**Disabled Persons Assembly**

**Annual Report 2021/2022**

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# **Strategic areas of focus**

**Access**

Disabled people have access and reasonable accommodation as an enforceable legal right.

**Education**

Disabled people can engage in inclusive, lifelong learning in the communities of their choosing.

**Housing**

Disabled people live in healthy, safe, accessible, affordable homes of their choosing.

**Health and disability support services**

Disabled people have equitable health status with non-disabled people – and access to the supports required to live a good life.

**Income and employment**

Disabled people have sufficient income to meet their requirements – now and in the future. Where appropriate, disabled people have comparable employment to non-disabled people.

**Justice, violence and abuse**

Disabled people do not experience violence and abuse, disabled people have access to the supports they need in the criminal justice system, and are not overrepresented in the prison system.

# **DPA National Executive Committee:**

President—Nathan Bond

President-Elect— Joanne Dacombe

Committee members:

Henrietta Bollinger

Kera Sherwood-O’Regan

# **DPA Staff as at June 2022:**

**Chief Executive:** Prudence Walker

**Policy Team:** Mojo Mathers, Paul Brown, Angela Desmarais, Chris Ford

**Business Team:** Sharyn McCann, Dev Singh, Rose Walters, Amy Taylor

**Communications and Engagement Team:** Emily Tilley, Miriam O’Connor, Natalie Brunzel, Chris Ford, Ingrid Robertson, Joy Ho

**Mahi Tika—Equity in Employment Team:** Anja Hajdarevic, Amber-Krystle Stier, Roger Riley

# **President’s Report**

Kia ora koutou,

2021-2022 has seen some monumental changes to New Zealand in general and to the disability landscape. After another lockdown in August 2021, in 2022 Covid safeguards were relaxed and borders were opened with scant regard to those. At the same time, it has opened new opportunities for face-to-face engagement.

At the end of March DPA stopped administering the mask exemption scheme as the Ministry of Health took over, reducing the huge demand on our organisation. Once again thanks to all those who were involved in this challenging mahi.

In July the landscape changed with the arrival of Whaikaha and the decision to roll out EGL nationwide. However, both changes are in their infancy and will take time to alter the landscape for disabled people in Aotearoa, New Zealand. DPA will continue to play a leading role in advocating for disability rights in both arenas. The appointment of a disabled Chief Executive for Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People was another cause for celebration and DPA will work alongside Paula Tesoriero as she grows into her new role.

The Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill was opened for consultation and the consultation period was extended to allow disabled people time to make submissions. In conjunction with Access Matters, DPA ran a hui to support disabled people to do this. Our position on the proposed access legislation hasn’t changed. This bill will fail what it sets out to achieve and DPA opposes it in its current form.

Undoubtedly a highlight of the year for me was going to Geneva to participate in New Zealand’s examination by the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The domestic examination held by the Disabled People’s Organisation (DPO) Coalition earlier in the year helped us prepare for Geneva and NZ will have more such examinations before our next UN Examination. Overall, we were happy with the concluding observations the Committee issued and the honourable Minister Poto Williams was very keen to get to work on implementing their recommendations.

Over the past twelve months DPA membership has grown and our financial position has continued to improve. It’s been an honour to serve as your president for the last two years and I look forward to assisting our new president Joanne Dacombe in the year ahead.

Ngā mihi,

**Nathan Bond**

**National President**

# **Chief Executive’s Report**

Kia ora e hoa mā,

The year has flown by and as you will see throughout the annual report, members, staff, and the National Executive Committee (NEC) have continued to tirelessly work on systemic change for the equity of disabled people. My thanks to all for supporting the work of the organisation by continuing to raise issues to guide or provide input for our work. Additionally, I must give special thanks to our staff team who are spread throughout the country and do remarkable work in community, with local and central government, and with other organisations.

A highlight of the year was providing advice to HardyGroup around the accessibility of the recruitment process for the inaugural Chief Executive role for Whaikaha – The Ministry of Disabled People. We heard community concerns that the new Ministry wouldn’t meet our needs and that the new CE wouldn’t be a disabled person, we shared those concerns. For that reason, and because we promote disabled leadership and the employment of disabled people, we decided to be involved to support as many disabled people as possible with relevant skills to apply for the role.

Another highlight was the end of the incredibly difficult work we had done around the face mask exemption communication cards. Our role in this was something we never imagined would reach the extent it did, but we continued for as long as we did because we knew that some disabled people and people with health conditions needed this support; there was little to no recognition in their interactions in society of the fact that they were exempt from wearing a face covering under the public health order. Unfortunately those people were never truly centred in discussions around the topic. Our sincere thanks must go to the staff and contractors who were involved in this work and the personal and professional toll it took on them. In the end the role of face coverings became so contentious that those who genuinely needed the card were not able to have their rights upheld. I have been a disabled person for 25 years and have worked in disability rights for 15, I have never heard so many examples of downright discrimination in such a short space of time than I did from disabled people in the seven months from August 2021.

This AGM, we see Nathan Bond finishing his term as National President and we welcome Joanne Dacombe as President for the next 2 years. My personal thanks to Nathan for all his support during his term as President.

Mā te wā,

**Prudence Walker**

**Chief Executive**

# **A Year in Review**

DPA continues to lead advocacy work on behalf of our membership at the highest strategic level with ministers, senior government officials, ministries and Crown Entities. These areas of work include:

* Membership of the Disabled Persons Organisations (DPOs) Coalition, that engages with government to support implementation of the NZ Disability Strategy through the Disability Action Plan through the Office of Disability Issues.  The DPO Coalition is a member of the Independent Monitoring Mechanism (IMM), alongside the Office of the Ombudsman and the Human Rights Commission. The IMM monitors the UNCRPD and reports to the UNCRPD Monitoring Committee based in Geneva. This year DPA President Nathan Bond travelled to Geneva as a DPO Coalition representative to participate in New Zealand’s examination by the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
* Participation in various advisory groups such as the EQC National Reference Group and Election Access Fund Steering Group.
* Members are involved with Enabling Good Lives Leadership Groups in Christchurch, Waikato and Mid Central DHB region and the National Leadership Group. This is a principles based social change movement mainly focused on transformation of the way disabled people are supported by disability support services. The intent is that disabled people will have a person to walk alongside them, personal budgets, service providers will be able to work in more flexible ways, so that disabled people can have increased choice and control over their everyday lives. A national rollout of implementation of the Enabling Good Lives approach to Disability Support Services was announced in October 2021.
* Over this period DPA made 17 submissions to government agencies, seven submissions to Parliament and nineteen regional submissions.

