 17
David Jeffries	8/9	Steven Yates	1/2 Resigned Dec 17
Matthew Kayrooz	7/9	Jacob Cross	4/6 Joined Oct 17
Arthur Theodore	3/3 Resigned Oct 17	Julia Mansour	5/6 Joined Oct 17
Caroline Daley	1/3 Resigned Oct 17	Michael Rabbitt	6/6 Joined Oct 17
Kevin Finlayson	2/3 Resigned Oct 17	Simone Stanford	5/6 Joined Oct 17
Peter Simpson	3/3 Resigned Oct 17	Rex Betar	2/3 Joined March 18

## United Nations Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)

To ensure the rights of people with disability are realised, the United Nations Convention on the rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) was adopted in December 2006 at the United Nations Headquarters and was opened for signature on 30 March, 2007. There were 82 signatories of the convention on that day, including Australia.

A principle role of the CRPD is to demonstrate how traditional rights are to be applied in respect of people with disability. Australia ratified the convention in July 2008 and has therefore joined other countries around the world in a global effort to promote the equal and active participation of all people with disability in society and community life. These are identified in the Articles of the convention. The work of PDCN in 2017 - 2018 has contributed to this work and responsibility, within the objects of PDCN's Constitution, including:

### Object One

To educate, inform and assist people with physical disability in NSW about the range of services, structure and programs available

**Article 9:** Accessibility

**Article 21:** Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information

### Object Two

To develop the capacity of people with physical disability in NSW to advocate for themselves

**Article 11:** Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies

**Article 21:** Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information

**Article 24:** Education

### Object Three

To educate and inform stakeholders about the needs of people with physical disability

**Article 8:** Awareness raising

**Article 9:** Accessibility

**Article 16:** Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse

**Article 17:** Protecting the integrity of the person

**Article 19:** Living independently and being included in the community

**Article 20:** Personal Mobility

**Article 21:** Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information

**Article 24:** Education

**Article 25:** Health

**Article 26:** Habilitation and rehabilitation

**Article 27:** Work and employment

**Article 28:** Adequate standard of living and social protection

**Article 27:** Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport

**Read the convention in full at**  
[www.un.org/disabilities/conventionfull.shtml](http://www.un.org/disabilities/conventionfull.shtml)



# Object One

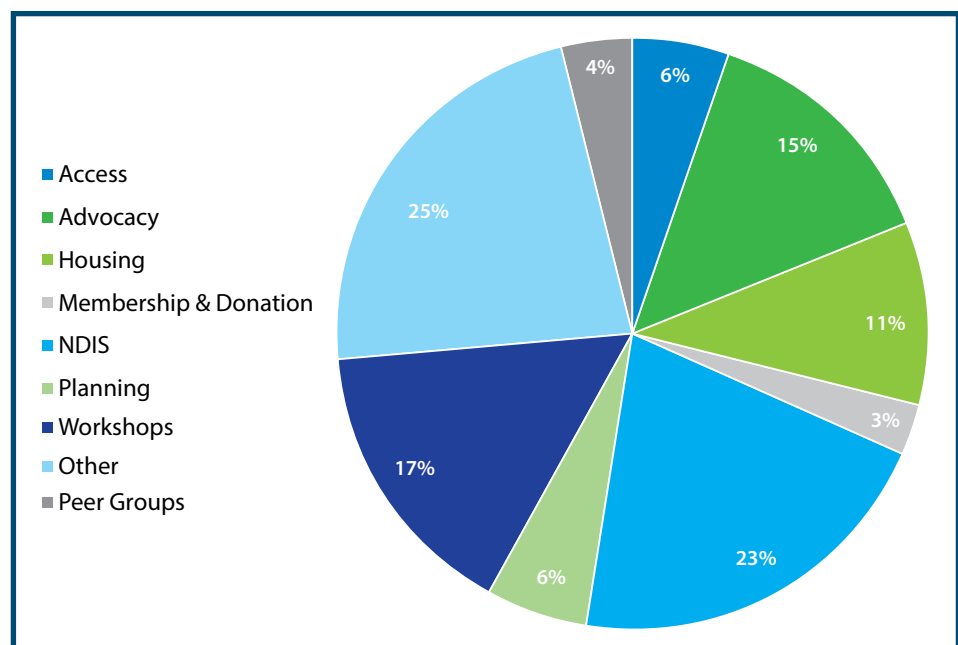
To educate, inform and assist people with physical disability in NSW about the range of services, structure and programs available.

