



Villamanta

DISABILITY RIGHTS LEGAL SERVICE

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.

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.

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BECOME 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 Board, 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:

2nd member:

Signed: _____ Signed: _____

Name: _____ Name: _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

Please email or post the completed form/s to: legal@villamanta.org.au or

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP

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

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

The Board is made up of:

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

The Board usually meets at least 5 times each year. The meetings are held in Geelong or via Zoom. If you are a Board Member, you need to be able to get to most of the meetings.

Board Members are required to undergo Governance training and need to spend time before the meetings going through the papers that are sent out, so you are well prepared for meetings.

Villamanta can provide support to Board Members to prepare for the meetings, if required.

Applying to be a member of Villamanta's Board 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 Board, please fill in the Application Form following this page.

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I want to be a member of Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc.'s Board

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 Board of Management

1st member: Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

2nd member Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

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