## **Covid-19 pandemic response**

Over this period, the Covid-19 pandemic response continued to impact the work of DPA either directly such as through our involvement in advisory groups, communication of information, and distribution of face covering exemption cards, or indirectly such as through the cancellation of events due to Alert Level changes.

Disabled people continued to be hit disproportionately hard by the response to the pandemic. DPA highlighted ongoing issues around access to support, testing and vaccinations.

In August 2021, New Zealand entered our second nationwide lockdown. The following day it was announced that mask wearing would be mandatory when visiting essential services, including supermarkets and petrol stations. With all official communication channels pointing to DPA as distributing cards designed to communicate exemption from wearing a face covering under the public health order, our organisation was flooded with requests.

We were also flooded with feedback from people who were being turned away from businesses and services because they were unable to wear a face covering. We worked with government agencies, businesses, police, and others to try to ensure that people using the card legitimately were not discriminated against.

For over six months we called for a public education campaign to ensure that people who are exempt under the public health order were not further marginalised - it did not happen.

We attempted to address the misunderstandings around exemptions that were leading to discrimination, however we believed what was required was leadership by Government on the issue. DPA made the decision to stop distribution of the cards, advising the Ministry of Health early in February that we would stop distributing cards at the end of March.

On March 11 the Human Rights Commission launched an urgent inquiry into the support of disabled people during the Omicron outbreak. DPA made a detailed submission to the inquiry saying that we believed that there were significant failings in the support disabled people received during the Omicron outbreak. These failings resulted from inaction on early learnings from the pandemic response; the issues that arose should have been foreseen and easily pre-planned for, but this did not seem to have happened. The issues we identified were:

· Lack of prioritisation for disabled people

· Lack of access to Covid response services, e.g. testing

· Lack of engagement with the disabled community

· Lack of cultural responsiveness

· Lack of proactiveness, specifically in relation to support services

· Lack of nuanced response

· Social isolation

In April the Human Rights Commission Omicron Inquiry report was released. It found that the Omicron response caused considerable stress, confusion and put the well-being of disabled people at risk.

“Some of the missteps and gaps in a comprehensive COVID-19 strategy for disabled people during 2020 can be understood in the context of an unprecedented global situation. However, missteps and gaps in a comprehensive COVID-19 strategy for disabled people are less understandable or tolerable at this point.”

## **A new ministry, national EGL rollout and accessibility legislation**

In October 2021 came the exciting news that a new Ministry for disabled people would be established and there would be national implementation of the Enabling Good Lives (EGL) approach.

**A new Ministry**

Disabled people had been calling for our own Ministry for decades, most recently in reaction to the Health and Disability System review, so the news brought hope that the needs of disabled people would no longer be side-lined.

We welcomed the news saying that if this was to be successful, disabled leadership was fundamental and that needed to be from the very outset. The ministry also needed to be properly resourced.

Hearing, and sharing, community concerns that the new Chief Executive wouldn’t be a disabled person, we took the opportunity to work with recruitment firm HardyGroup, advising them around accessible recruitment processes.

On July 1 2022 Whaikaha—Ministry of Disabled People was launched at Parliament.

There was disappointment that the new CE wasn’t announced at the launch, but we hoped the lack of announcement was reflective of taking the time to find the best person to lead the ministry.

Two months later, we welcomed the news that Paula Tesoriero was to be the new CE. Paula is not only a disabled person, but one who had built trust and respect in the community, particularly in her role as Disability Rights Commissioner.

**National implementation of EGL**

We also welcomed the commitment to implementing the Enabling Good Lives approach to Disability Support Services on a national scale.

Disabled people put a significant amount of time, effort and expertise into designing a transformed disability support system. Trials in Waikato, Christchurch and the MidCentral region have shown that support can be completely different for disabled people.

A key factor in how successful this is will again depend on resourcing. We know from the regional trials that it is essential that this new approach is properly budgeted for for it to work.

**Accessibility Legislation**

We were extremely disappointed by the new measures to improve accessibility that were announced in October 2021.

The proposed accessibility framework and Accessibility Governance Board fell well short of what DPA had been calling for – the establishment of an independent Accessibility entity with the ability to set, update and enforce accessibility standards.

The Accessibility for New Zealanders Bill was introduced in July 2022, formalising into draft legislation the disappointing measures announced over a year earlier.

DPA held a Bubble Hui with members to discuss the Bill and heard that they believe that the Bill as it is drafted will at best, make little difference to disabled people’s lives. Even worse is the fear it will actually slow down progress on accessibility.

We encouraged members to make their own submissions on the Bill and co-hosted with Access Matters an online submission writing workshop.

DPA called for the Bill to go back to the drawing board, our submission recommending the Bill be redrafted via a genuine co-design and co-production process with disabled people, Disabled Peoples Organisations and the wider disabled community.

## **Transport research report**

DPA and transport consultants MRCagney were awarded a contract by Waka Kotahi to carry out research into the transport experiences of disabled people.

The research report ‘Transport experiences of disabled people in Aotearoa New Zealand’ was published in August 2022. It highlights the ongoing challenges disabled people face using transport in New Zealand and the need for a paradigm shift in the way that the transport sector provides for disabled people.   
  
Data was gathered through online surveys of disabled people, transport service providers, council staff with a responsibility for TM, and disability organisations in their role of carrying out assessments for TM eligibility. Over fifteen thousand responses were received from disabled people.

Regional workshops were also held for disabled people throughout Aotearoa. These workshops provided a rich array of stories and quotes to ensure the voice of disabled people is heard in the report.

## **Climate change**

Over this period DPA’s Policy Team designated climate change one of its priorities, making a number of submissions on climate issues throughout the year including:

· To the Environment committee the Waste Strategy – this Strategy is primarily concerned with the phasing out of single-use plastics. We supported the phasing out of single-use plastics, but highlighted the difficulties this poses for many disabled people and in particular the lack of viable affordable alternatives to plastic drinking straws for those who need them.

