



## Annual Report 2022

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Values in Action is a small unfunded incorporated association in Brisbane, Queensland. We host SRV and SRV-related events as well as working to develop SRV application and the emergence of next generation leaders.

We work closely with other state SRV groups and the Australian SRV Association (ASRVA)

The objects for which the Association is established are:

1. To promote greater awareness and understanding of Social Role Valorization Theory and related concepts.
2. To conduct relevant training events.
3. To provide support and assistance of a personal, advisory and information nature to Association members involved in human service change efforts.
4. To engage in cooperative activities with other organisations with similar aims and objectives.

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# President's Report

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## 2021 PLANNING

In 2021, the new ViAA committee met to plan for the coming 12 months and beyond. We reflected on what each person brings to the committee, what we hope to get out of being on the committee, and what we hope to achieve together.

The main themes of what we hoped to achieve were:

1. Do our core work well
  - Theory events
  - Informal discussions or other events
2. Strengthen existing, and build new connections and relationships with people and organisations
  - Increase engagement with people with a devalued status and family members
  - Grow membership and awareness of SRV / ViAA
  - Expand connections across a broader range of services
  - Maintain relationship with Australian SRV Association (ASRVA) and interstate local SRV groups
3. Ensure our offerings are suited to what people are looking for
  - Welcoming and inclusive
  - A mixture of theory events and informal discussions
  - Talking about SRV ideas in ways that are accessible to more people

We were a new committee forming, and learning together, so we consciously decided to take a slow and considered approach towards these goals.

## I. VIAA CORE WORK

### Events

#### *SRV-10 (4-day SRV workshop exploring the 10 SRV themes)*

- Delivered in collaboration with ASRVA
- Moved online due to Covid – Australia's first online delivery of SRV-10
- Number of attendees: 47

#### *Towards a Better Life (2-day Introduction to SRV Workshop)*

- July 2021, 33 participants
- May 2022, 24 participants
  - First time Towards a Better Life was delivered online for a Queensland audience

#### *PASSING and Informal Events*

- Due to Covid, ViAA decided not to pursue a PASSING course in 2021-22
- No informal events were hosted by ViAA in 2021-22

## Leadership Development

ViAA supported the development of co-teachers from across Australia by providing opportunities to teach at our SRV theory events. We would like to acknowledge the work of ASRVA in providing development opportunities through the SRV Educator Study Group, and particularly acknowledge Jane's Sherwin's immense contribution as teacher-facilitator and mentor to this group.

While ViAA occasionally provides financial support to co-teachers, most often their time is given voluntarily or their employers sponsor their participation in teaching. ViAA receives very positive feedback about the contribution that co-teachers make to events – thank you to all for sharing your time and wisdom, and adding to the quality of ViAA events.

The following co-teachers taught at ViAA events in 2021-22

- TABL July 2021 – Lindie Brengman, Danielle Mason, Amie Storer
- SRV-10 – Ricky Esterquest, Sharon Lowe, Danielle Mason
- TABL May 2022 – Kylie Duncis, Ricky Esterquest, Sharon Lowe, Amie Storer

## 2. RELATIONSHIPS

### Australian SRV Association (ASRVA)

ViAA is proud to continue our close relationship with ASRVA. As well as holding their money in our bank account, ViAA has supported ASRVA's work through:

- Sharing information about ASRVA-hosted events and community of practice building initiatives with our mailing list
- Co-hosting SRV-10
- Contributing financially towards the development of Towards a Better Life - Online

### Interstate local groups and host organisations

With ASRVA's encouragement, local SRV groups and host organisations from across Australia met online to strengthen relationships and discuss how we can collaborate together. This meeting has fostered ongoing collaboration, for example, setting nationally consistent price for online delivery of Towards a Better Life, and sharing contact details of interstate participants in online events.

### Guest speakers

Although these guest speakers technically presented for ViAA in the current financial year, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Marlena Katene and Claire Mitchell. Each of these women presented on their vision for a good life at Towards a Better Life events in 2022. Marlena and Claire both generously offered their time voluntary, for which we are very grateful. Their stories enriched the workshops and brought the content to life – there is nothing like hearing real examples of what is possible.

## Membership

At the time of writing this report, we have **xx** financial members of the association for the 2022-23 Financial Year. This is the highest number of financial members since **xxxx**. We thank you for your membership and support of the work of ViAA, and by extension, your support for SRV learning and application in Queensland.

### 3. ACCESSIBILITY OF VIAA OFFERINGS

#### Website Update

In 2022, ViAA reviewed our website content. We wanted people who were learning about ViAA or SRV to have access to clear information about who we are and what we offer, as well as providing a brief overview of SRV. We have included links to find out more about SRV, as well as links to ways to connect with the Australian and International SRV communities.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The work of ViAA is supported by many individuals and organisations, whose contribution we would like to acknowledge.

Community Resource Unit (CRU) continues to support ViAA through sharing information about our events with their mailing list, as well as lending the use of their meeting room and projector.

Staffing Options has also generously lent the use of their meeting room for our face to face committee meetings.

Sally Halliday, our bookkeeper, provides this service at no cost to ViAA.

Senior SRV Trainer, Jane Sherwin. As well as preparing for her own teaching at our events, Jane's work includes preparing and liaising with co-teachers, and briefing and preparing guest speakers for their presentation. Thank you Jane for your collegiality and warmth in collaborating with ViAA as we host SRV events.

Finally, a big thank you to my committee colleagues – Neil Barringham, Kellie Derham, Ricky Esterquest, Natalie Kurth and Sophie Wiggans. It has been a pleasure working with you.

# Treasurer Report

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