



Deaf Advocacy, Sports & Recreation ACT Inc

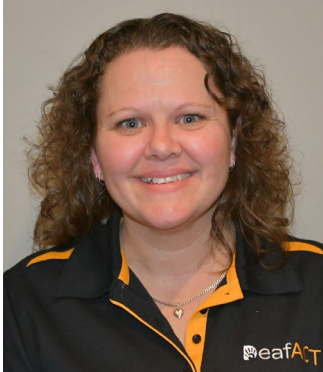
**Annual Report
2023 - 2024**

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President's Report



Introduction

To the members of DeafACT,

It is with great pride that I present this President's Report for the financial year 2023/2024 as part of our Annual General Meeting. This has been a year filled with community connections, new leadership, exciting events, and some challenges. As we reflect on the past 12 months, I want to acknowledge everyone who contributed to making our events meaningful and successful. Together, we've had a year to remember, despite the hurdles we've faced with funding.

Our Year in Review

Throughout the year, we organised numerous events that brought us together to build memories, celebrate achievements, and support one another. Before the closure of our grants, we ensured a wide range of activities—from community trips and theatre experiences to workshops and sports programs—were available to engage and benefit our members.

Below is a summary of the key events and achievements:

November 2023

Junee Trip: We explored Monte Cristo and stopped at the Junee Chocolate Factory for some sweet treats.

Beauty and the Beast Musical: Our community enjoyed this spectacular production with Auslan Stage Left.

Deaf Seniors Butterfly Dance: A beautiful performance by our talented Deaf Seniors.

January 2024

Australia Deaf Games (ADG): DeafACT board members travelled to Newcastle to support local athletes, including Lawn Bowls participants, Greg Ophel in volleyball, and Ian Slinn in surfing. They won a few medals!

Wicked Musical: Another delightful theatre outing in Sydney with Auslan Stage Left.

February 2024

John Smith Workshop: The renowned Deaf comedian from the UK held two highly engaging workshops, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the community.

Henry Winkler Live: A unique opportunity to meet and engage with the beloved actor and author.

March 2024

Easter BBQ: A festive community gathering to celebrate Easter with food and activities.

May 2024

Pinot and Picasso: A creative arts event where members created masterpieces while enjoying wine.

National Sign Language Roadshow: DeafACT participated in this significant event promoting awareness of Auslan and other sign languages.

Mother's High Tea: Held at Old Parliament House, we celebrated and honoured the mothers in our community.

Auslanology Workshop: A fascinating session led by Darlene on the history and meaning of Auslan.

June 2024

Christmas Lunch: Our festive Christmas lunch brought the community together to celebrate.

Ramas McRae PhD's visit: Ramas' visit discussed mental health with the Men's Group and shared his research at the community gathering.

NDIS Workshop: A practical session guiding members through the NDIS system.

Men's Group Tenpin Bowling: A fun and social outing enjoyed by all.

July 2024

The Woman in Black Theatre: A thrilling theatre experience enjoyed by our members.

August 2024

Pah! App Workshop: A technology-focused workshop introducing the Pah! app and its practical applications.

September 2024

Social Netball: Led by Ian Slinn, this 10-week program successfully brought community members together for fun and friendly competition.

Board member changes

This year brought some key changes throughout the year:

Rhiannon Gonlag stepped down from leading the DeafACT Youth Group to pursue new career opportunities in Alice Springs. We thank her for her dedication and wish her the best on her journey.

Juliet Dowling also stepped down and transitioned the Treasurer's role to **Kellyanne Rosalion**, ensuring a smooth handover.

We are excited to welcome **Nicole Seifert** as the new leader of the Youth Group. Thanks to the *Church Council of North Belconnen Uniting Church* the group has access to a free venue for their monthly activities. The Youth Group offers a balanced mix of arts sessions and board games, with shared afternoon teas at each gathering.