· To the Environment committee on Emissions Budgets and Plan – we broadly welcomed the changes in the emissions budgets and plans but made the following points:

- The need to involve disabled people in all areas of emissions reduction

- There are real safety issues posed by the quietness of electric vehicles

- The need to provide funding support for disabled people to purchase electric vehicles, particularly those who require larger vans.

- We supported the move towards increased walking and cycling, but raised the need for safe, well maintained and clear footpaths

- That all public transport must be accessible and reduced fares for disabled people

- We supported housing heating and environmental standards, and

- Pressed Government to think about disabled people in the area of creating jobs in a low emissions economy.

· To the Ministry of the Environment’s National Adaptation Plan – this is Aotearoa’s first National Adaptation Plan and we welcomed the consultation on the Draft Plan. However, we were disappointed at the lack of detail on and understanding of the intersection between disability and climate change. We proposed the setting up of a disability reference group and a disability climate fund to support disabled people to make the necessary changes to their lives to mitigate or respond to climate change.

## **In the media**

The pandemic response, and in particular our involvement in the administration of face covering exemption cards made 2021/22 a busy year for DPA in the media, with DPA providing comment for 56 news stories.

With the announcement of a new Ministry for Disabled People in October 2021, we spoke to the media about our hopes for the new Ministry.

We also provided comment on:

 · immigration policy,

· violence and abuse,

· access issues,

· DHB reform,

· support for disabled students,

· inaccessible housing,

· Sunflower Lanyards,

· welfare reform,

· disability support funding, and

· human rights metrics.

## **Mahi Tika – Equity in Employment**

Launched in 2020 by Disabled Persons Assembly, Mahi Tika – Equity in Employment programme has been delivered across Waikato for coming up to two years. The programme that was designed to increase opportunities for disabled people continues to provide disabled people across the Waikato region with the opportunity to join together with other disabled job seekers to participate in workshops that build employment skills and the confidence to apply for jobs. Mahi Tika – Equity in Employment is possible thanks to Trust Waikato and Kānoa - Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit.

Throughout the programme the mode of delivery has evolved. Initially these were mainly one-on-one in person mentoring supplemented by two in-person workshops. Due to the changing Covid-19 landscape the mode of delivery shifted to online with workshop planning adapting to these changes.

Mahi Tika – Equity in Employment programme is now expected to run until June 2023. Even though the implementation of workshops in the form of online modules has not had a profound effect on our ability to deliver the programme, we do hope that we will be able to see a return to face-to-face workshops as these appear to have a huge impact on people’s confidence, sense of community, and employment outcomes.

To date, thirty-four people have moved through the programme and despite the added barriers brought on by the Covid-19 environment we have seen a significant increase in confidence of our participants with the support from their Kaitiaki and many were successful in entering employment or training of their choice.

In the past year, we have also had some changes to the team. The programme currently employs four disabled people, three of whom are based in Waikato and one in Whakatāne.

In the beginning of 2022, Anja Hajdarevic came on board as Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa – Project Manager to oversee the day-to-day running of the programme. Ayla Naidoo has joined the team in the role of Manaaki - Support. Amber-Krystle Stier and Roger Riley continue as Kaitiaki - Enhancers.

Rodney Bell, previously in the role of a Kaitiaki - Enhancer has left the team due to dance commitments as he has been awarded the first FAME Mid-Career Award and will soon be touring the world again, representing Aotearoa in physically integrated dance.

Angela Desmarais, previously in the role of Manaaki - Support has moved into the role of Kaitohutohu Whakawhanake - Research and Development Advisor, thanks to a Ministry of Social Development grant for the purpose of wider research and development of the programme. Angela is focusing on a nationwide approach to relationship building which will also benefit the programme in Waikato.

With the addition of Research and Development, Mahi Tika – Equity in Employment has the opportunity to evaluate current employment services available across New Zealand and determine where and how we can have the most impact, explore funding options for the future viability and sustainability of the programme, and build relationships with employers nationwide to ensure a strong networking base is developed.

Progress has been made on nurturing relationships with local community leaders and potential employers. However, for much of 2021, this was hindered by restricted movement within the region as a result of Covid-19 precautions. In saying that, recently Mahi Tika – Equity in Employment participated in Show Your Ability in Hamilton and attended the Disability Inclusive Pathways Conference in Rotorua, allowing for some great connections and a positive step towards the programme growth and planning for future networking.

Coming together - be it virtually or in person - to learn from each other, support and encourage each other has never been more important than in the current climate of navigating a global pandemic. We will continue to do our part in the community, enhancing the employment opportunities of disabled people and advocating for equity in all areas.

## **Employment – research and development**

As a result of positive outcomes from Mahi Tika – Equity in Employment, DPA secured funding for Research and Development. This a two-year project that began in January 2022. DPA’s Research and Development work focuses on equity in employment in a national context. This work includes:

* Evaluating current employment services available across the country;
* Exploring funding models for sustainable delivery of Mahi Tika – Equity in Employment;
* Building relationships with employers across diverse sectors;
* Raising awareness of inclusive workplaces and recruitment practices;
* Advising DPA’s policy team on employment-related issues; and
* Producing a report on equity in employment for disabled people.

In this time, DPA has expanded its network with community organisations and employers across Aotearoa, discuss inclusive workplaces, exploring employment opportunities for Deaf and disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori, and gaining insights into employment experiences.  This has also included visiting the Manawatū-Whanganui, Wellington, Canterbury, and Otago regions, with plans in the year ahead for community forums and continued engagement with employers.

In addition, DPA has had speaking roles at a number of business events and conferences to raise awareness of the employment of disabled people. This work has been made possible through funding from the Ministry of Social Development.

## **DPA in the regions**

DPA continues to lead advocacy work at a regional level, facilitated primarily through our Kaituitui network - Chris Ford in Dunedin, as acting-Wellington Kaituitui, and leading the team in 2021 as Senior Kaituitui, Ingrid Roberston in Christchurch, Joy Ho in Waikato, and Claudia Christensen in Auckland. During this period we farewelled Claudia after she found a full time job at the end of her studies.

Like all of DPA’s work, the pandemic response impacted our our work in the regions, Kaituitui supporting disabled people locally with local information about the response, testing and vaccination rollout.

