

Background

The Victorian Branch of the Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability (ASSID Vic) reviewed the 2002 Regional Strategic Plan & 2005 update, with a full day planning session (1st March), to ensure that the region maintains clarity of purpose, preservation of best practice, and clear direction for the future



Mission

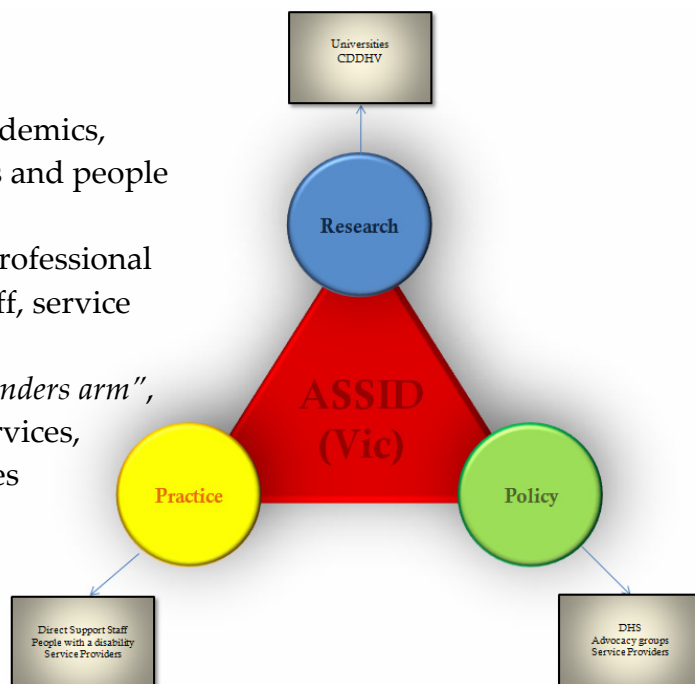
ASSID (Vic) maintains the mission to: *provide and promote mechanisms for the generation and sharing of knowledge and debate among people with an interest in intellectual disability*

These people can be gathered into three inter-related communities:

Research: the “*scientist arm*”, comprising academics, health professionals, educational institutions and people with a disability

Practice: the “*practitioner arm*”, comprising professional associations, allied health, direct support staff, service management and special interest groups

Policy: the “*legislative—makers, shapers and funders arm*”, comprising of the Department of Human Services, advocacy groups, peak groups, self-advocates and community service organisations.



Statement of Knowledge

ASSID (Vic) deems knowledge as any study, investigation, example of best practice, or, experience that meets the standards of knowledge as described by Pawson, Boaz, Grayson, Long and Barnes (2003), these standards being:

Transparency: the process of generating knowledge is open to scrutiny

Accuracy: assertions, conclusions and recommendations are based on relevant and appropriate information

Purposivity: the method of generating knowledge is appropriate to the purpose

Utility: the application of knowledge is apparent and closely matches the question that was being asked

Propriety: the knowledge is created and managed legally and ethically with due care to all relevant stakeholders

Accessibility: knowledge is presented in a way that meets the needs of the users of that knowledge. No potential user should be excluded because of presentational style

ASSID (Vic) is not...

As much as it is vital to illustrate clear intent of our purpose, it is also important that we outline what we do not do. For clarity, ASSID (Vic) is not:

- An advocacy organisation
- A peak body
- Research organisation
- Professional association
- Funding body
- Disability service provider
- Broad disability representative body

Our mechanisms/outcomes for 2008-2011

ASSID (Vic) STRATEGIC PLAN 2008-2011

Conferences & Activities

ASSID (Vic) conferences and activities bring together people with an interest in the lives of those with an intellectual and developmental disability. The Branch conferences and activities are relevant and useful and used as a conduit for sharing, debating and research
(*Convenor/s*)

- **Publications**

Develop and broadly distribute the ASSID (Vic) newsletter (*Daniel*)

Conference publication prepared which summarises symposia (*Convenor*)

- **Conferences**

Evaluate and review role of current conferences and activities against the triad and plan 2009 – 2011 cycle of conferences with appropriate partnership arrangements. (*Alyson*)

Conduct conferences, including National conference on 7 year cycle and planned State conferences (*Convenor*)

- **Other events**

Establish communities of practice which unites researchers, industry and service users focussed on targeted topics (*Patsie*)

Host events which bring together students conducting research (*Sheridan*)

Research

Construct register of current research (*Sheridan*)

Identify and publish research needs identified as a result of conference feedback (*Louise*)

Members & Committee

ASSID (Vic) members receive benefits which engage and reward them. Membership is sufficiently strong and diverse to resource the organisation and committee. The ASSID (Vic) committee possesses expertise and resources to fulfil Branch activities.

- **Membership**

Conduct review of membership and “brand” strategy including analysis of current member demographic, areas of potential membership focus, member recruitment strategies and brand communication strategies (*Sam*)

- **Committee**

Co-opt committee members as required based on expertise and ensure succession planning for key roles (*Chair*)

ASSID (Vic) Participants in Strategic Planning Day: Sheridan Forster, Patsie Frawley, Glen Jose (*Treasurer*), Alyson McKenzie (*Vice President*), Louise Mountford, Sam Murray (*President & DSW08 Convenor*), Assoc Prof Karen Nankervis (*2008 Board Conference Convenor*), Daniel Pennefather (*Newsletter/IDA Contributor*), Jon Slingsby, Bill Taylor, Paul Tomaszewski (*Secretary*).

Facilitator: Mr Andrew Hollo, *Workwell*

