

ANNUAL REVIEW 2026

Limbs 4 Life™
Empowering Amputees

Making a real difference together

We empower amputees with knowledge and support to make a real difference, **because no one should have to go through limb loss alone.**

Acknowledgement of lived experience

Limbs 4 Life recognises the value of the collective expertise of people living with limb loss and their families. We appreciate their contributions across all areas of our work-including program design and development, research, and advocacy and as peer support volunteers. The involvement of our community is vital in helping us achieve better outcomes for amputees, as well as their partners and families.

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About Limbs 4 Life



As the peak body representing people with limb loss and limb difference, Limbs 4 Life is committed to ensuring access to early intervention peer support and high-quality resources that inform and educate the community. These services play a critical role in supporting individuals and their families as they transition to everyday life following amputation.

We actively build community awareness and promote equitable access to information, enabling individuals to make informed decisions about their healthcare and wellbeing. Limbs 4 Life strives to be a strong and authentic voice for people with limb loss, working to:

- Increase consumer capacity through education and skills development
- Promote self-confidence and resilience
- Provide access to information and resources that support positive health outcomes
- Advocate for improved functional and mobility outcomes across the community
- Foster community connection and peer networking opportunities
- Deliver social programs and events that enhance inclusion and participation
- Utilise diverse platforms and technology to reach people from a wide range of cultural and community backgrounds
- Undertake research to ensure community needs are understood and voices are represented

Through these initiatives, Limbs 4 Life continues to empower individuals to live independent, informed, and connected lives.

Message from the Chair and CEO

We are proud of providing 21 years of unwavering service and support to amputees and their families.

As we reflect on the past twenty-one years, we also look ahead with a clear focus on the future and our ongoing role as a guiding voice for people living with limb loss.

It has been a personal privilege to work alongside so many members of our community amputees, their families, peer support volunteers, program partners, and supporters. Together, we share a steadfast commitment to driving positive change and supporting individuals through some of the most challenging periods of their lives.

The value of lived experience cannot be overstated. Often, what people need most is not advice, but an understanding, a compassionate presence, a listening ear, and connection with someone who truly relates. Through our work we see firsthand the transformative power of peer support. Navigating complex systems such as healthcare, funding, and disability services can be overwhelming, particularly while adjusting to the life-changing impact of amputation. Limbs 4 Life remains committed to ensuring that no one faces this journey alone, providing the knowledge, support, and resources needed to build confidence and independence.

Peer support remains at the heart of our organisation. Our dedicated staff and trained amputee peer volunteers provide critical support grounded in empathy, understanding, and shared experience. This year, we expanded our national network of peer support volunteers, delivering training across multiple locations. The Limbs 4 Life Peer Support Program continues to be the cornerstone of our work, empowering individuals, rebuilding confidence, and delivering trusted information and practical resources tailored to each person's unique journey.

This year also marked the commencement of the national rollout of our Amplify workshops. These workshops are designed to strengthen community capacity and connection, while building understanding of individual rights, consumer law, and how to maximise opportunities and quality of life as an amputee. Central to this work is empowering individuals to have their voices heard, recognising that informed and confident self-advocacy leads to better outcomes.

As we begin implementing our new Strategic Plan, we do so with a strong sense of purpose, passion, and determination. We remain committed to creating meaningful change and ensuring that every person affected by limb loss feels supported, informed, and connected.

Finally, as we reflect on more than two decades of impact, we extend our sincere thanks to our supporters, donors, past and present Board members, staff, and dedicated volunteers.

Your ongoing commitment and generosity make our work possible and continue to strengthen our community.



Natasha Mackenzie
CHAIR



Melissa Noonan AM
CEO

"We can't do what we do without the support from our passionate amputee volunteers. Thank you all for supporting Limbs 4 Life and our work in 2025."

Strategy 2026 – 2030



Our vision

To ensure that no one goes through the process of limbs loss alone.

Limbs 4 Life's Strategic Plan outlines our future direction, strategic goals and sets out our core values, ensuring we continue to meet the evolving needs of our community. The plan reaffirms our commitment to strong advocacy, innovative service delivery, and the development of new initiatives, with a central focus on empowering our community through access to essential support and trusted information.

This new strategic plan outlines the development of co-designed tailored programs and addresses the unique challenges faced by people living in remote areas. The plan also recognises the critical need to grow our presence and create greater awareness of the support mechanisms provided by Limbs 4 Life.

Our mission

To provide information and support to amputees and their families while promoting an inclusive community.

Strategic pillars



1 | People and families

Peer support community connections

Empowering and engaging our community through connections



2 | Knowledge and capabilities

Education, research and resources

Align our research to create impact, while upskilling our community



3 | Awareness and influence

Advocacy and reform, partnerships

Grow our profile and advocate for our community in line with our mission



4 | Organisational sustainability

Volunteer workforce, digital capability

Enhance digital capabilities to secure our future

People and families

Peer support for people and their families

Access to someone with lived experience who genuinely understands the journey and plays a vital role in preparation, recovery, and long-term rehabilitation. The emotional support provided through these peer relationships helps individuals navigate the lifelong challenges associated with limb loss.



Limbs 4 Life's Peer Support Program connects individuals and their families with trained volunteer amputees, both before and after amputation. These meaningful connections are thoughtfully matched based on factors such as age, gender, location, level and cause of amputation, and shared interests.