In Christchurch DPA, with the help of Allison Franklin, updated the ‘Don’t be Scared, Be Prepared’ booklet to include pandemic response information. Both hard copies and a PDF version have been sent out. A big thank you to Civil Defence who funded the printing of 500 copies and to AWS Publishing.

Despite the impact on the ability to hold in-person hui, Kaituitui organised several local forums such as the joint DPA – Wellington City Council Accessibility Advisory Group hui on accessible housing issues that brought together disabled people and city councillors as well as advisory group members.

In February 2022 Chris transferred from Senior Kaituitui into the new role of Regional Policy Advisor. Chris works with local Kaituitui and disabled people to make local submissions.

The impact of his work in the role can be seen in the number of regional submissions DPA is now making. In the 2020/21 period DPA made seven regional submissions, in 2021/22 we made 19. Appreciative feedback from members shows the value they see in the role.

# **Performance Report**

Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc.

For the year ended 30 June 2022

# Entity Information

Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc.

For the year ended 30 June 2022

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| **Legal Name of Entity** |
| Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc |

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| **Entity Type and Legal Basis** |
| Incorporated Society and Registered Charity: Incorporation Number: 218318 |

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| **Charity Registration Number** |
| CC24755 |

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| **Entity's Purpose or Mission** |
| To provide an independent, collective voice for all people with disabilities in New Zealand |

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| **Entity's Operational Structure** |
| Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) is governed by a National Executive Committee consisting of six members. The organisation has regional committees throughout the country which report to the National Executive Committee. The  day-to-day operations of the organisation are carried out by 19 employees. |

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| **Main Sources of Entity's Cash and Resources** |
| Community grants and government contracts |

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| **Main Methods Used by Entity to Raise Funds** |
| Applications for funding |

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| **Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services** |
| Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc is reliant on the time provided voluntarily by members of the National Executive Committee, apart from paid consulting work and reimbursements for expenditure incurred in their capacity as  National Executive Committee Members. |

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| **Physical address** |
| Level 4  173-175 Victoria Street  Wellington 6011 |



# Approval of Performance Report

Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc.

For the year ended 30 June 2022

The National Executive Committee is pleased to present the approved Performance Report including the historical financial statements of Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc for year ended 30 June 2022.

APPROVED



Nathan Bond

President of the National Executive Committee Date 11/11/2022



Prudence Walker Chief Executive Date 11/11/2022

# Statement of Service Performance

Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc

For the year ended 30 June 2022 Our Outcomes

Policy advice to Government agencies about issues related to disabled people

Input into Ministry of Health policy advice about common themes and issues relating to service provisions for disabled persons in New Zealand Implementation of the Regional Kaituitui roles to increase community capacity and ensure disabled people’s voices are heard at a regional level Communication of DPA and sector news and providing opportunities for feedback on issues to both DPA membership and the wider disability community Enabling disabled people’s voices to be heard in nationally, eg. through the media

**Our Outputs**

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| **Output 1** | **2022 (actual)** | **2021 (actual)** | **2020 (actual)** | **2019 (actual)** | **2018 (actual)** | **2017 (actual)** |
| Number of submissions and formal feedback to government agencies | 17 | 14 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 10 |

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| **Output 2** | **2022 (actual)** | **2021 (actual)** | **2020 (actual)** | **2019 (actual)** | **2018 (actual)** | **2017 (actual)** |
| Number of submissions to Parliament | 7 | 5 |  |  |  |  |

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| **Output 3** | **2022 (actual)** | **2021 (actual)** | **2020 (actual)** | **2019 (actual)** | **2018 (actual)** | **2017 (actual)** |

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| Number of regional submissions | 19 | 7 |  |  |  |  |

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| **Output 4 -** | **2022 (actual)** | **2021 (actual)** | **2020 (actual)** | **2019 (actual)** | **2018 (actual)** | **2017 (actual)** |
| Number of Kaituitui engaged | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 |

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| **Output 5 -** | **2022 (actual)** | **2021 (actual)** | **2020 (actual)** | **2019 (actual)** | **2018 (actual)** | **2017 (actual)** |
| Facebook Followers | 2,730 | 2,112 | 1,802 | 1,322 | 1,107 | 797 |
| Twitter followers | 1,028 | 873 | 592 | 311 | 254 | 2 |
| Number of newsletters (Information Exchange) sent | 36 | 45 | 49 | 41 | 40 | 43 |
| Media stories DPA is quoted in | 56 | 27 | 33 | 24 | 19 | 7 |

**Submissions:**

## Submissions and formal feedback to government agencies

1. DPA-Submission-Consultation-on-Emissions-Budgets-and-Emissions-Reduction-Plan-June-2022- Word Doc 591kB
2. DPA-Submission-Draft-National-Adapation-Plan-June-2022- Word Doc 32kB
3. DPA-Feedback-Income-Insurance-Scheme-Proposal-April-2022- Word Doc 591kB
4. DPA-Submission-Regulation-of-Residential-Property-Managers-April-2022- Word Doc 351kB
5. DPA-Feeback-to-Medical-Council-of-New-Zealand-April-2022- Word Doc 584kB
6. DPA-Submission-Draft-Social-Cohesion-Framework-March-2022- Word Doc 598kB
7. DPA-Submission-Highest-Needs-Review-March-2022- Word Doc 589kB
8. DPA-Submission-Oranga-Tamariki-Oversight-Bill-January-2022- Word Doc 593kB
9. DPA-Feedback-on-the-Draft-Digital-Strategy-December-2021- Word Doc 267kB
10. DPA-submission-Waste-Strategy-and-Legislation-Consultation---December-2021- Word Doc 589kB
11. DPA-Submission-MfE-Emissions-Reduction-Plan-November-2021- Word Doc 590kB
12. DPA-submission-Older-Workers-Employment-Action-Plan-November-2021- Word Doc 584kB
13. DPA-Feedback-on-Disability-Survey-October-2021- Word Doc 621kB
14. DPA-Submission-Adoption-in-NZ-Aotearoa-- Word Doc 592kB
15. DPA-Submission-Long-Term-Insights-Briefing-August-2021- Word Doc 271kB
16. DPA-submission-on-the-Incitement-of-Hatred-and-Discrimination-Discussion-Paper-August-2021- Word Doc 264kB
17. DPA-submission-Housing-and-Urban-Development-Discussion-Paper-July-2021- Word Doc 260kB

