

Newsletter

December / Summer 2019

What have we changed?

As you are aware, this year The Personal Advocacy Trust has partnered with the Safeguarding Adults from Abuse Collective. In April we hosted a Special General Meeting and invited your feedback on what the new name of our partnered organisation should be. As a result of the feedback received, we are now known as **The Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust**, with the Te Reo name of **Te Kahu Haumarū**.

A few other things that have changed this year include:

- We have updated our Trust Deed. This means that we now offer a range of safeguarding supports to people that have care and support needs in New Zealand; in other words we do not only work with people that have an Intellectual Disability, and we can do more than just advocacy.
- We have updated our website www.PASAT.org.nz and our staff email addresses to end in @PASAT.org.nz
- We have a new Trustee
- We have a Safeguarding Adults Director
- We have a Safeguarding Coordinator in Auckland
- We hope to appoint Safeguarding Coordinators in other regions across the country in 2020

What is the same?

- Lifelong advocacy through enrolment in the Trust – each member of the Trust will continue to receive the same advocacy support they received previously.
- Discretionary Trust administration – there is more information on Discretionary Trusts in this newsletter
- Our postal address – PO Box 25118, Wellington 6146
- Our 0800 phone number (0800 728 7878) and other staff contact phone numbers



Te Kahu Haumarū

When the name of the organisation was changed this year, the Trust also sought to get a Te Reo Maori name for the organisation that reflected our values and the work that we do.

We approached the Mana Whenua of Te Whanganui-a-Tara Te Āti Awa Taranaki Whānui and Te Kāhui Tūroa, Wellington's local iwi. They discussed the concept and values of our organisation and the importance of the role it plays in the community.

The Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust has now been gifted the name "Te Kahu Haumarū" - 'The Cloak of Safety.'

This name is "representative of the safety net that is seen, placed around, and worn proudly as a garment or 'cloak of protection.' This cloak is a shelter of security in an ever flowing tide of uncertainty into one's future. Each feather on this cloak is an individual and personal contribution gifted to its beautiful design crafted out of respect for oneself and each other."

The Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust - Te Kahu Haumarū, are honoured to receive and proud to bear this name.

What is your Legacy?

The Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults aims to be able to advocate for and support every New Zealander who needs it.

Unfortunately, the benefits of lifelong enrolment and advocacy in the Trust are too expensive for many of the people that require support the most. Donations, bequests and gifts are an important way of supporting this work and reaching more people. If you or your family feel you have benefited from the advocacy and support the Trust provides, please consider leaving a gift to The Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust in your will.



Spotlight: Discretionary Trusts

The Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust can administer Discretionary Trusts for its members.

Many parents wonder how they will be able to provide for and protect the financial security for their son or daughter after they have died. Discretionary Trusts allow for funds to be held and used exclusively for the benefit, support and wellbeing of the named beneficiary. Safeguards and disbursement approval processes ensure funds are not used too early, and are used for the correct purposes. Discretionary Trust funds administered by PASAT are securely invested, accounted and reported on, and are easily accessible to the beneficiary - the member, by application to the Board. PASAT charges a nominal 1% annually for this service, with nil application, disbursement or administrative fees.

Discretionary Trusts may be established for members at the time of enrolment or anytime thereafter, including through Testamentary will. It is advisable that a Letter of Wishes be supplied as an important document with your instructions as to how you would like your Trust to be administered or distributed after your death.

For further advice on how to establish a Discretionary Trust for your son or daughter, please get in contact with the National Director on 0800 728 7878.

The Disability Action Plan 2019 – 2023

The new Disability Action Plan was launched on Thursday 14 November 2019.

The plan was go-designed with government agencies, disabled people and their representative organisations. The plan shows what the priority actions are for the next four years. The work programmes and actions will advance implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016 – 2026.

You can access the Action Plan in several formats on the Office for Disability Issue's website, www.ODI.govt.nz

Royal Commission of Inquiry: Abuse in State Care

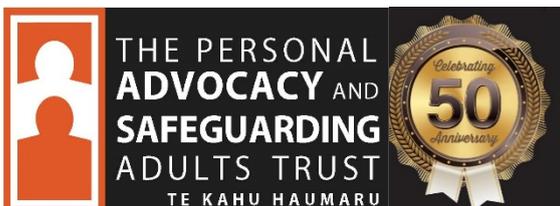
The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care is looking at what happened to children, young people and vulnerable adults in care between 1950 and 1999. The Commissioners will investigate what has happened in care so they can write their report to the Governor General.

Some members of The Personal Advocacy and Safeguarding Adults Trust may be survivors of abuse. All survivors are invited to share their experiences with the Inquiry, and their Advocate will support them to do this.

You can learn more about this by contacting your Advocate, or going to the Royal Commission of Inquiry's website, www.abuseincare.org.nz

PREFER EMAIL?

Are you an email user? Please drop us an email at administrator@pasat.org.nz and let us know, we can then update your mail preferences to email.



Do we have the right contact information for you? To update your or your family members' details please get in touch:

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