Delivered nationally, the Peer Support Program fosters strong and supportive connections, contributing to a sense of belonging and strengthening community across local, state, and national levels. Meeting someone with lived experience of limb loss can be transformative, particularly during times of uncertainty. Peer support from individuals who have navigated the physical and emotional realities of amputation provides not only reassurance but hope and practical insight.

These connections can significantly influence recovery outcomes, strengthen confidence, and empower individuals to face the future with greater resilience and optimism.



Peer Support Capacity Building (PSCB)

Limbs 4 Life was proud to be a successful recipient of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) Peer Support Capacity Building grant. This two-year funding initiative will significantly strengthen the reach and impact of our Peer Support Program by enabling us to:

- Deliver peer support volunteer training across every state and territory
- Expand the national peer support volunteer workforce, improving access for amputees and their families
- Increase and strengthen local support groups nationwide
- Upskill volunteers to take on leadership roles as Support Group Leaders
- Enhance community connection through broader distribution of resources
- Deliver national face-to-face workshops in each state and territory

Through these initiatives, Limbs 4 Life will build capacity within the limb loss community by equipping individuals with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to navigate life after amputation. This includes increasing self-esteem, strengthening understanding of consumer rights—particularly in relation to 'fit for purpose' devices—and supporting the development of strong self-advocacy skills.



Peer support volunteers

This year Limbs 4 Life delivered Peer Support Program training nationally. We welcomed a total of 39 new amputee peer support volunteers.

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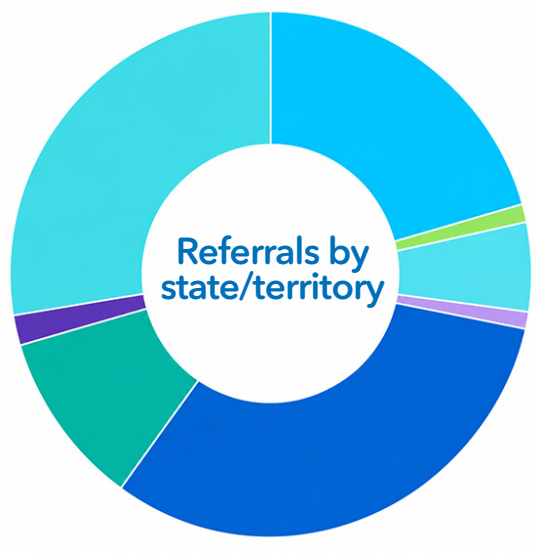
National Peer Support requests

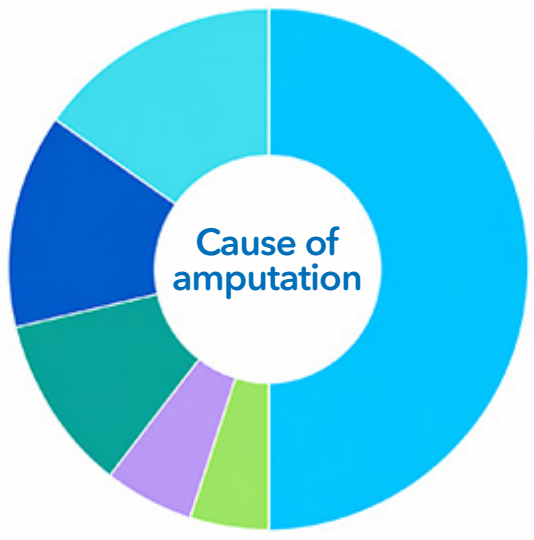
Throughout the course of the year Limbs 4 Life received 378 unique peer support requests. Of those, 39.78 people were over the age of 65, while 60.22 percent were under 65 years old.



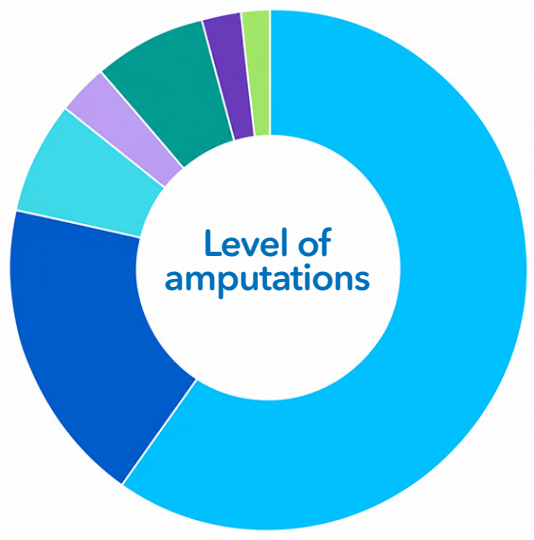
- NSW **21.35**
- ACT **1.08**
- QLD **5.38**
- NT **0.75**
- SA **29.03**
- WA **11.11**
- TAS **1.79**
- VIC **29.51**