## Submissions to Parliament

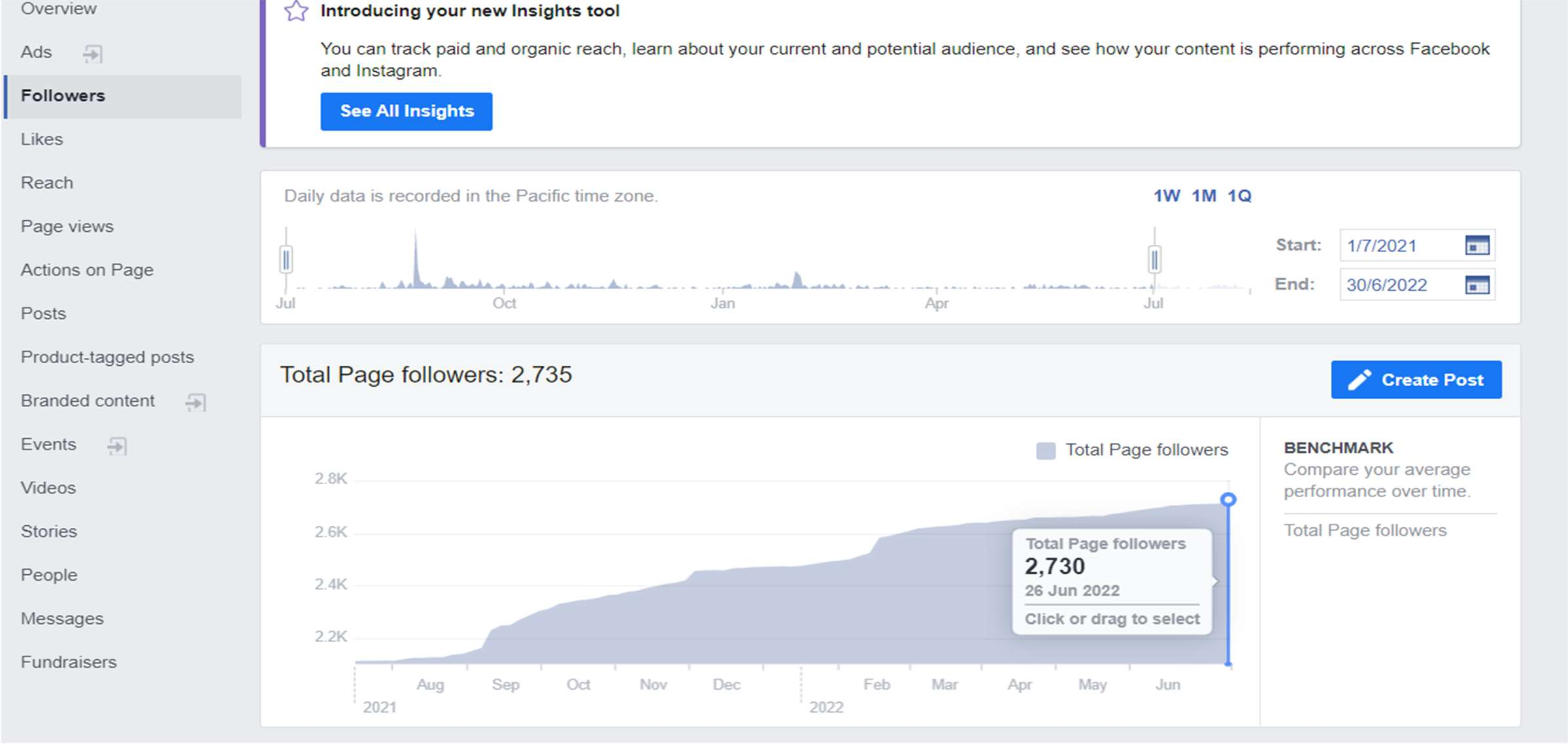
1. DPA-Submission-to-Youth-Parliament-Housing-June-2022- Word Doc 284kB
2. DPA-Submission-to-Youth-Parliament-Select-Committee---Economic-Development-June-2022- Word Doc 279kB
3. DPA-Submission-Fair-Pay-Agreements-Bill-May-2022- Word Doc 265kB
4. DPA-Submission-ACC-Maternal-Birth-Injury-and-Other-Matters-Amendment-Bill-February-2022- Word Doc 586kB
5. DPA-submission-Budget-Policy-Statement-January-2022- Word Doc 228kB
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5. DPA-submission-DCC-Annual-Plan-April-2022- Word Doc 282kB
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# Statement of Financial Performance

Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc.

For the year ended 30 June 2022

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| **Account** | **Notes** | **2022** | **2021** |

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| **Revenue** |  |  |  |
| Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue | 1 | 4,197 | 1,313 |
| Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members | 1 | 287 | 185 |
| Revenue from providing goods or services | 1 | 915,229 | 715,874 |
| Interest revenue | 1 | 518 | 179 |
| Other revenue | 1 | 357,762 | 74,847 |
| **Total Revenue** |  | **1,277,993** | **792,398** |

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| **Expenses** |  |  |  |
| Employee related costs | 2 | 747,479 | 560,039 |
| Costs related to providing goods or service | 2 | 314,284 | 166,301 |
| **Total Expenses** |  | **1,061,762** | **726,340** |

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| **Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year 216,231** | **66,057** |

# Statement of Financial Position

Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc.

