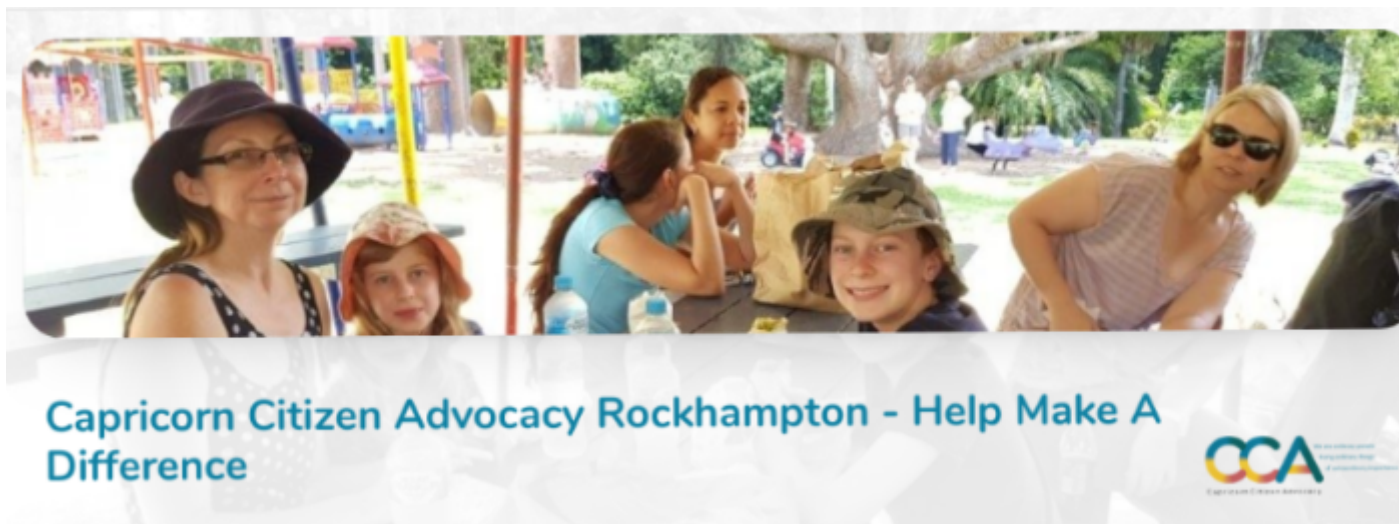


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Newsletter - March 2021

From the Office (Ewan and Amanda)

Qld Disability Advocacy Alliance – Future Funding

You may have already heard from us about the campaign currently happening across Queensland to ensure State Government funding of disability advocacy continues after 30 June 2021. There is no doubt that disability advocacy is still valued however, we are caught up in an intergovernmental dispute over whether its funding should be transferred to the federal government.

The State Government funds 14 disability advocacy programs; mostly small organisations like Capricorn Citizen Advocacy. The total annual cost is \$4.9 million or \$0.95 per Queenslanders each year.

I urge you to do four practical things if you want to support the local campaign:

1. Come to our rally – **10:00-11:00am on Wednesday 23 March 2021**; 192 Quay Street Rockhampton. Register by calling our office on 4922 0299 or register online here: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stand-with-us-rally-for-disability-advocacy-rockhampton-tickets-146510844881>
2. Write a letter to the Minister using our template and then email it to him and other key decision makers. We can email you the template and email addresses. This task will take you about 15 minutes.
3. Join the "Stand With Us" campaign - <https://www.standwithus.com.au/take-action> and complete the "Show your support" section.
4. Spread the word on Facebook. Our Facebook page is; <https://www.facebook.com/Capricorncitizenadvocacy>. There is also a Rocky Facebook event page: <https://fb.me/e/4bTiKrvab>

- The state government just approved our Human Service Quality Framework compliance assessment and Capricorn Citizen Advocacy continues as a quality approved program. The State Government's quality team praised our program.
- We had a well attended Christmas dinner at the Rocky Sports Club on 13 December 2020.
- At last, we can have another pizza night! It is coming up on **Thursday 15 April 2020 at 6:00pm**. Mark your diaries now – we'd love to see you there!
- We have joined Containers for Change. You can make a donation to CCA by exchanging your eligible containers for cash and citing our Scheme ID: C10119513 which means the money is deposited to CAA. Give us a call if you need further information.
- CCA needs a couple of additional Management Committee members. There are six members at the moment. If you are interested or know of somebody who could be suitable, please contact Jenny Smith (0418 786 151) or myself. Some skills we looking for in future include financial management, social media, website management and event management.