## Enquiries

PDCN provides an information and referral service to the general public between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday. Our staff answer enquiries on a day to day basis from people with disabilities, their families and carers. In the 2017/18 year calls regarding the NDIS became the biggest individual area of request, with members seeking assistance in understanding or navigating the scheme, dealing with an NDIS issue, or looking for training in planning and plan implementation. Following this advocacy was the next most requested area of assistance.

Each enquiry made to PDCN via phone or email may require onward referral to other disability services or individual advocacy organisations, or additional research to provide an adequate response. On average dealing with an individual enquiry request takes between half an hour to 90mins to process.

Other significant areas of requests for information include access, housing and peer groups.



## Newsletters and E-Bulletins

PDCN Live (newsletter) 4  
e-bulletins sent: 12

Each year, PDCN keeps our members and stakeholders abreast of the happenings of the organisation through both printed and electronic newsletters.

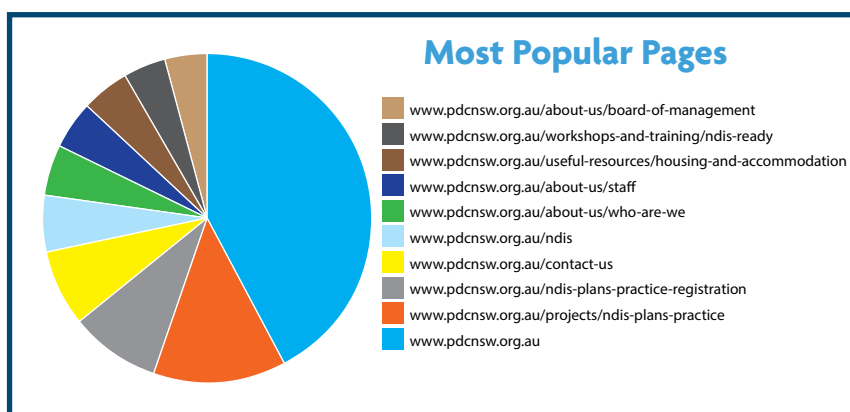
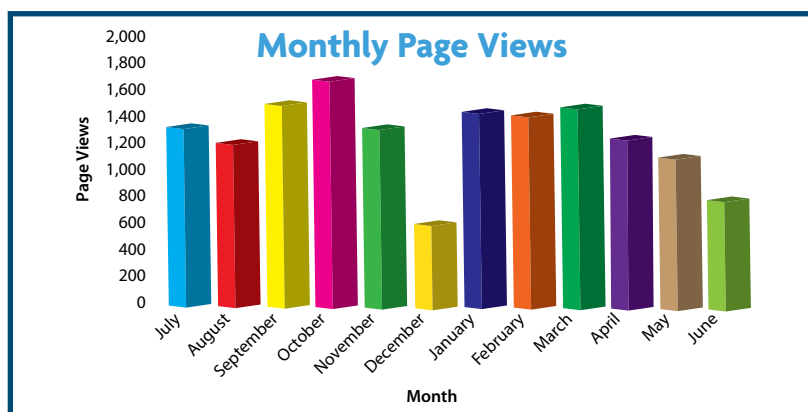
PDCN's monthly e-bulletins are short electronic news pieces through which we provide accurate, up-to-date, and timely information, comment and analysis on disability related issues to all members and those who subscribe to our mailing list. These are also fabulous tools for seeking comment from people with disabilities, helping to inform the work of PDCN.

