



# PWD Bulletin #4

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To: PWD members/friends

## Message from the President

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Management for their support over the last two months while I was fitting into the role of president.

As we continue to face challenges, PWD ACT needs you. So I ask you to join the growing number of people who are becoming members of PWD ACT and do your part in helping us improve the lives of people with disabilities in the ACT.

Thank you  
Dennis Stabback  
President

## PWD Plays Major Role in Solving WATS Crisis

PWD ACT supported the ACT Disability Advisory Council to hold the first of several consultations on the crisis in the services provided by Wheelchair Accessible Taxis.

The workshop was successful. It focused on the best possible solution. The consultative process is going to take some months, but I think it will lead to a good solution because all stakeholders are desperate to reach the best outcome.

Be assured that we will keep you up to date with the progress of consultations and outcomes.

Thank you all who responded to the TNS social research into wheelchair accessible taxi services. We have had a fantastic response rate and I have forwarded your names to the Project Manager, Social and Government Unit, TNS Social Research who might be contacting some of you to be involved in the survey. Unfortunately PWD forwarded too many names and not everyone can be involved in the survey this time.

## Memberships are due

PWD 05/06 Membership fees are now due. To continue receiving these Bulletins and other Disability Sector up-dates please pay your membership dues to the PWD office. Payment options and forms are available from our web site.

## Thank you to Beth Micklethwaite

PWD would like to thank Beth for all her hard work completing the Consumer Strengthening Project. PWD had an overwhelming response to this project and if you would like to be involved in future work and/or register your details on our skills register to become a consumer representative please visit our web site.

## Committee Vacancies

PWD currently has vacancies on its board. If you are interested in providing strategic direction and on going advice to PWD work in policy, advocacy and sector development, please contact the office:

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We would be particularly interested in hearing from people with expertise in the areas of disability, Indigenous issues or grant seeking skills.

## Internet Access

Low cost internet services are available to people on the Disability Support Pension, for \$5.50 per month. For more information visit [www.tadaustconnect.org.au](http://www.tadaustconnect.org.au) or phone 06 6287 4290

### **PWD WEB SITE up and Running**

PWD's website is now live. So please log on to [www.pwdact.org.au](http://www.pwdact.org.au) to view our latest information.

### **PWD Bulletin**

This bulletin has been introduced as an easy to read, compact and timely way of keeping members and allies informed about advocacy work, issues and coming events. It is issued monthly and as needed.

PWD will continue to publish the *Disability Reporter* once a year with detailed analysis and information on disability issues.

Contributions welcome.

### **Your views--we're listening!**

We strongly encourage people with disabilities to send feedback on systemic advocacy issues directly to us.

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