A Moment with the President (Jenny Smith)

Last year, the Management Committee of CCA gave serious consideration to an opportunity to accept a small grant from the Disability Advocacy Network of Australia (DANA). The funding originated from the Commonwealth Department of Social Services (DSS) and its purpose is primarily to share information about, and increase engagement of people with disability with, the Disability Royal Commission.

The Management Committee accepted this Offer of Funding and has established a short-term project that will run parallel to and separate from the ongoing work of the Citizen Advocacy office.

Accepting this offer provides an opportunity for CCA to contribute to the much needed and long overdue national investigation into violence, abuse, neglect, and exploitation experienced by people with disabilities across Australia, including any Protégés of our CA program who may have been thus impacted. It will also be an opportunity to:

1. serve our community by providing much needed information about the existence and purpose of the Disability Royal Commission;
2. source and facilitate the provision of assistance to any person who indicates that they wish to directly engage with the Royal Commission;
3. use the project wisely and judiciously to enhance community awareness and understanding of the work carried out by Capricorn Citizen Advocacy;
4. ensure that this project is planned and implemented in such a way that it remains discrete and separate from the usual day to day work of the Citizen Advocacy staff, except where the need for administration tasks or the knowledge of the CA Coordinator is required for its success; and
5. carried out in such a way that it heeds the CAPE Evaluation tool.

A budget has been established and approved, along with a contract to engage an independent contractor on a fixed term contract to execute the project. We have been very lucky to secure the services of Ms Roxanne Hodda who is both well-known and highly regarded. Her skills, background and experience make her very well suited to this role and we are confident that after a comprehensive orientation, she will deliver in spades on the Scope of Services agreed upon.

Roxanne has commenced and she reports directly to the Management Committee. As President, Jenny Smith will be her contact person between meetings. Roxanne can be contacted via email on drc_consultant@capricornca.org.au.

If you have any queries about this role, please email Jenny at jags14@bigpond.com

Introducing Roxanne

Hi, my name is Rox and I have joined Capricorn Citizen Advocacy as an independent consultant to

Your story counts and I am looking forward to ensuring the DRC hears the voices of the people of Central Queensland.

I have a little family including my blood cancer survivor husband Brendan, my daughter Matilda who has just started high school and my son Darcy - for whom I am his biggest advocate. I have lots of contacts around the place and am looking forward to meeting you and talking some more about the DRC and the various ways you can make a submission.



A Second with our Secretary (Sharon Lowe)

I have been reading the book "Ageing and the Good Things of Life: The Application of Social Role Valorization to Supporting People as They Age" (2020) Edited by Ronda Held, John Armstrong, Raymond Lemay & Susan Thomas.

Here is one personal story from page 148;

" Ivy had been a keen member of a Choir but gave it up when she became unwell ... and then it was not really possible to resume as her increased home support services came at the same time as choir practice. She became quite sad and lonely, and in discussion with a friend decided she really needed to return to the choir. She agreed to pay extra to have the home care service come early on choir days so that she could be ready in time, and for transport to and from the Choir.

Then she found she couldn't stand for an hour or more at choir practice and enrolled in physiotherapy and fitness classes to build her strength. Other members of the choir started picking her up and dropping her off ... usually stopping for lunch on the way home. Ivy knew what role she wanted but had let things stop it from happening. She had to make arrangements, develop fitness and buy new clothes for the role. Once in the role, other benefits immediately occurred."

Our appreciation to Doodlebug Signs (Marty Geihe) who did a stellar job printing 25 placards for CCA's 'Stand With Us' rally on 24 March 2021 at extremely short notice and at a mate's rate.

Thank you so much to Marty for dropping everything and getting on to it. We received the 5 designs for the placards from the Disability Advocacy Alliance only on the afternoon of Friday 19



ADVOCATE PIZZA NIGHT IS BACK!

15th April 2021

6pm - 7.30pm

Capricorn Citizen Advocacy

3/118 George Street

Please R.S.V.P by 2.00pm, Wednesday 14th April if you are able to attend and please advise of any dietary requirements



Match Anniversary Dates

Jenny & Selwyn
13/01/2014

Jan & Renee
23/02/2008

Jan & Ronald
19/03/2018

Dianne & Demi
29/03/2019

Jenny & Gordon
12/05/2009

Mark & Caleb
22/05/2019

Cassie & Sonia
21/06/2019

Clive & Mick
20/06/2020

Nick & Ji Hyun Bae
23/06/2020

Christine & Carmel
13/02/2015

Robyn & Troy
28/02/2015

Sharon & Frederick
23/03/2018

Margaret & Vasilka (Vassie)
13/03/2020

Garry & Gary
13/05/2019

Alan & Jeffrey
18/06/2018

Leon & Matthew
21/06/2019

Peter & Mitchell
23/06/2018

Were you snapped at the Capricorn Citizen Advocacy's 2020 Christmas Party?



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