As at 30 June 2022

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| **Account** | **Notes** | **30-Jun-22** | **30 Jun 2021** |

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| **Assets** |  |  |  |
| **Current Assets** |  |  |  |
| Bank accounts and cash | 3 | 1,526,880 | 830,916 |
| Debtors | 4 | 37,524 | 53,277 |
| Prepayments | 5 | 2,454 | 4,003 |
| **Total Current Assets** |  | **1,566,857** | **888,196** |
| **Non-Current Assets** |  |  |  |
| Property, plant and equipment | 6 | 8,217 | 12,227 |
| **Total Non-Current Assets** |  | **8,217** | **12,227** |
| **Total Assets** |  | **1,575,074** | **900,423** |

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| **Liabilities** |  |  |  |
| **Current Liabilities** |  |  |  |
| Credit cards | 7 | 870 | 2,955 |
| Creditors and accrued expenses | 8 | 35,464 | 27,042 |
| Goods and services tax |  | 37,537 | 15,025 |
| Employee costs payable | 9 | 38,750 | 31,778 |
| Unused donations and grants with conditions | 10 | 1,017,830 | 593,732 |
| Other current liabilities | 11 | 753 | 1,948 |
| **Total Current Liabilities** |  | **1,131,204** | **672,480** |
| **Non-Current Liabilities** |  |  |  |
| Other non-current Liabilities | 11 | 0 | 520 |
| **Total non--Current Liabilities** |  | **0** | **520** |
| **Total Liabilities** |  | **1,131,204** | **673,000** |

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| **Net Assets 443,870** | **227,422** |

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| **Accumulated Funds** |  |  |  |
| Accumulated surpluses or (deficits) | 12 | 443,870 | 227,423 |
| **Total Accumulated Funds** |  | **443,870** | **227,423** |

# Statement of Cash Flows

Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc.

For the year ended 30 June 2022

Cash Basis

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| **Account** | **Notes** | **2022** | **2021** |

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| **Statement of Cash Flows** |  |  |
| **Cash Flows from Operating Activities** |  |  |
| **Cash was received from** |  |  |
| Donations, fundraising and other similar receipts | 4,197 | 1,313 |
| Fees, subscriptions and other receipts from members | 287 | 185 |
| Receipts from providing goods or services | 1,720,424 | 1,316,446 |
| Interest, dividends and other investment receipts | 518 | 178 |
| **Total Cash was received from** | **1,725,426** | **1,318,122** |
| **Cash was applied to** |  |  |
| Payments to suppliers | (301,643) | (160,632) |
| Payments to employees | (744,989) | (554,545) |
| Goods and services tax paid | 24,576 | 3,128 |
| **Total Cash was applied to** | **(1,022,056)** | **(712,049)** |
| **Total Cash Flows from Operating Activities** | **703,370** | **606,073** |
| **Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities** |  |  |
| **Cash was received from** |  |  |
| Closed Regional branches | 0 | 0 |
| **Total Cash was received from** | **0** | **0** |
| **Cash was applied to** |  |  |
| Payments to acquire property, plant and equipment | (5,321) | (14,637) |
| **Total Cash was applied to** | **(5,321)** | **(14,637)** |
| **Total Cash Flows from Investing and Financing Activities** | **(5,321)** | **(14,637)** |

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| **Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash** |  | **698,049** | **591,436** |
| **Opening Cash Balance** |  |  |  |
| Bank accounts and cash |  | 830,916 | 236,810 |
| Credit cards |  | (2,955) | (286) |
| **Total Opening Cash Balance** |  | **827,961** | **236,524** |
| **Closing Cash Balance** |  |  |  |
| Bank accounts and cash | 3 | 1,526,880 | 830,916 |
| Credit cards | 7 | (870) | (2,955) |
| **Total Closing Cash Balance** |  | **1,526,010** | **827,961** |

# Statement of Accounting Policies

Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc.

For the year ended 30 June 2022

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| **Basis of Preparation** |
| These financial statements have been prepared for Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Incorporated. This includes Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Incorporated's National office and all of its regional branches.  The entity has elected to apply PBE SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not-For- Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses equal to or less than  $2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting.  The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future. |

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| **Presentation Currency** |
| The Performance Report is presented in New Zealand dollars (NZ$) and all values are rounded to the nearest NZ$. |

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| **Revenue Recognition** |
| Donations and grants with no "use or return" condition attached are recorded as revenue when cash is received.  Donations and grants with a "use or return" condition attached are recorded as a liability when cash is received, and as the conditions are met the liability is reduced and revenue is recorded.  Fees and subscriptions from members are recorded evenly over the period the item is provided, or where the value varies recorded proportionally on the basis of value in relation to total estimated value. Membership with the assembly is on a voluntary basis.  Provision of services are recognised on a stage of completion basis. Interest income is recorded as it is earned. |

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| **Bank Accounts and Cash** |
| Bank accounts and cash in the Statement of Cash Flows comprise cash balances and bank balances (including short  term deposits) with original maturities of 90 days or less. |

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| **Trade Receivables** |
| Trade receivables are initially measured at the amount owed. When it is likely that the amount owed, or some portion, will not be collected, an impairment adjustment is recorded. Interest charged on overdue amounts are added  to the individual debtor balance. |

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| **Comparative figures** |
| The 2021 figures presented for the year ended 30 June 2021 include Disabled Persons Assembly’s regional  branches’ activities. These figures are audited. |

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| **Property, Plant and Equipment** |
| Items of property, plant and equipment are initially recognised at cost. Historic cost includes items of expenditure directly attributable to the acquisition of assets and includes the cost of replacements that are eligible for capitalisation when these are incurred.  All of the entity’s items of property plant and equipment are subsequently measured in accordance with the cost model.  All other repairs and maintenance expenditure is recognised in the Statement of Financial Performance as incurred.  Depreciation is calculated on a diminishing value and straight line basis over the depreciation rates and estimated useful life of the asset. The following depreciation rates and estimated useful lives have been used:  Furniture and fittings   3 - 10 years or 18% DV / SL Computer equipment   3 - 4 years or 40% - 67% DV / SL Website         4 years  An item of property, plant and equipment or investment property is derecognised upon disposal or when no further future economic benefits are expected from its use or disposal. Any gain or loss arising on derecognition of the asset (calculated as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset) is included in  the Statement of Financial Performance in the year the asset is derecognised. |

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| **Goods and Services Tax (GST)** |
| The entity is registered for GST. All amounts are stated exclusive of goods and services tax (GST) except for  accounts payable and accounts receivable which are stated inclusive of GST. Only the National Office and the Palmerston North regional branch are GST registered. |

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| **Income Tax** |
| As a registered charity under the Charities Act 2005, Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc is wholly exempt from  New Zealand income tax under sections CW41 and CW42 of the Income Tax Act 2007. |

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| **Changes in Accounting Policies** |
| There have been no changes in accounting policies. All accounting policies have been applied consistently  throughout the year. |

# Notes to the Performance Report

Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc.

