

ABOUT TADACT

Technical Aid to the Disabled ACT (TADACT) is a registered charity and is endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) by the ATO. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

TADACT was established as a not for profit organization in response to a meeting in October 1979 where a group of people gathered at a local health centre to hear about what was being done interstate to provide customised assistance to help people with a disability.

We recently celebrated our 30 year anniversary and have provided over 6000 individual pieces of equipment to the community over the entire history of the organisation. TADACT currently has over 50 volunteers with a wide range of relevant expertise including woodwork, metalwork, engineering and electronics and currently undertakes in excess of 300 projects per year. Our current ACT Government funding requires 240 projects per year.

Our organisation seeks to improve the lives of people living with any type of disability, the elderly and those who care for them:

- Through the innovative application of customised technical solutions that are not commercially available.
- By designing, modifying and constructing equipment that assists people with disabilities and the elderly to live independent and fulfilling lives.
- By modifying or repairing commercially available equipment to make it better suit the client's needs.

We charge clients a fee which incorporates Project costs (material costs and a Project Volunteer's incidentals), and a small administration fee. We do not charge for a Volunteer's time. The Project commences after a cost estimate is accepted by the client.

Our current level of funding severely restricts our ability continue the service and to develop awareness of, and interest in, this service beyond about 1% of the ACT community. . We believe that there exists considerable undetected, and consequently unmet need for our service as the ACT has 16.1% of the population with disabilities.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

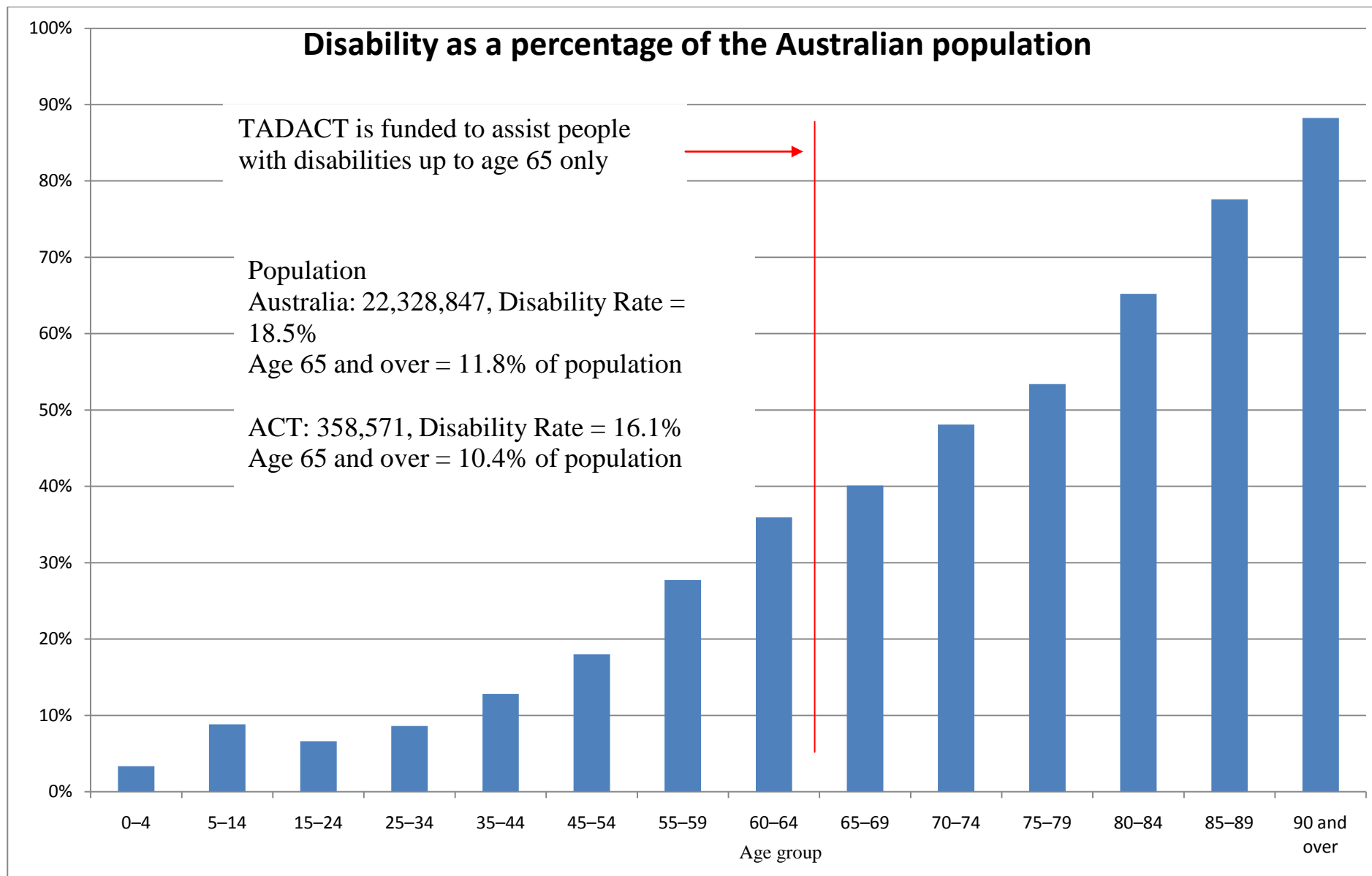
- No other Not-For-Profit organisation within the ACT area provides the service that we do.
- All equipment is made or modified by highly skilled volunteers who donate their time and expertise to provide innovative solutions.
- We provide customized solutions and modify and create items to suit the specific and individual needs of the client.
- We also provide a free advice and referral service.

Our service is designed to provide affordable assistance to people with low incomes.

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

- TADACT is funded by the ACT Government (\$126,000 without GST) to assist people with disabilities up to age 65.
- TADACT is **not** funded to provide for people over 65 and is seeking additional funding of \$120,000 (without GST). Figures 1 and 2 provide evidence of this need.

DISABILITY DOES NOT DISAPPEAR AT AGE 65.



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Figure 1

Table: Disability, Ageing and Carers, Australia: Summary of Findings - Released 20/01/2011

Link: <http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/DetailsPage/3101.0Sep%202010?OpenDocument>: Tables 58 and 59,

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Figure 2