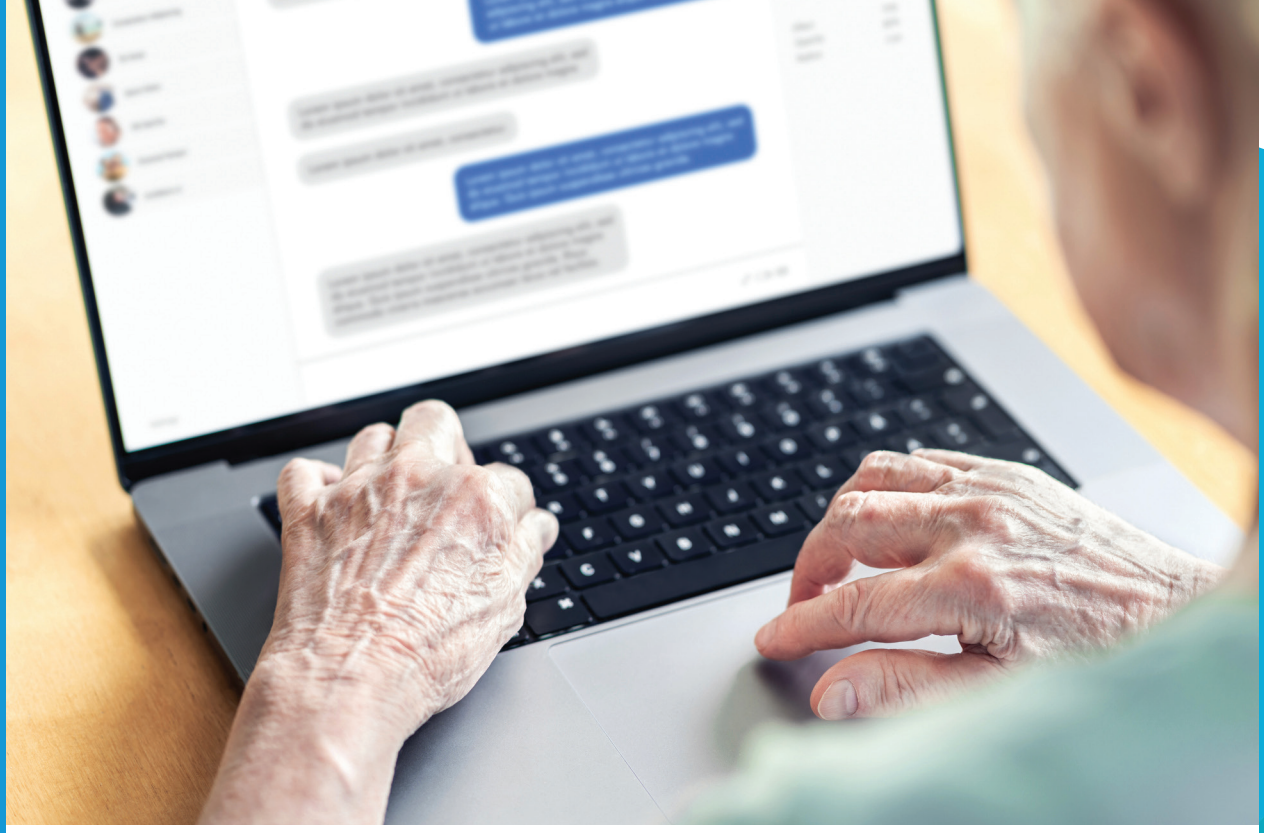
- Surgeon **1.07**
- Social worker **11.47**
- Occupational therapist **6.47**
- Podiatrists **12.19**
- Prosthetist **9.68**
- Nurse **14.34**
- Physiotherapist **13.94**
- Self referred **21.15**
- Family member **7.53**
- Psychologist **0.75**
- Support coordinator **1.43**



- Diabetes **49.06**
- Cancer **4.30**
- Infection **5.16**
- Trauma **12.44**
- Vascular disease **14.34**
- Other/unknown **14.70**



- Below knee **59.49**
- Above knee **24.37**
- Through knee **5.02**
- Hip disarticulation **1.43**
- Foot/partial foot **5.37**
- Above elbow **2.86**
- Below elbow **1.43**



Connecting people and their families via online support

Facilitating an online community remains a powerful way to connect amputees, along with their partners, carers, and families, from across Australia. For 17 years, Limbs 4 Life has hosted a private, peer-led online support forum, which now includes more than 4,950 members and continues to grow at an annual rate of 29.7%. This accessible platform provides a vital connection point for individuals who prefer to seek support in a virtual environment.

Moderated by our trained peer support volunteers, the group offers a safe and inclusive space where individuals and their families can connect with others who understand their journey. Members are encouraged to ask questions, share experiences, celebrate milestones, and seek information—whether they are newly adjusting to limb loss or have been living with amputation for many years.

For families and parents, the ***Limbs 4 Kids*** online group provides dedicated peer support for carers of children with limb differences. This specialised community enables families to connect, share experiences, and access support tailored to the unique challenges and experiences of raising a child with a congenital or acquired limb difference.

These online communities play a critical role in reducing isolation, fostering meaningful connections, and empowering individuals through shared knowledge and lived experience. As an accessible and impactful form of peer support, they contribute significantly to improved wellbeing and resilience.



Building community connections – local area support groups

Local support groups are a vital connection for people. They provide localised access to support pathways and serve to prevent isolation. Bringing together amputees - and their partners, families, and carers - across Australia remains a central focus of Limbs 4 Life's strategic vision. Local support groups are a key component of this approach, providing meaningful opportunities for connection, shared learning, and community engagement following rehabilitation. These groups offer safe and welcoming environments where individuals can share experiences, seek advice, and build enduring support networks.

During the reporting period, Limbs 4 Life successfully established a number of new local support groups and now boasts 18 groups in total. A total of 38 support group gatherings were hosted with 362 amputees and their family members attending.

A key strength of these local groups is their ability to connect members with services and resources tailored to their local communities. Group Leaders are further supported through participation in the Group Leaders Network, which fosters collaboration, peer support, and shared learning. This network strengthens leadership capability while also enhancing confidence and self-esteem among facilitators.