For the year ended 30 June 2022

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| **Account** | **2022** | **2021** |

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| **1. Analysis of Revenue** |  |  |
| **Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue** |  |  |
| Donations | 4,197 | 1,313 |
| **Total Donations, fundraising and other similar revenue** | **4,197** | **1,313** |
| **Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members** |  |  |
| Subscriptions | 287 | 185 |
| **Total Fees, subscriptions and other revenue from members** | **287** | **185** |
| **Revenue from providing goods or services** |  |  |
| Government contracts | 446,194 | 443,041 |
| Grants - Other | 441,786 | 272,834 |
| DPO Coaliation revenue | 27,249 |  |
| **Total Revenue from providing goods or services** | **915,229** | **715,874** |
| **Interest, dividends and other investment revenue** |  |  |
| Interest received | 518 | 179 |
| **Total Interest, dividends and other investment revenue** | **518** | **179** |
| **Other revenue** |  |  |
| Other income | 353,685 | 56,362 |
| Income from on charge | 3,904 | 18,485 |
| Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets | 174 |  |
| **Total Other revenue** | **357,762** | **74,847** |

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| **Account** | **2022** | **2021** |

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| **2. Analysis of Expenses** |  |  |
| **Volunteer and employee related costs** |  |  |
| Salaries & Wages | 744,989 | 557,393 |
| Staff Expenses | 2,415 | 288 |
| Training | 75 | 2,358 |
| **Total Volunteer and employee related costs** | **747,479** | **560,039** |
| **Costs related to providing goods or services** |  |  |
| ACC levies | 1,440 | 813 |
| Accommodation and travel | - | 6 |
| Accounting fee | 3,896 | 3,829 |
| Administration fee | 1,822 | 1,603 |
| Advertising | 1,213 | 603 |
| AGM/conference expenses | 1,113 | 1,678 |
| Audit fee | 16,169 | 12,619 |
| Bank charges | 400 | 354 |
| Base contractors' fees | 109,938 | 513 |
| Branch expenses | - | 720 |
| Car park and parking | - | - |
| Catering and meals | 895 | 5,911 |
| Computer expenses | 4,032 | 4,654 |
| DPO Coaliation expenses | 13,909 |  |
| Depreciation | 9,331 | 7,666 |
| Expenses for on charge | 5,238 | 19,258 |
| General expenses | 4,252 | 5,199 |
| Insurance | 5,480 | 5,509 |
| Kohas/Gifts/donations | 300 | 699 |
| Lease / hire of equipment | - | - |

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| Legal and professional fees | 6,200 | 44 |
| Meetings | 254 | 2,140 |
| Loss on disposal of asset | - | - |
| Other Expenses | 166 | 306 |
| Postage and couriers | 23,129 | 231 |
| Power | 1,489 | 953 |
| Printing and stationery | 30,097 | 1,018 |
| Publicity and annual report | - | - |
| Rent | 31,894 | 32,652 |
| Repairs and maintenance | - | 321 |
| Subscriptions and publications | 10,658 | 8,663 |
| Support | 9,810 | 5,750 |
| Telecommunications | 9,338 | 6,879 |
| Travel & Mileage | 8,790 | 31,639 |
| Venue Hire | 612 | 1,145 |
| Website and internet | 2,420 | 2,926 |
| **Total Costs related to providing goods or services** | **314,284** | **166,301** |

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| **Account** | **2022** | **2021** |

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| **3. Bank accounts and cash** |  |  |
| **Bank accounts and cash** |  |  |
| National office | 1,475,866 | 781,923 |
| Christchurch | 26,206 | 13,850 |
| Dunedin | 4,089 | 4,946 |
| Gisborne | 1,335 | 1,334 |
| Palmerston North | 4,157 | 7,589 |
| Taranaki | 3,275 | 3,737 |
| Tauranga (WBOP) | 8,756 | 8,672 |
| Waikato | 3,196 | 8,863 |
| **Total Bank accounts and cash** | **1,526,880** | **830,916** |

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| **Account** | **2022** | **2021** |

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| **4. Debtors** |  |  |
| **Debtors** |  |  |
| Trade debtors | 37,524 | 53,277 |
| **Total Debtors** | **37,524** | **53,277** |

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| **Account** | **2022** | **2021** |

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| **5. Prepayments** |  |  |
| Prepayments | 2,454 | 4,003 |
| **Total Other current assets** | **2,454** | **4,003** |

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| **Account** | **2022** | **2021** |

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| **6. Property, plant and equipment** |  |  |
| **Computer Equipment** |  |  |
| At cost | 53,726 | 49,796 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (46,555) | (39,116) |
| **Total Computer Equipment** | **7,172** | **10,680** |
| **Furniture & Fittings** |  |  |
| At cost | 16,417 | 16,417 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (15,371) | (14,870) |
| **Total Furniture and Fittings** | **1,046** | **1,547** |
| **Website** |  |  |
| At cost | 78,947 | 78,947 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (78,947) | (78,947) |
| **Total Website** | **0** | **0** |
| **Total Property, plant and equipment** | **8,217** | **12,227** |

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| **2022** |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Asset Class* | *Opening*  *carrying amount* | *Additions* | *Disposals* | *Depreciation Expense* | *Closing*  *Carrrying amount* |
| Computer Equipment | 10,680 | 3,930 | - | (7,439) | 7,172 |
| Furniture and Fittings | 1,547 | - | - | (502) | 1,045 |
| **Total**  **2021** | **12,227** | **3,930** | **-** | **(7,940)** | **8,217** |

*Asset Class*

*Opening carrying amount*

*Additions Disposals*

*Depreciation Expense*

*Closing Carrrying amount*

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| Computer Equipment | 3,208 | 14,637 | - | (7,165) | 10,680 |
| Furniture and Fittings | 2,049 | - | - | (502) | 1,547 |
| **Total** | **5,257** | **14,637** | **-** | **(7,667)** | **12,227** |

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| **Account** | **2022** | **2021** |

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| **7. Credit cards** |  |  |
| **Credit cards** |  |  |
| National office | 870 | 2,955 |
| **Total Credit cards**  **Account** | **870**  **2022** | **2,955**  **2021** |

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| **8. Creditors and accrued expenses** |  |  |
| **Creditors and accrued expenses** |  |  |
| Accrued expenses | 31,607 | 23,595 |
| Trade creditors | 3,857 | 3,447 |
| **Total Creditors and accrued expenses**  **Account** | **35,464**  **2022** | **27,042**  **2021** |

