



## Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc.

### **Mission**

Villamanta is a free Community Legal Service operating throughout the state of Victoria on disability related legal and justice issues for people who have a disability. Our focus is on intellectual disability.

Villamanta's mission is to protect and advance the rights of Victorians who have a disability, by advising, informing and representing them and acting as an advocate on disability related legal and justice issues.

### **Vision**

Villamanta's vision is to be recognised as a leading provider of legal and justice related services for people who have an intellectual disability and through our work, significantly contribute to creating an environment in Victoria in which people who have a disability, are acknowledged, recognised and respected equally with other Victorians and do not face discrimination.

*Villamanta provides:*

- *A free telephone information, advice and referral service*
- *Legal casework*
- *Community Education*
- *Policy and law reform*

All of these services are provided free to people who have a disability.

Some of these services are also provided to people who do not have a disability to assist them in supporting people who have a disability. We also sell some books on disability rights issues.

### **What does Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc. believe?**

Villamanta believes that people who have a disability have a right to be treated in ways that are fair and reasonable, and give them opportunities, freedoms, and a standard of living that are equal to those for people who do not have a disability.

Villamanta aims to make it possible for people who have a disability to know what their legal rights are and to **use the law** to make sure that their rights are recognised and acted upon by others.



## Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc.

### BE A MEMBER OF VILLAMANTA!

Any person or organisation that agrees to support the Statement of Purposes of Villamanta can be a member. The Statement of Purposes says what Villamanta is there for, and what Villamanta works to do. (Contact us if you want a copy of our Statement of Purposes).

Members are invited to our Annual General Meeting and have the right to vote on any decisions that are made at the Annual General Meeting.

Members have the right to nominate to be a member of Villamanta's Committee of Management, who are the people responsible for making sure Villamanta runs well.

**If you want to be a member of Villamanta, please fill in this form**, and have it signed by two people you know who are already members of Villamanta (this is called nominating you). If you don't know two people who are already members, please phone us on **1800 014 111**, so we can arrange this for you.

I want to be a member of Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc. and agree to Villamanta's mission, aims and objectives.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc. I know the person whose name is written above, and I nominate them to be a member of Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc.

**1st member:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> member:**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this form to: Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc.  
Building 1b, Level 4, Deakin University, 75 Pigdons Road, Waurn Ponds, Vic., 3216**



# Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc.

## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERSHIP

Villamanta will choose new members for its Committee at the Annual General Meeting.

The job of the committee of management is to control and manage the business and affairs of Villamanta.

The Committee is made up of:

- Chairperson;
- Deputy Chairperson;
- Treasurer;
- Secretary; and
- Ordinary members

The Committee of Management usually meets at least 4 times each year. The meetings are held in Geelong. If you are a Committee Member, you need to be able to get to most of the meetings.

You also need to spend time before the meetings going through the papers that are sent out, so that you come to the meetings well-prepared.

Villamanta can provide support to Committee Members to prepare for the meetings, if that support is needed.

Applying to be a member of Villamanta's Committee of Management is called nominating. **If you are thinking of nominating, please read this page carefully, so that you are clear what is involved.**

**If you want to nominate to be on Villamanta's Committee, please fill in the form on the other side of this page.**



# Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc.

## COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

If you want to nominate to be on Villamanta's committee, please read the information on the other side of this page first. Fill in this form, and have it signed by two people who are members of Villamanta (this is called nominating you).

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I want to be a member of Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc. Committee of Management

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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I am a member of Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc. I know the person whose name is written above, and I nominate them to be a member of Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc.'s Committee of Management

**1st member:** Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd member** Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please post this form in time for it to arrive at least 7 days before the AGM to:  
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