On the sports front, **Ian Slinn** has worked diligently to revive DeafACT Sports. His efforts led to the successful launch of **Social Netball**, which ran for 10 weeks and provided members with an opportunity to engage in regular sporting activities.

Funding Challenges and Future Plans

With the closure of our grants, we are currently unable to host more events. We understand that this may be disappointing, and we are deeply grateful for your patience and continued support during this time.

Our board is actively exploring new funding opportunities and grants to resume our activities and events. We remain committed to serving the community and providing meaningful experiences as soon as possible.

Looking Forward to 2025

Despite the challenges, I remain optimistic about the future. With the incredible support of the DeafACT board and our members, we will continue working together to explore new opportunities, secure funding, and organise exciting events.

With the passion and determination of our community, I am confident that brighter days lie ahead.

Closing Remarks and Christmas Wishes

Thank you all for your unwavering support, enthusiasm, and involvement throughout the year. Your participation makes DeafACT special, and I look forward to sharing more wonderful moments with you in the coming year.

Wishing you all a joyful, merry, and safe Christmas!

Lauren Reid

President, DeafACT



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Financial Statements

Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc

ABN 25 826 092 369

For the year ended 30 June 2024

Prepared by Laterals



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Committee's Report

Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc For the year ended 30 June 2024

Committee's Report

Your Committee Members submit the financial report of Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc for the financial year ended 30 June 2024.

Committee Members

The names of Committee Members throughout the year and at the date of this report are:

- Lauren Reid - President
- Jacob Clarke - Vice President
- Louise Irvine - Secretary
- Kellyanne Rosalion - Treasurer
- Kathe O'Brien - Public Officer
- Vera Hall
- Gavin Reid (Elected 25 Nov 2023)
- Nicole Seifert (Elected 25 Nov 2023)
- Rhiannon Gonlag (Elected 25 Nov 2023, Resigned 4 Apr 2024)
- Ian Slinn (Elected 8 Mar 2024)

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the Association during the financial year were:

- To support advocacy, sports and recreation groups for the deaf and hard of hearing community of the ACT and its surrounds
- To promote the recognition and acceptance of methods of communication preferred by deaf people in the ACT and its surrounds
- To foster pride in the deaf and hard of hearing community, its language and culture
- To promote sport, recreation and social activities for deaf and hard of hearing people in the ACT and its surrounds

Significant Changes

No significant changes in the nature of these activities occurred during the year.

Events After the Reporting Period

The Committee are not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period with the exception of the possible ongoing effect of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the related impact on the Association's future results of operations, cash flows and financial condition which cannot be reasonably estimated at this stage.



Department of Social Services Grant

Grant funding was been received from Department of Social Services in the 2020 and 2021 financial years, and was reported as income in those financial years. The Association has received an extension for this funding due to COVID-19, with the grant now to be fully expended by 30 June 2024.

Operating Result

The net operating result of the Association for the year ended 30 June 2024 was (\$137,331) deficit [2023: (\$104,513) deficit].

Signed in accordance with a resolution of the Members of the Committee:

Name: Kellyanne Rosalio Signed: [Signature]

Name: Louise Irvine Signed: [Signature]

Dated: ~~July 2024~~
2 August 2024



Income and Expenditure Statement

Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc For the year ended 30 June 2024

	2024	2023
Income		
Donations	-	90
Total Income	-	90
Gross Surplus	-	90
Other Income		
Event Income	525	-
Interest Income	257	513
Memberships	1,176	820
Other Income	526	-
Total Other Income	2,484	1,333
Expenditure		
Accounting & Audit	3,439	2,613
BBQ Expenses & Morning Teas	6,516	17,915
Event Expenses	4,436	-
Fitness & Wellness Classes	41,139	10,158
Interpreter & Captioning	21,984	28,175
Occupancy Costs	20,182	21,123
Part Time Officer	7,199	-
Stationery & Printing	2,549	1,106
Sundry Expenses	5,150	8,787
Touch Football Fees	518	-
Travel Expenses	17,192	7,391
Venue Hire	470	5,032
Website	3,613	414
Wellness & Sports Experts	5,300	3,060
Total Expenditure	139,687	105,774
Current Year Surplus/(Deficit)	(137,203)	(104,351)

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements. These statements should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.