During the year, PDCN also prepared and distributed four PDCN Live hard copy newsletters to its membership via post. The newsletters and e-bulletins are also made available on the PDCN website.

## PDCN Website

PDCN's website continues to be an important source of information and sharing. Over the year, we received an average of 1,341 monthly page views, and 16,088 views in total.

After our Home page, our NDIS Plans in Practice pages were the most popular, followed by our Contact Us and NDIS Resources pages.

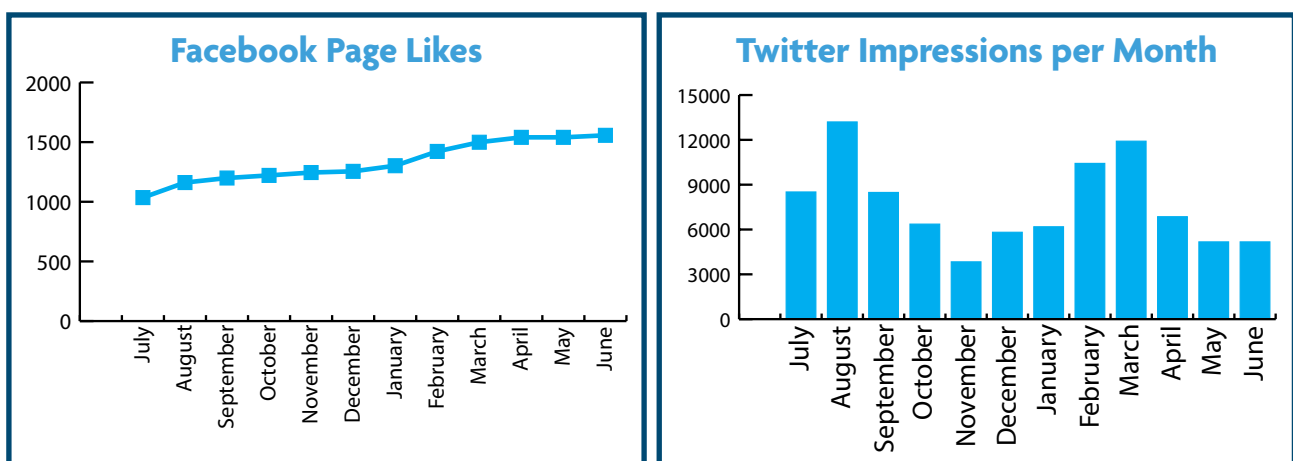


## Social Media

PDCN's social media presence continues to grow as we build our interactions through these forms of media.

Our Facebook page promotes our many community consultations, workshops, expos, and other important stakeholder events, and allows our members and interested parties to comment on our work. We also use Facebook to host discussion of current events which impact our members. Our Facebook page likes increased from 1035 to 1557 over the year, and our page reach continues to increase strongly, with an average page reach of 9066 per month, and an impressive 108,797 in total over the year.

PDCN's Twitter account also continues to increase its followers, linking us with a broad cohort of concerned citizens, community sector professionals, and politicians. This assists us to broadcast the latest news, issues and information to a wider audience. Our tweets received an average of 7611 impressions each month, and we had over 2400 Twitter followers at the end of June 2018 between the @PDCNSW and @pdcnswEO Twitter accounts.



## Expos

ATSA – Assistive Technology Suppliers Australia Expo (Homebush)  
WSNSW Summer Down Under Australia Day Hub (The Rocks, Sydney)  
Illawarra Disability Options Expo (Wollongong)

In order to build our profile with those whom may not yet have heard of us, PDCN also engages directly with the greater community through attendance at relevant expos across NSW. This year we provided information and resources to approximately 600 individuals at the expos attended.





# Object Two

To develop the capacity of people with physical disability in NSW to advocate for themselves.