For many participants, these groups provide a vital point of connection—particularly for those who may not have accessed peer support during hospitalisation or rehabilitation, or who are seeking to strengthen their sense of community and belonging.

We also hosted tailored amputee information sessions in Darwin and Launceston to 42 amputees and their family members.

Knowledge and capabilities

Upskilling and educating our community to be strong self-advocates is part of Limbs 4 Life's mission. To make educated and informed decisions people need access to right information to build personal capacity and skills. We know that the impact of amputation can have lasting effects on an individual's confidence and self-esteem. We also know that we need to create opportunities to empower people living with limb loss to be competent, capable self-advocates.



Education
Amplify - Your Voice | Your Choice national workshops

Mid way through last year, Limbs 4 Life conducted a national survey to determine the gaps in information. Survey recipients were provided with an option of twelve topics and were asked to rate them from 0 – 12 from the lowest level of importance to the highest. The survey received a total of 366 responses and interestingly the topics which rated the highest were collectively indicated by nearly whole of community.

That feedback was used to develop the content for the 9 national workshops that we would roll-out across the country during the 2025 /26 year. Those included:

- Local supports and information in your community;
- How you can better self-advocate to get what you need;
- Daily living needs and knowing what is important;
- How the United Nations Convention on Disability can help you?;
- Learning how to gain confidence and be a better self-advocate;
- What your rights are when you get/receive healthcare services; and,
- How you can find the right funding to get the help and services you need.

The workshops were widely promoted and the response to each was extremely positive. At the time of this report, workshops have been hosted in:

- Melbourne
- Perth
- Brisbane
- Gold Coast

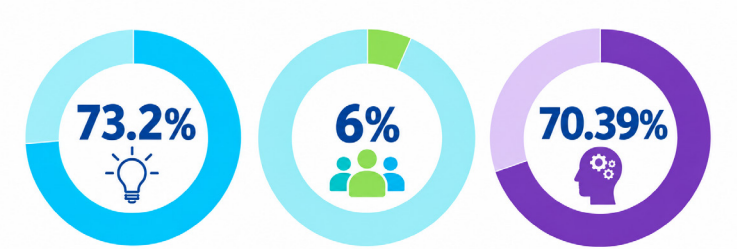
To an audience of 178 participants.



In the next financial year we will continue to deliver workshops in: Adelaide, Sydney, Canberra, Darwin, and Hobart.

Workshop attendees were asked to complete feedback surveys. The purpose of gaining feedback is to ensure that the content we are providing is of value to the community.

Prior to the workshop

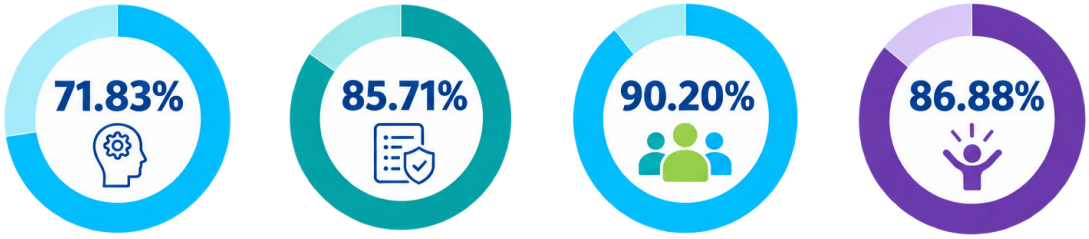


Of attendees reported that they knew very little about their rights or what 'fit for purpose' means

Only 6% of attendees reported feeling connected to their community

Reported that their knowledge to overcome barriers was difficult

Following the workshop



Stated that their knowledge to overcome barriers was much approved

Stated that they had much better understanding of their rights as a consumer

Reported feeling more connected to their community

Reported an increase in their self-confidence



Reported learning something new that they will be able to use to achieve better outcomes

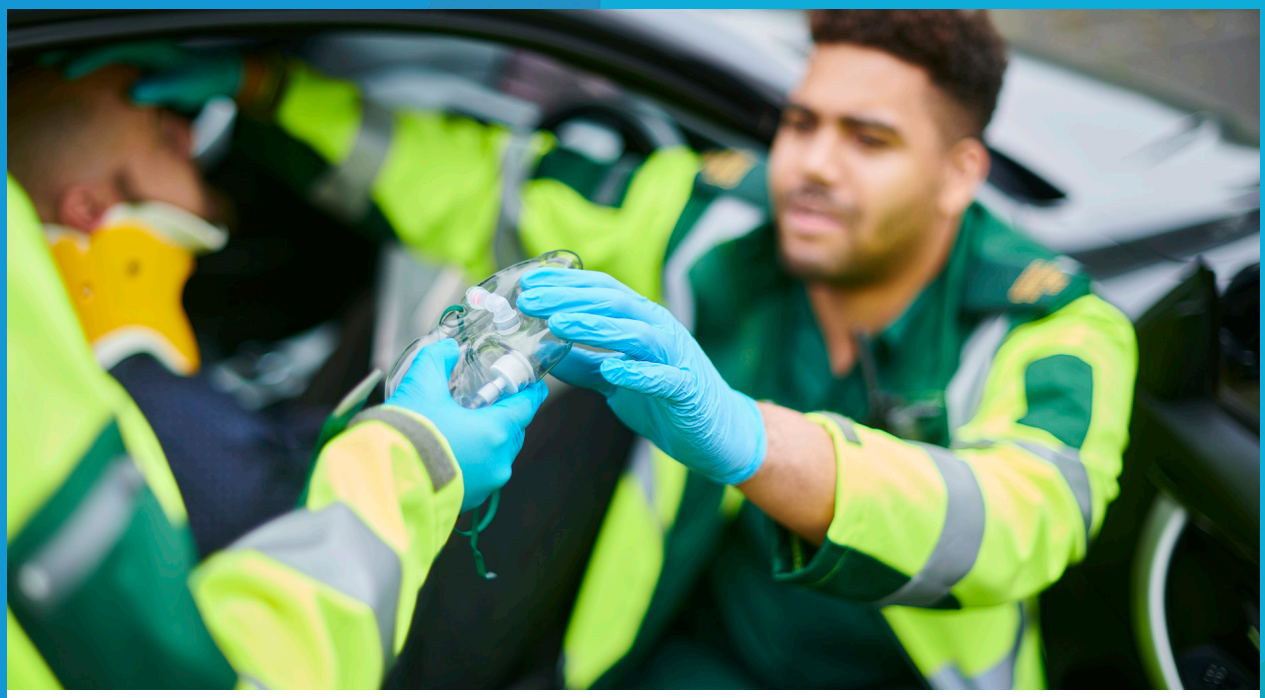
Reported having more confidence to ask questions and gather the information they need