Assets and Liabilities Statement

Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc

As at 30 June 2024

	30 JUNE 2024	30 JUNE 2023
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	31,608	174,599
Funds to be Reimbursed	358	2,061
Total Current Assets	31,966	176,660
Non-Current Assets		
Other Non-Current Assets	3,998	-
Total Non-Current Assets	3,998	-
Total Assets	35,964	176,660
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Bank Overdraft	82	-
Trade and Other Payables	-	3,857
Total Current Liabilities	82	3,857
Non-Current Liabilities		
Other Non-Current Liabilities		
Touch Income in Advance	282	-
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	282	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	282	-
Total Liabilities	364	3,857
Net Assets	35,600	172,803
Member's Funds		
Contributed Equity	12,820	12,820
Current Year Earnings	(137,203)	(104,351)
Retained Earnings	159,983	264,334
Total Member's Funds	35,600	172,803

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc For the year ended 30 June 2024

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements are special purpose financial statements prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act 1991 (ACT). The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where stated specifically, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following significant accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless stated otherwise, have been adopted in the preparation of these financial statements.

Income Tax

The Association is exempt from income tax under Division 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the association has a legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured. Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks, and other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from donors. Receivables expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Revenue and Other Income

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable after taking into account any trade discounts and volume rebates allowed. For this purpose, deferred consideration is not discounted to present values when recognising revenue.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument.

Grant and donation income is recognised when the entity obtains control over the funds, which is generally at the time of receipt.

If conditions are attached to the grant that must be satisfied before the association is eligible to receive the contribution, recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.



All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax.

Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the assets and liabilities statement.

Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the association during the reporting period that remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

These notes should be read in conjunction with the attached compilation report.



True and Fair Position

Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc For the year ended 30 June 2024

Annual Statements Give True and Fair View of Financial Position and Performance of the Association

The Committee has determined that the Association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee, the financial report:

1. Presents a true and fair view of the financial position of Deaf Advocacy, Sports & Recreation ACT Inc as at 30 June 2024 and its performance for the year ended that date; and
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that Deaf Advocacy, Sports & Recreation ACT Inc will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due

The statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Name: Kellyanne Rosalton Signed: 

Name: Louise Irvine Signed: 

Dated: ~~July 2024~~
2 August 2024



Auditor's Report

Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc For the year ended 30 June 2024

Independent Auditors Report to the members of the Association

We have audited the accompanying financial report, being a special purpose financial report, of Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc (the association), which comprises the committee's report, the assets and liabilities statement as at 30 June 2024, the income and expenditure statement for the year then ended, cash flow statement, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the committee on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the association.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Report

The committee of Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, and has determined that the basis of preparation described in Note 1 is appropriate to meet the requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act 1991 (ACT) and is appropriate to meet the needs of the members. The committee's responsibility also includes such internal control as the committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We have conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the association's preparation and fair presentation of the financial report, 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 association's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the committee, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc as at 30 June 2024 and (of) its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, and the requirements of the Associated Incorporations Act 1991 (ACT).



Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 1 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc to meet the requirements of the Associated Incorporations Act 1991 (ACT). As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose.



Tim Allen
Laterals Chartered Accountants

213-215 Auburn Street,
Goulburn NSW 2580



Certificate By Members of the Committee

Deaf Advocacy Sports & Recreation ACT Inc
For the year ended 30 June 2024

we, _____ [name] of _____ [address],
and:

_____ [name] of _____ [address], certify
that:

1. We attended the annual general meeting of the association held on __ / __ / 2024

2. The financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2024 were submitted to the members of the association
at its annual general meeting

Signed: _____

Signed: _____