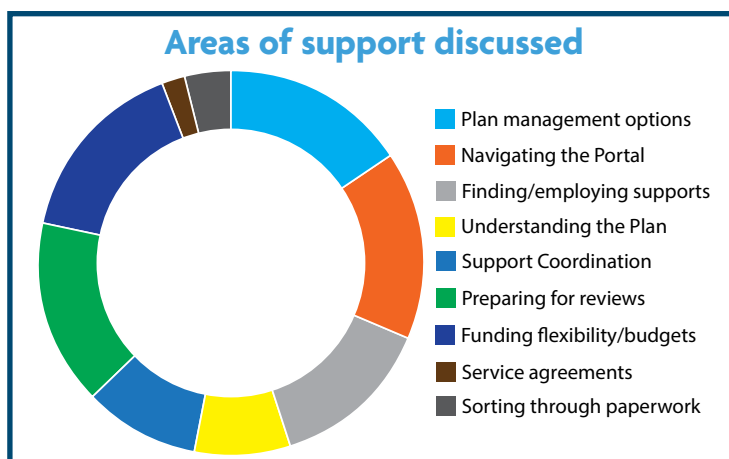
## Workshops and Training

The second year of the NDIS Ready project has been a great success. The project's initial aim was to increase participant capacity, understanding and confidence in relation to seeking access to the NDIS and in preparation for NDIS planning.

From February 2018, the NDIS Ready project switched focus to our new NDIS Plans in Practice workshop with an aim to assisting participants with the implementation of their NDIS plan. The Plans in Practice workshop worked with participants to build their capacity to action their plan, getting the most out of the funding, understanding plan management options, finding and engaging services and preparing for a plan review.

In year two of the NDIS Project individual support sessions continued for participants identified as needing further support in either preparing for planning meetings or in implementing their current NDIS Plans. Forty five support plans were completed during year two, an additional eighteen pre-planning referrals occurred, and fifteen further referrals were made for plan implementation support, bringing the total of individual capacity building sessions to seventy-eight. Each individual session provides up to 10 hours of one on one support with a PDCN specialist in this area.

The graph below outlines the areas of support that were discussed including budgets, plan management options, navigating the portal and preparing for reviews.





When applying for the NDIS Ready project funding, PDCN initially aimed to deliver 25 workshops over two years. Through good budgeting, PCDN successfully delivered 23 workshops in the first year and 25 workshops in the second year, totalling 48 workshops across the funding period.

In addition, residual funds remaining has meant that PDCN will be able to provide 10 more workshops between July 2018 and June 2019.



### **Feedback from participants**

A majority of participants agreed that they had a better understanding of their NDIS plan after being provided with support. Participants felt more confident to implement their plan and were able to explore how they could have more choice and control.

**“It was a very good program, please continue to help more families. I feel anyone on the NDIS should have the opportunity to sit down with a planner”.**

**“Working with the PDCN planner met my expectations and exceeded them. The planner was fantastic. She read through everything, all our documents. She took the time to get to know us, it wasn’t rushed. She was so organised and was able to structure the sessions, so we had the best use of time. It was great”.**

## PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

PDCN received funding from the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to continue to manage our peer support group project for the 2017-2018 financial year. The project aims towards building the individual capacity of people with a disability and their families by providing peer led environments for group members to share personal lived experiences and knowledge. The purpose of the project is to build greater community connection, provide relevant and useful information, enhance skills, increase self-confidence and promote self-advocacy.

During the year we have worked together with 9 Community Connectors who facilitated 125 peer group meetings across the state in various regional, rural and metropolitan areas. We have received an abundance of positive feedback and stories from our peer group members, with 97% of group members reporting that they would recommend the group to others.

PDCN is proud to have now successfully secured an Information Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC) grant from the NDIA which will enable the continuation of the peer groups for another two years until July 2020. At present, we are supporting ten peer groups and have plans to establish and maintain 5 additional groups. The peer group project has been a great success and we are looking forward to entering the project's fourth year.