Now believe that they can self-advocate

"Thank you Limbs 4 Life for bringing this workshop to Queensland. You guys advocate over and above for amputees. Your knowledge and support is fantastic. We NEED you on the ground here in Queensland!!!"

"Love your work, Limbs 4 Life is an amazing culture of people and without your work (and your team) we have no voice. Thank you all so much." (participant Brisbane – female 45 below knee amputee)

"I wanted to say thank you to you for your time and effort that you put into that workshop. I thought it was unreal. "



Research

Ethics based research is yet another way that Limbs 4 Life can systemically advocate for our community. Without evidenced based, independent data, it is impossible to create change. This year Limbs 4 Life have embarked on two research projects. Both projects are being evaluated by Monash University's Rehabilitation, Ageing and Independent Living (RAIL) team.

The first research project funded by Lifetime Support Authority (South Australia) has been developed to create ***A Clinician's Guide to Trauma Related Amputees*** – a Lived Experience approach. This research will determine the effects that road trauma on amputees and will lead to the develop a comprehensive handbook and training video for clinicians from a patient-centred perspective on trauma-related amputations.

Drawing from patient experiences, the guide emphasises the need for shared decision-making, aiming to improve long-term patient outcomes. It covers acute-care, rehabilitation and long-term support. By centring the narrative around the patient's journey, clinicians gain deeper insight into the lived impact of trauma-related amputation/s, enabling more effective care tailored to each individual's recovery and resilience. This handbook will bridge clinical expertise with real life experience.



The second research project was developed to determine ***Prosthetic Satisfaction among the Australian Amputee Community***. This research has been commissioned by Limbs 4 Life as a result of the commentary and feedback that we read on social media and the phone calls and emails from stakeholders who continue to outline their concerns. The Australian amputee community have (for some time now) been indicating a lack of satisfaction with regard to their prosthetic outcomes. As an organisation we are acutely aware of the difference that a good fitting prosthetic device can have. In fact, it is the difference for some people of being able to work, look after children, participate in the community, play sport or take park in recreation, or just live at home independently without the need to rely on another.

This national survey was distributed in both hard and soft copy format to the Limbs 4 Life national database. The survey received a total of 942 responses, the highest response rate in Monash RAIL's history.

While both survey's collect demographic data, they also drill down into details about access to prosthetic appointments and the device itself. The researchers also explore quality of life-based outcomes, satisfaction and activity levels and overall wellbeing.

We look forward to presenting the outcomes of both reports in the next twelve months.



Aboriginal resources

Co-created by South Australian Aboriginal community members with lived experience of amputation, in partnership with the Wardliparingga Aboriginal Health Equity Unit at SAHMRI. These resources were developed as an additional component to the Walk Tall, Stand Strong, Aboriginal diabetic footcare project.

While only 3.3 percent of the Australian population is Aboriginal, the community makes up more than 8.9 percent of the total Australian amputee population with the major cause of amputation being Type 2 diabetes.

These resources were co-designed and created by mob for mob, to support patients and their families to navigate the amputation journey, including:

- **Act Fast:** making empowered decisions
- **Recover Strong:** amputation and recovery
- **Live Well:** life and community after amputation

Resources include: information sheets and a range of person-centred lived experience videos.

Awareness and influence



Healthcare in-service educational sessions

Limbs 4 Life frequently provides information sessions to a diverse array of health and community providers. These educational sessions highlight the services, programs, and health literacy resources offered by Limbs 4 Life. This year, we engaged with 298 providers across various locations in Australia.

Participants included healthcare professionals from nursing, occupational therapy, podiatry/wound care specialists – foot health, social work, physiotherapy, and surgery. These sessions, available face to face, online or through digital platforms, offered guidance on how healthcare providers can incorporate peer support into their practice, learn about the range of services and resources Limbs 4 Life offers, and gain insights into community-based projects such as local support groups.

Advocacy and reform

Limbs 4 Life regularly undertakes systemic advocacy on behalf of the Australian amputee population. Often the advocacy that we do is aligned to the organisations mission with the express goal to gain better outcomes for the community.