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| **9. Employee costs payable** |  |  |
| **Employee costs payable** |  |  |
| Provision for holiday pay | 38,750 | 31,778 |
| **Total Employee costs payable**  **Account** | **38,750**  **2022** | **31,778**  **2021** |

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| **10. Unused donations and grants with conditions** |  |  |
| New Zealand Lotteries grant | 133,333 | 110,911 |
| Te Pou Consumer Leadership Grant (1988) | 57,205 | 49,745 |
| Internal Affairs COGS | 367 | 0 |
| Ministry of Womens Affairs | 4,370 | 7,820 |
| Trust Waikato | 331,822 | 169,958 |
| Ministry of Social Development CCRF | 0 | 2,860 |
| Ministry of Social Development (Web Project) | 173,091 | 245,713 |
| Ministry of Social Development (R & D) | 242,634 | 0 |
| Lion Foundation | 0 | 6,725 |
| Ministry of Justice | 50,000 | 0 |
| Rata Foundation | 25,007 | 0 |
| **Total Unused donations and grants with conditions** | **1,017,830** | **593,732** |

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| **Unused donations and grants with conditions reconciliation** | | | | | |
| *Grant* | *Unspent as at*  *beginning of year* | *Received* | *Expended/*  *Applied* | *Returned to*  *funder* | *Unspent as at end*  *of year* |
| New Zealand Lotteries Grant | 110,911 | 200,000 | 177,578 | - | 133,333 |
| Internal Affairs COGS | - | 3,450 | 3,083 | - | 367 |
| Te Pou Consumer Leadership Grant | 49,745 | 11,435 | 3,975 | - | 57,205 |
| Ministry of Womens Affairs | 7,820 | - | 3,450 | - | 4,370 |
| Trust Waikato | 169,959 | 250,000 | 88,137 | - | 331,822 |
| Ministry of Social Development- CCRF | 2,860 | - | 2,860 | - | - |
| Ministry of Social Development (Web Project) | 245,713 | - | 72,622 | - | 173,091 |
| Ministry of Social Development (Research & Development) | - | 300,000 | 57,366 | - | 242,634 |
| Lion Foundation | 6,725 | - | 6,725 | - | - |
| Ministry of Justice | - | 50,000 | - | - | 50,000 |
| Rata Foundation | - | 35,000 | 9,993 | - | 25,007 |
|  | **593,733** | **849,885** | **425,788** | **-** | **1,017,830** |

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| **Account** | **2022** | **2021** |

**11. Other Liabilites Current**

Income in Advance - 0

Hire Purchase - Spark Phones 753 1,948

**Total Current 753 1,948**

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| Hire purchase - Spark phones | - | 520 |
| **Total Non Current** | **0** | **520** |

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| **Account** | **2022** | **2021** |

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| **12. Accumulated Funds** |  |  |
| Reserves Contributed By branch | 12,097 | 12,097 |
| Accumlated surpluses or (deficits) for the year | 216,231 | 66,057 |
| Retained earnings | 215,542 | 149,269 |
| **Total Accumulated Funds** | **443,870** | **227,423** |

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| **Account** | **2022** | **2021** |

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| **13. Commitments** |  |  |
| **Commitments to lease or rent assets** |  |  |
| Current (less than twelve months) | 17,408 | 26,112 |
| Non Current (later than twelve months) | 0 | 17,408 |
| **Total Commitments to lease or rent assets** | **17,408** | **43,520** |

The National Office of Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) has a long term lease on premises occupied at 173-175 Victoria Street, Wellington. The annual rent is $26,112 and the lease runs from 1 March 2020 to 28 February 2023.

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| **14. Contingent Liabilities and Guarantees** |
| There are no contingent liabilities or guarantees as at 30 June 2022 (last year - nil). |

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| **15. Related Parties** |
| During 2022 Financial year, Nathan Bond (National Executive Committee Chair) received $11,181 for attending meetings with external parties in his capacity as Chair (2021 year- $6,894).There are no other related party transactions during the period ended 30 June 2022. |

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| **16. Events After the Balance Date** |
| There were no events that occurred after the balance date that would have a material impact on the Performance Report. |
| The Board maintains the view that the entity has sufficient resources to continue to operate as a going concern provided operational targets are met. |

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# Independent auditor’s report

## To the Members of Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying performance report of Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc, which comprises the entity information, the statement of service performance, the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2022, the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2022, and the statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report.

In our opinion:

1. the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, in the statement of service performance are suitable
2. the accompanying performance report presents fairly, in all material respects:
   * the entity information for the year then ended
   * the service performance for the year then ended, and
   * the financial position of Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc as at 30 June 2022, and its financial performance, and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

## Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit of the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)), and the audit of the entity information and statement of service performance in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (New Zealand) ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised). Our responsibilities under

those standards are further described in the ‘Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the performance report’ section of our report.

We are independent of Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc in accordance with Professional and

Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) ‘Code of ethics for assurance practitioners’ issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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

Other than our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc.

## National Executive Committee’s responsibilities for the performance report

The National Executive Committee are responsible for:

1. Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance
2. the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report on behalf of Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc which comprises:

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Moore Markhams Wellington Audit is a partnership of MK Rania and AJ Steel. Moore Markhams independent member firms in New Zealand are in Auckland - Christchurch – Dunedin – Hawke’s Bay – Queenstown – Wairarapa – Wanganui – Waverley – Wellington.

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* + the entity information
  + the statement of service performance; and
  + the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and

1. for such internal control as the National Executive Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the performance report, the National Executive Committee are responsible on behalf of Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc’s for assessing Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc’s ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the National Executive Committee either intend to liquidate Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Auditor’s responsibilities for the audit of the performance report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the performance report 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 ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised) 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 decisions of users taken on the basis of the performance report.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ) and ISAE (NZ) 3000 (Revised), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

* Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the performance 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 Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc’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 the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the National Executive Committee and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc’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 performance 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 Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc to cease to continue as a going concern.
* Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the performance report, including the disclosures, and whether the performance report represents the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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* Perform procedures to obtain evidence about and evaluate whether the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable.

We communicate with the National Executive Committee 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.

This report is made solely to the members of Disabled Persons Assembly (NZ) Inc. Our audit has been undertaken so that we might state to the members those matters we are required to state to

them in an auditors’ report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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