## Participant feedback

“Having group discussions about what’s been happening or if anyone has had any issues lately gives me more confidence to open up about my own problems and makes me feel more confident when I am out and about on my own in my community. Connecting with people in a similar situation to mine is extremely valuable.”

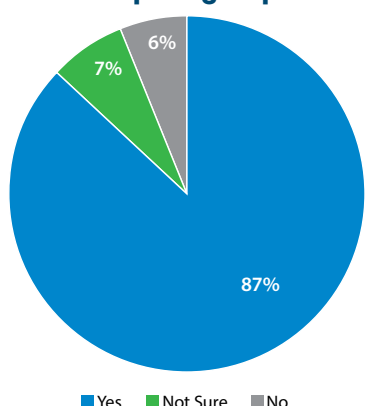
Blacktown group member

“Everyone in the group always has such great feedback or advice and it makes me feel confident to be able to speak up and make choices which are best for me. The group gives me the knowledge about my rights and encourage me to advocate for myself” Shoalhaven group member

“It’s taken me a really long time but during the last two months I am finally catching the train on my own to some places which is a big deal for me! I don’t think this would have happened if it wasn’t for this group”

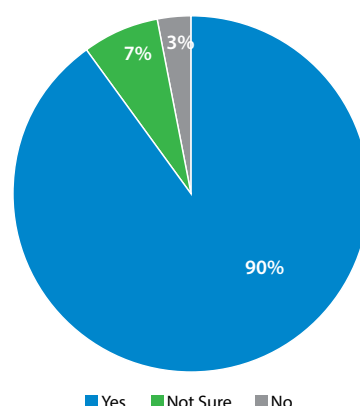
Penrith group member

**Do you feel more connected to your community as a result of attending the peer group?**



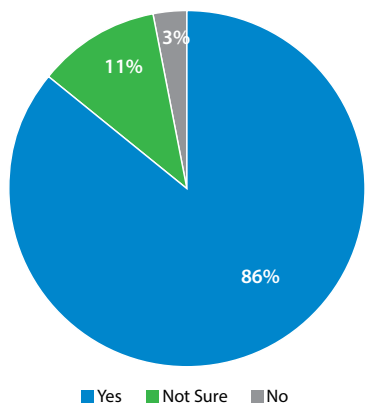
■ Yes ■ Not Sure ■ No

**Do you feel more confident to participate in community?**



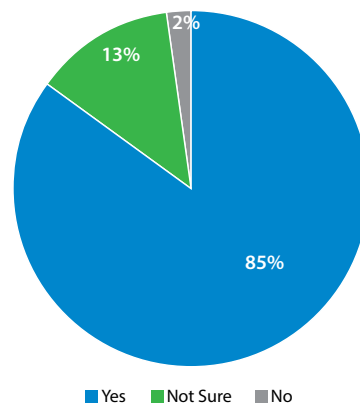
■ Yes ■ Not Sure ■ No

**Do you feel more empowered to make your own life decisions?**



■ Yes ■ Not Sure ■ No

**Do you feel more motivated to speak up about your rights?**



■ Yes ■ Not Sure ■ No



# Object Three

To educate and inform stakeholders about the needs of people with physical disability.

During 2017-2018 the Physical Disability Council of NSW worked diligently to further develop our objective of educating and informing stakeholders about the needs of people with disability.

Through our participation in advisory committees, written submissions and consultations PDCN has contributed to policy and legislative development at local, state and commonwealth levels. Our work is informed by the views and experiences of our members, with our primary purpose being to ensure barriers present in the community that prevent people with disability from achieving full access and inclusion are addressed and removed.

In our efforts to promote the rights of all people with a physical disability PDCN has formed close working relationships with government, other peak representative organisations, service providers and community groups.