For the past year Limbs 4 Life has been lobby state health departments to increase funding and support for people living with amputation over 65 years. In most cases, funding has not been increased for years, is not in line with articles on the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

It is evident that people living with amputation over 65 are bereft of the services and supports that are afforded to those on the National Disability Insurance Scheme receive. Moreover, members of this community are limited by choice of prosthetic provider, choice of prosthetic equipment and technology and lack of access to the complex assistive technology young people can obtain.

In addition, Limbs 4 Life view it as our responsibility to be the voice of people who struggle to speak up for themselves. This year we have lobbied Victorian, Queensland and South Australian, Western Australian Health Departments and continue to work to educate our community so that older amputees can in fact feel confident to speak up for services and the supports that they so richly deserve.

We welcome the result of the National Prosthetic Consumer Satisfaction survey which will highlight information such as hospitalisations of those who experience falls due to inappropriate and inadequately funded prosthetic devices.



Advisory and reference group participation

Limbs 4 Life is frequently approached to provide feedback and participate in various reference groups and advisory committees. These committees may focus specifically on amputees or cover broader areas such as disability and assistive technology. Throughout the year, Limbs 4 Life has been represented on the following committees:

- Aboriginal Amputation Clinical Working Group
- Australian Aviation Security Advisory Group
- Harry Perkins Institute Peripheral Artery Disease ATH01 working group WA
- IC2A International Confederation of Amputee Support Organisations
- IDEAS socket design working group Griffith University Gold Coast (NHMRC grant)
- Latrobe University – Prosthetic Course Advisory Committee
- Medical Device Consumer Working Group (TGA) Therapeutic Goods Administration
- National Assistive Technology Alliance (NATA) Assistive Technology consultation
- New Zealand Artificial Limb Service – Peer Support Advisory Committee
- Queensland Health – (QALS) Consumer Advisory Committee
- South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute (SAHMRI) – Aboriginal Diabetes Foot Disease resources
- Sport and recreational activity for amputees study Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
- Hosted Nippon Foundation Japanese prosthetic delegates research into equity and inclusion for amputees in Japan.

Our team also assisted a number of engineering and bio-medical students with their projects.

Submissions/journal articles

Limbs 4 Life respond to a range of government inquiries which relate people in our community. Where possible, submissions for journal articles are also made to highlight our research. This year one submission was made to the NDIA Advisory Committee, while a journal article outlining assistive technology was published in the Official Journal of Rehabilitation, Engineering and Assistive Technology of North America (RESNA).

National Disability Insurance Agency Evidence Advisory Committee - People who use microprocessor knees and myo-electric arms.

My assistive technology outcomes framework: rights-based outcome tools for consumers to 'measure what matters'

Membership and partnerships

- Australian Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Association (ARATA)
- Consumer Health Forum
- Health Direct Australia
- IC2A International Confederation of Amputee Support Organisations
- National Assistive Technology Alliance (NATA) Assistive Technology consultation
- Our Community
- Volunteering Victoria/Australia



Organisational sustainability - Volunteer workforce

As we celebrate 21 years of service to the Australian amputee community. We acknowledge that our work would not be possible without the support of our volunteers. Limbs 4 Life rely heavily on our peer support volunteers as part of our National Amputee Peer Support program. Volunteers share the very

the very unique lived experience that only those who have undergone amputation can relate to.

Peers are the life blood of Limbs 4 Life and we value their dedication and continued commitment to the national support network. Limbs 4 Life have more than 200 volunteers operating nationally across our country. Our volunteer retention rate is very high with people rarely stepping down from the role, and number who have been supporting the program since its inception.

Limbs 4 Life's peer support volunteers are all acknowledged for years of service for 5, 10, 15 and 20 years.



Peer support volunteers

As part of the Peer Support Program and to strengthen our peer support volunteer workforce, training was delivered in Gold Coast, Canberra and Sydney and we welcomed a total of 39 new amputee peer support volunteers. Limbs 4 Life now has 211 amputee peer support volunteers giving of their time to assist those both pre and post amputation

Volunteer spotlight

Brett McCormack NSW (below knee amputee)
Brett attended Peer Support Volunteer training in Newcastle in 2024

"I had my below knee amputation in 2016 and I remember what it felt like to have no idea what to expect or what I'd be able to do like, I used to do. After my recovery and rehabilitation, I went home and life went back to normal, albeit with a few adaptions!" shared Brett.

"Volunteering with Limbs 4 Life means that I get to reassure people who have just had their amputation, and their families, that while things will change and adjustments need to be made, there are supports in place which can be helpful. When people who are still in hospital or rehabilitation see me walk in, the look of relief and comfort on their faces gives me a real buzz. I recently I visited a gent who was 2 weeks post amputation. His wife was there as well. During our hour long conversation, I showed him my prosthesis and how it worked. He asked if he could hold my leg to see how heavy it was. He was fascinated, and I could tell that he thought that a prosthetic would make a difference to his life" Brett stated.

"I'm so passionate about supporting people, that Westmead Hospital, in conjunction with Limbs 4 Life, host Amputee Support Group meetings every month. I attend so that I can share my experience with new amputees. Those still in hospital appreciate learning what can be possible. They welcome stories from someone with lived experience who understands", said Brett.



Fiona Teague QLD (triple amputee)
Fiona attended Peer Support Volunteer Training on the Gold Coast in 2025

"When I was in Rehab, a friendly and knowledgeable peer support volunteer visited - my Physiotherapist organised his visit. The immediate rapport was beneficial. After he left, I knew that I should be a volunteer too. I wanted to settle at home first, learn more and at the conference in 2025, I 'had' to sign up to pay it forward and the best support is from lived experience".

