

**You are invited to
become a member of**

GdA



**Working with,
and for, people
with a disAbility
since 1996**



GdA is an incorporated body with a general membership which is open to anyone with an interest in disability issues.

There is no cost to join. The membership of GdA elects the Committee of Management which governs the service.

The committee is made up of people with a disability, people who work in the disability field and community members.

Contact the Ararat office for an application form.

All enquiries are welcome at any of our offices. See contact details on back of this brochure.

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- Individual Advocacy
- NDIS Appeals
- Disability Royal Commission
- Disability Royal Commission (Indigenous)
- Peer Support Groups
- Independent Pathways & Living Skills



'Our Voice, Our Choice'

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www.grampiansadvocacy.org.au

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A few examples of Advocacy

- **Assisting individuals to advocate for themselves.**
- **Providing information on disability issues.**
- **Making a telephone call for you, perhaps to get some information or resolve a concern.**
- **Writing a letter with you.**
- **Attending a meeting or appointment with you if you feel you need support or advice.**
- **Getting information about another agency that may be able to assist.**
- **Writing a report or submission to represent your interests.**

Who can use this service?

Any person with any kind of disability, their family or carers can receive assistance from GdA.

The help you receive will depend upon your own needs and situation.

What support does GdA provide?

Individual Advocacy

Systemic Advocacy

Systemic Advocacy is action to influence broad changes, enabling access and participation for people with a disability in the community.

Community Education

GdA is a member of Victorian Rural Advocacy Network, Victorian Disability Advocacy Network and Disability Advocacy Network Australia.

GdA is part of the National Disability Advocacy Program funded by the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. GdA is also funded by the Department of Human Services in the Victorian Government.

GdA is a free service

The agency is fully funded by State and Federal Governments to provide an independent advocacy service throughout the Grampians region on behalf of people with a disability.

GdA is Consumer Driven

You are in control at all times. The advocate will always consult you before taking any action.

GdA will support you the way YOU wish...

GdA is confidential

Your private information always remains yours. Only necessary information is gathered and you control who has access to this information.

If you are not happy with the service you receive from GdA you have the right to have your complaint dealt with fairly and promptly.

Copies of the complaints policy and other GdA policies are available to all service users.