## **Submissions undertaken:**

- Australian Human Rights Council: Transport for NSW application for DDA exemption at Birchgrove ferry wharf
- City of Sydney: Social Sustainability Policy and Action Plan
- Department of Premier and Cabinet: Draft Electoral Bill 2017
- Department of Social Services: A strong future for supported employment
- iCare Lifetime Care: Lifetime Care and Support Guidelines Review
- Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme: Transitional Arrangements for the NDIS
- KPMG/DSS: Specialist Disability Accommodation Pricing and Payments Review
- Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal: Issues Paper: Review of taxi fares in NSW and taxi licences outside Sydney from July 2018
- NSW Electoral Commission Review of the NSW iVote internet and telephone voting system.
- NSW Law Reform Commission: Review of the Guardianship Act 1987 draft proposals
- Senate Standing Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport: the need for regulation of mobility scooters, also known as motorised wheelchairs
- Transport for NSW: Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2017 – 2021 Draft Review
- Transport for NSW: Transport Disability Incentives and Subsidy Review



## **NSW Government and other Representative Advisory Boards/Committees:**

1. Minister for Innovation's Social Innovation Council
2. NSW Dept of Health Non Government Organisations Advisory Committee
3. NSW Dept of Health ILC Project Reference Committee
4. NSW Dept FACS Disability Inclusion Plan Implementation Committee
5. NSW Dept FACS CEO Advisory Group
6. NSW Electoral Commission Reference Group
7. NSW Dept Premier and Cabinet NDIS Transition CEO Advisory Support
8. Transport for NSW – Accessible Transport Advisory Committee (ATAC)
9. NSW Ombudsman Disability Advisory Roundtable
10. NSW Energy and Water Ombudsman (EWON) Advisory Group
11. ICare Lifetime Care and Support Reference Group
12. UNSW Home Modifications Information Clearing House (HMInf.) Adv. Group
13. University of Sydney Prepare NSW Advisory Committee
14. University of Sydney Disability Bias Crimes Working Group
15. Australian Network for Universal Housing Design
16. Council of the Ageing (COTA) Advisory Committee
17. PIAC – Energy and Water Consumers Advisory Group
18. NCOSS Transport Policy Advisory Group (TPAG)
19. NCOSS Assistive Technologies Community Alliance NSW (ATCAN)
20. NCOSS Forum of Non Government Associations (FONGA)
21. NCOSS NSW Disability Advocacy Network (NDAN)
22. NCOSS Health Policy Advisory Group (HPAG)
23. NCOSS Disability Network Forum (DNF)
24. People with Disability Australia (PWD) Building Access for Women with Disabilities to Domestic and Family Violence Services Project (BACOP)
25. Disability Advocacy Network Australia (DANA) - Board member

## **Provision of Evidence at Inquiry Hearings:**

Public Hearing into Transitional Arrangements for the NDIS - Parliament House NSW  
(Joint standing committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme)

## **One Off Consultations:**

- Australian Human Rights Commission - Special Rapporteur roundtable consultation on Disability Discrimination
- Australian Labour Party - Gender Equality in Disability Consultation
- Dept Premier and Cabinet – NDIS Stakeholder Consultation
- Department of Social Security – Advocacy and NDIS Safeguards Commission National Consultation
- Energy and Water Ombudsman NSW – Stakeholder Consultation
- Inner West Council - Community Consultation
- NSW Electoral Commission - Disability Access
- Public Interest Advocacy Centre - Cut off Project IV
- Sydney Public Forum - Transport Disability Incentives and Subsidies Review
- University of Sydney - Prepare NSW Project

## EVERYBODY'S BRIDGE

After over ten years of advocating for lift access on the Sydney Harbour Bridge, August 2017 marked the completion of a victorious campaign.

In July 2016, the then Roads Minister Duncan Gay announced funding to construct lifts at either end of the Sydney Harbour Bridge with work to be completed within a year of the announcement. In July 2017, an announcement was made to shelve the project due to limited funding in the 2017 – 2018 budget. With this news, PDCN immediately initiated a media campaign and a rally to raise awareness and ensure the government and the media that de-funding the Sydney Harbour Bridge lift project was NOT acceptable.

