



# Villamanta

DISABILITY RIGHTS LEGAL SERVICE

## ***Villamanta's Strategic Focus - Vision and Purpose***

We aspire to a Victorian community where people with disability (PWD) have equality of rights, opportunity and voice. We promote laws and systems which better protect the human rights of PWD. We work alongside PWD to advocate on legal problems.

We work to increase access to legal advocacy for people with disability, especially people with cognitive impairment and speak up against problems that affect lots of people with disability.

Villamanta is a free Statewide Community Legal Service that works on disability related legal and justice issues for PWD. Our focus is the rights of people with a cognitive impairment, and our main purpose is to make sure that PWD in Victoria know about the law and can use the law to fight for their rights.

*Villamanta provides:*

- *A free telephone information, advice and referral service*
- *Casework on disability related legal issues*
- *Policy and Law Reform*
- *Community Legal Education*

These services are provided free to people with disability.

Some of these services are also provided to people who don't have a disability, to assist them in supporting people with disability.

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## BECOME A MEMBER OF VILLAMANTA

Any person that supports Villamanta's Purposes and agrees to its' Rules, can be a member of Villamanta. Our Purpose describes the work Villamanta does. Membership is free.

(Please contact us for more information about our Purpose and Rules or go to [www.villamanta.org.au](http://www.villamanta.org.au)).

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.

**If you want to be a member of Villamanta, please complete this form and return it via email to [legal@villamanta.org.au](mailto:legal@villamanta.org.au) or mail to Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc. PO Box 7328, Geelong West, Vic. 3218.**

You will be contacted in writing once we have processed your membership application.

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I would like to become a member of Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc. and support Villamanta's Purpose and Vision and agree to its' Rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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## BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Villamanta elects 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. Board Members are required to attend most meetings.

Board Members are required to undergo governance training and prepare for meetings by reading the documentation sent to them prior to 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 about what is involved. You can also contact us to get more information about what is involved.

**If you would like to nominate to be on Villamanta's Board, you can do so by either nominating at an Annual General Meeting if a position is vacant or filling in the application form following this page.**

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

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