"I just got off the phone with Jack. He seems quite upbeat considering what he's been through, and he has a good attitude towards it all. He was impressed with my adventures and said that hearing what I've done really helped him realise that he'll still be able to do everything he did before. I gave him some hints and tips I've learnt over the years dealing with various funding bodies".

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Governance

Board of Management

The Limbs 4 Life Board of Management comprises individuals with diverse expertise spanning the corporate, community, health, legal, financial, and non-profit sectors. Many Board Members also bring personal lived experience of limb loss or disability, enriching their perspectives and deepening their commitment. They generously contribute their time, skills, and strategic insight to ensure Limbs 4 Life remains aligned with its mission, vision, and values. Their dedication to the organisation's long-term sustainability is demonstrated through a strong focus on ethical governance, legal compliance, financial stewardship, and effective risk management.

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Our people



At the heart of Limbs 4 Life is a dedicated team of volunteer Board Members, Peer Support Volunteers, and staff. This exceptional group of passionate and skilled individuals is united by a shared vision, guided by strong values, and driven by a commitment to innovation and positive change. Together, they play a crucial role in advancing better outcomes for the Australian amputee community.

Staff

Melissa Noonan AM – CEO

Jacquetta Rogers – National Peer Support Program Coordinator

Andrew Fairbairn – Program Coordinator (WA) (resigned January 2026)

Bruce Jacques – Community Engagement

Kylie Franson – Program Coordinator (SA|NT)

Dr Kathleen Tanner - Program Coordinator (TAS)

Nella Pipes – Administration Officer

National Amputee Advisory Council

Priscilla Sutton – Australian Capital Territory (resigned February 2026)
Paul Thomas – New South Wales
Richard McCarthy – Queensland/First Nations People
Peter Stringer – South Australia
Dr Kathleen Tanner - Tasmania
Ren Gallet – Victoria
Andrew Fairbairn – Western Australia
Shane Grant – Regional representative
Kylie Franson – Congenital upper limb deficiency
Glenn Bedwell – Osseointegration user (resigned March 2026)

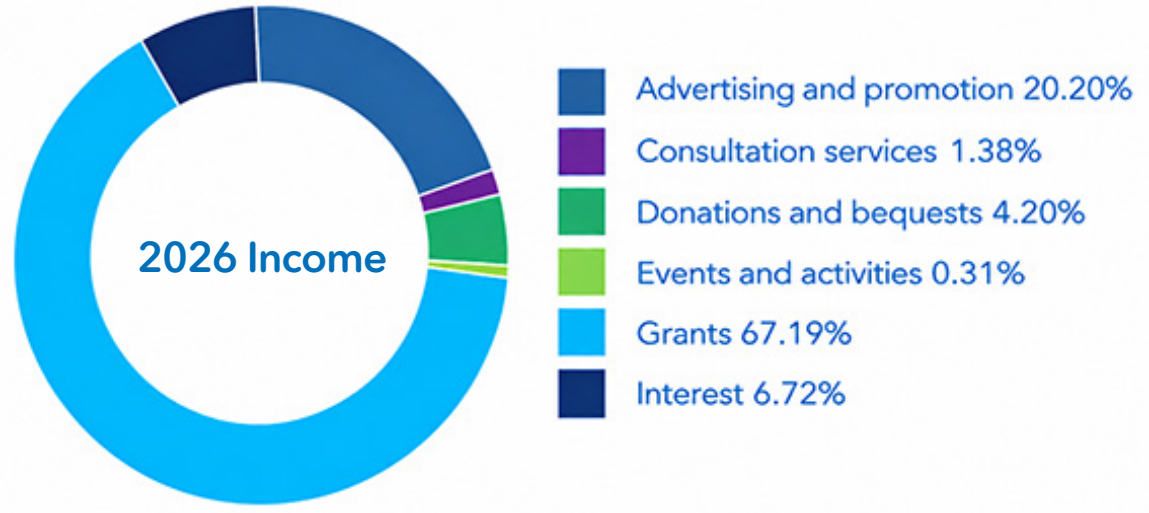
Peer Support Volunteers

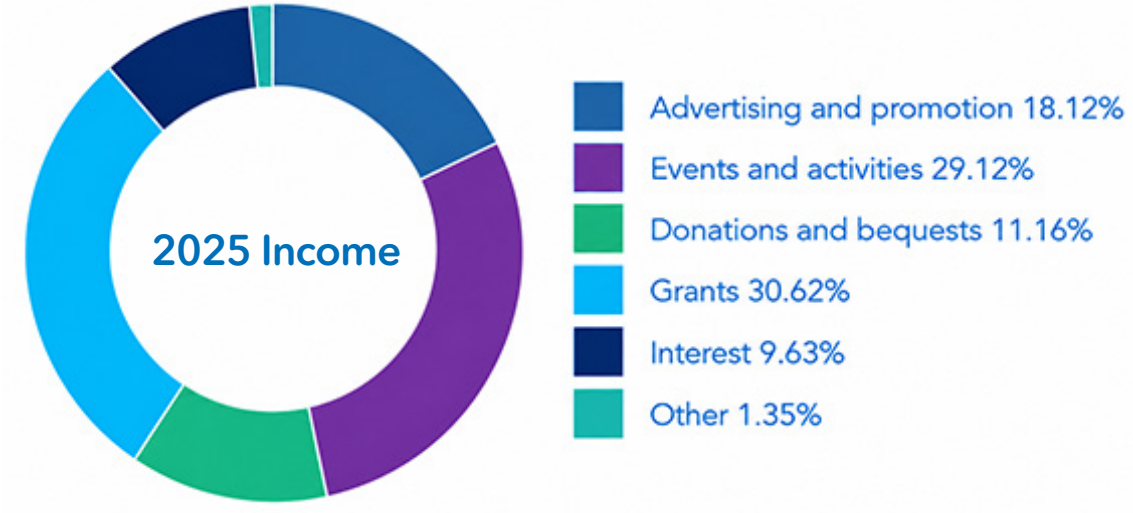
The incredible work of Limbs 4 Life would not be possible without the generosity of our Peer Support Volunteers. These dedicated individuals generously give their time and share their lived experiences of amputation to support others at the beginning of their own journey. As the backbone of our organisation, our Peer Support Volunteers play a vital role in helping us fulfil our mission. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing dedication, commitment, and the invaluable impact they make every day.