As well as advocating for the importance of access to this iconic landmark, the campaign also aimed to bring attention to the fact that universal access is imperative - for people with disability, parents with prams, the elderly, or anyone who is unable to climb steps. Within a week the campaign was a success, with the NSW government reinstating funding. PDCN has now shifted our focus to ensuring that the project is fully completed by October 2018 - in time for the Invictus Games!

For our efforts, PDCN was recognised for this successful campaign by winning the Best Community Powered Campaign in the 2017 'Do Gooder' Awards. Winning this award is an honour, and we couldn't have done it without our dedicated staff, board and of course, our members and all our valued supporters whom helped by providing such vocal support when it was needed!



## #STAND BY ME CAMPAIGN

The 'Stand By Me' is a campaign run by the NSW Disability Advocacy Alliance, a group of more than 20 disability advocacy, information and peak representative organisations that empower people with disability to have a voice. The NSW Government threatened to cut funding to our organisations in June 2018, and over the 2017/18 year the Alliance fought to ensure these organisations remain funded in order to continue to protect and uphold the rights of people with disability.

The campaign brought our concerns to the attention government in the following ways:

- Parliamentary Roundtable with supporter MPs on 9 August 2017
- Numerous direct visits to MP's local offices, taking with us individual members to tell MP's of the importance of advocacy and our organisations' work to their lives and well being
- Various rallies across the state including in Redfern, Queanbeyan, Gosford and Newcastle
- Petition through Change.org with more than 30,000 signatures
- Postcard campaign - The DAA bombarded the Premier with signed postcards from supporters asking for her to commit to ongoing funding
- Social Media Day of Action – on 6 Feb 2018 people with disability and supporters all around the state flocked to Facebook and Twitter to raise awareness of the imminent loss of disability advocacy and the huge gaps it will leave for people with disability, succeeding in us being the leading social media issue of the day!

In April this year the NSW Government announced they would commit to interim funding until June 2020. However, the fight is not over, as people with disability need these vital services and organisations for the foreseeable future. The NSW Disability Advocacy Alliance is committed to continuing to campaign, putting pressure on the Premier to #StandByMe long after June 2020....and fund us in perpetuity!







# Appendix A

## 2017 -2018 Funders and Sponsorships

### Major Funders

NSW Department of Ageing Disability and Homecare (ADHC)  
National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)

### Accommodation Grant

City of Sydney

### PDCN AGM Sponsorship

Suncorp

## One Off Donations received

### 'Great Sparks Drought' Fundraiser

Barnett, Jill	Earl, John	Knill, Thea	Robertson, Melanie
Basford, Anthony	Finneran, Ronald	Lea, Gordon	Sparks, Chris
Blewett, Claire	Goh, Unis	Little, Matt	Thomson, Andrew
Butterworth, Matthew	Healy, Shirl	Locus Consulting	Turnbull, Malcolm
Carter, Robert	Hebben, Amanda	MacGregor, Susan	Veale, Brian
Chambers, Dave	Hewett, Caron	McGill, Scott	Witcombe, Nik
Corby, Martin	Hogan, Thomas	Ovens, Serena	Wright, Allison
Douglas, Craig	Hutley, Peter	Pridham, Stephen	
Dracakis, Peter	Jennings, Richard	Regan, Christine	

### Other One Off donations

Aidacare  
Byrne, Patricia  
Goutama, Jacinta  
Kaad, Fred  
Nolan, John  
Paterson, Melinda



# Appendix B

## Audited Financial Report for the Year ending 2018

Physical Disability Council of NSW Incorporated  
ABN 26 858 845 702

The following data is an excerpt from the 2018 Financial Statements only.

To view a full copy of the audited Financial Report please visit our website [pdcn.org.au](http://pdcn.org.au) or call 1800 688 831 to request a hard copy via the post.

## Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income For the year ended 30 June 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
Revenue	2	901,312	944,968
Other income	3	39,174	102,176
Employee benefit expense		(428,816)	(345,724)
Depreciation		(2,587)	(3,101)
Other expense		(301,486)	(421,796)
Finance costs		-	-
<b>Surplus before income tax</b>		<b>207,597</b>	<b>276,523</b>
Income tax expense		-	-
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>207,597</b>	<b>276,523</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year, net of tax</b>		<b>207,597</b>	<b>276,523</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<b>207,597</b>	<b>276,523</b>

## Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2018

	Notes	2018 \$	2017 \$
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	4	1,300,835	1,333,210
Trade and other debtors	5	2,867	27,462
Other current assets		497	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>1,304,199</b>	<b>1,360,672</b>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	6	3,142	5,728
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>3,142</b>	<b>5,728</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,307,341</b>	<b>1,366,400</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	49,039	47,905
Employee benefits	8	23,955	15,946
Provisions	9	38,628	26,300
Other liabilities	10	461,937	750,064
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>573,559</b>	<b>840,215</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Employee benefits		-	-
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>573,559</b>	<b>840,215</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>733,782</b>	<b>526,185</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Retained surplus		733,782	526,185
<b>Total Members Funds</b>		<b>733,782</b>	<b>526,185</b>

Note: the above data is an excerpt from the 2018 Financial Statement only.

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# Appendix C

## Independent Auditors Report and Responsible Entities Declaration

### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the members of Physical Disability Council of NSW Incorporated

We have audited the financial report of Physical Disability Council of NSW Incorporated, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2018, the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies, and the responsible entities declaration.

In our opinion the financial report of Physical Disability Council of NSW Incorporated has been reprepared in accordance with Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012, including:

- (a) giving a true and fair view of the registered entity's financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its financial performance for the year then ended; and
- (b) complying with Australian Accounting Standards to the extent described in Note 1, and Division 60 of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our 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. We are independent of the registered entity in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and ethical Standards Board APES 110 Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant of our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the code.

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

## **Responsibility of the Responsible Entities for the Financial Report**

The responsible entities of the registered entity are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view and have determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 to the financial report is appropriate to meet the requirements of the **Australian Charities Not-for-profit Commission Act 2012** of and the members. The responsible entities' responsible also includes such internal controls as the responsible entities determine is necessary to enable the preparation of a financial report that gives a true and fair view and is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the responsible entities are responsible for assessing the registered entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the responsible entities either intend to liquidate the registered entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The responsible entities are responsible for overseeing the registered entity's financial reporting process.

## **Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Report**

Our 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 the 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 this financial report.

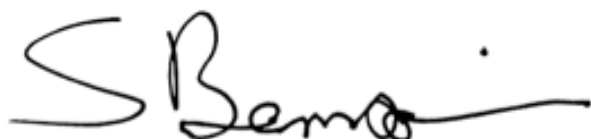
As part of an audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- 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 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 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 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.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the financial report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance 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 our audit.

Infinity Financial  
Chartered Accountants



Scott Bennison  
Partner – Audit & Assurance  
Sydney, 10 day of October 2018



### **Responsible persons' declaration**

In the opinion of the Responsible Entities of Physical Disability Council of NSW Incorporated:

- (a) The financial statements and notes of Physical Disability Council of NSW Incorporated are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012, including:
  - i. Giving a true and fair view of its financial position as at 30 June 2018 and of its performance for the financial year ended on that date; and
  - ii. Complying with Australian Accounting Standards (including the Australian Interpretations) and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission Regulation 2013; and
- (b) There are reasonable grounds to believe that the Physical Disability Council of NSW Incorporated will be able to pay all of its debts, as and when they become due and payable.

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Responsible Entities.

Physical Disability Council of NSW Incorporated

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Sparks', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Sparks  
President

Dated this 10 day of October 2018





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