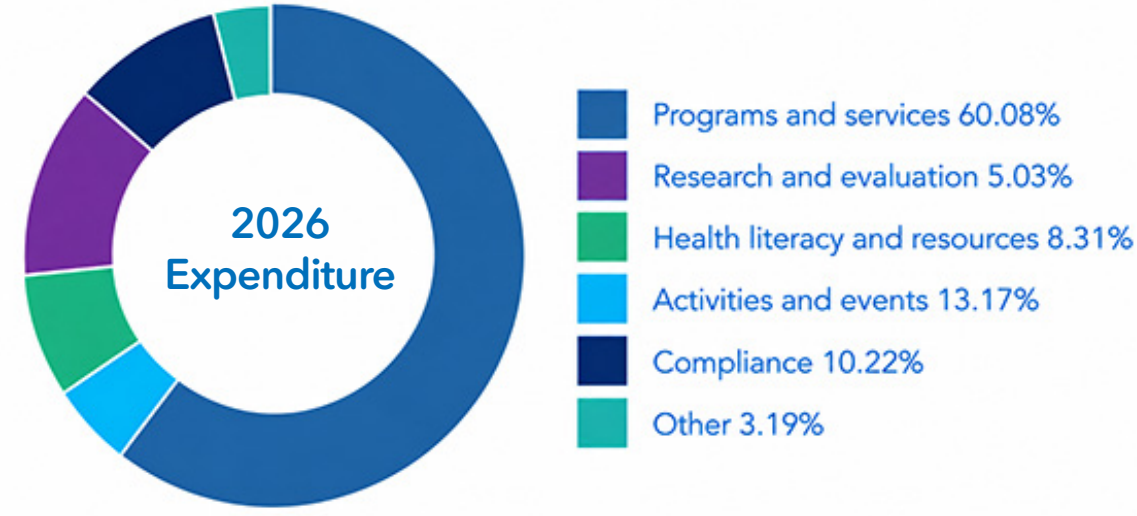


Financials

Limbs 4 Life continued to demonstrate sound financial management during the 2025 – 2026 Financial Year. The total income for the year was $550,845.02. Income was primarily generated from grants, along with donations from community and corporate supporters.







INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

LIMBS 4 LIFE INCORPORATED
ABN 25 116 424 461

Report on the Audit of the Financial Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial report of Limbs 4 Life Incorporated (the Association), which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2026, the statement of comprehensive income statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of material accounting policies and other explanatory information, and the certification by members of the board on the annual statements giving a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Association.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial report gives a true and fair view of, the financial position of the Association as at 30 June 2026 and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements and the requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2023* (Vic) and division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the ethical requirements of the Accounting Professional and Ethical Standards Board's APES 110: Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (the Code) that are relevant to our audit of the financial report in Australia. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter – Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 to the financial report, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial report has been prepared to assist the Association to meet the requirements of *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2023* (Vic) and division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012*. As a result, the financial report may not be suitable for another purpose. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Financial Report

The Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial report in accordance with the financial reporting requirements of the *Associations Incorporation Reform Act 2023* (Vic) and division 60 of the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012* and for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of a financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial report, the Board is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this financial report.

As part of an audit in accordance with the Australian Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. Further information about our responsibilities can be found at http://www.auasb.gov.au/Home.aspx

We communicate with the Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Chartered Accountants

Gus Svenson

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Partner

Signed at Melbourne this 17th day of November 2026

Donations and fundings

Major program partner

Lifetime Support Authority
National Disability Insurance Agency
Service Australia

Corporate Supporters

Grill'd
Pay Pal Giving Fund
Queensland Academy for Science Maths and Technology (QASMT)
Steve Lowe Scene Signs
United Petroleum

Community supporters

Amputee Association of Victoria
Victory Lutheran College

Individual donors

Amanda Brown
Anthony Reaiche
Brad Speer
Chris Millar
Craig Mumford
Hendrikus Meekel
Ian Goss
Jacob Luke Simmons
John Duong
Jonathan Doust
Kathy Sgouras
Kylie Hearn
Paul Grant
Peter Sgouras
Pruthvi Kumar Reddy
Ray Henry Anderson
Richard Peitrala
Rohit Broka
Safiyyah Abbas
Sam King
Sarthak Oza
Shanmuga Subramanian
Shravan Siva
Sophie Paulin

Bequests
The Estate of Kevin James Mitchell

Limbs 4 Life Incorporated is a registered charity and accredited to carry the Australian Charity and Non-Profit Commission (ACNC) charity tick.

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