

**A Good Life ... *Are we there yet?***



## Having a Say Conference Program



**Australia's largest conference for people with disability**

**Deakin University | Geelong**

**Waterfront Campus | 24 - 26 February 2020**

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# Welcome

## Local Reference Committee (LRC)

Hello I am Leah Scott and I am the chairperson of the Local Reference Committee (LRC) for HaS 2020. I'd like to welcome you to Geelong. My passion is for people with disabilities to find their voice, especially to government and services. I want to encourage you to speak up during HaS about the things that concern you and about your dreams. This is a chance to share our dreams, our talents and our achievements.



Thank you for coming and have fun too! Leah Scott



2020, Local Reference Committee

## Aims of the Having a Say Conference

The Having a Say Conference empowers people with disability to:

- **Have a say** about issues that affect their lives
- **Celebrate** ability and achievement
- **Help** plan and run a national conference
- **Be heard** by politicians, government and service providers
- **Meet people** from around Australia and the rest of the world
- Be supported to **share ideas** and talk about issues and recommendations made at the conference



# History



The first Having a Say (HaS) Conference was held in Maryborough in the year 2000. There were almost 190 people involved and the enthusiasm generated inspired those involved to do it again the next year. Since then the conference has grown and has on average 1000 people participating each year. People enjoy coming for a range of reasons. Some are keen advocates for people with disability and want to debate the issues. Many come to the conference to have a say, present or perform. Others find HaS empowering and some just want to have fun!

## Barbara Donovan Art Competition

The Having a Say Art Competition has been named in remembrance of Barbara Donovan's work for people with disabilities over the past 50 years. Barbara passed away in 2019. Barbara was a Life Member of VALID and other Geelong organisations. She has volunteered at the Having a Say conference for over 10 years and her daughter Sarah has won the Art Competition several times.



The Art Competition is proudly sponsored by the Office of Professional Practice. The Office works in partnership with professionals and organisations to maximise people's quality of life, promote people's development and safeguard their rights. The Office provides practice leadership and evidence informed directions and recommendations about human services, policy and service design to promote continuous improvement in client outcomes.



Make sure to check out the artwork displayed in the small foyer between the pink and grey rooms (opposite the registration desk).

The four winning entries will be announced and presented with their cheque and certificate during the closing ceremony on Wednesday.



# Supporting you

## Information and Help



If you need any help or info please come to the Registration Desk.

The Registration Desk is located in the Costa Hall foyer.



People on the Registration Desk can help you find



Attendant care



First Aid



Help with a problem



Information

## Attendant Care Support



Attendant Carers will be available during the conference and the conference dinner disco and chat.

The attendants can provide short-term personal care and meal assistance to people who are attending the conference independently (i.e. without staff/family support).

It is important for you to be aware that this support needs to be shared with other delegates attending the conference. Support cannot be provided to assist people who need it for long periods of time, such as all day.

An **accessible toilet with sling hoist** and a change table are available in addition to the new Changing Places facility as shown on the map. (see page 47). Ask at the registration desk.



## Thank You

VALID would like to thank the Cerebral Palsy Support Network for sponsoring the attendant carers at the conference.



## Catering



Morning and afternoon teas are included in the registration fee. Lunch is NOT provided however brunch is provided for all Wednesday delegates. There is a Café at Deakin University called the Waterfront Kitchen, located on Level 1 which is accessible via the main lift.

# Parking and Transport



## Parking around Deakin Waterfront Campus



There are metered car parking spaces at the conference venue, as well as private car parks within walking distance. The Deakin University carpark off Smythe Street is free, but **DO NOT park in coloured bays** marked for Uni staff. Vehicles displaying a disabled permit may park in Gheringhap Street for the whole day, between Brougham and Western Beach Road, if you pay for the first 3 hours.

There are bus parking zones in Brougham Street adjacent to Deakin, Gheringhap Street between Brougham and Corio Street and in Transit Place off Gheringhap Street.



If the bus has a disabled sticker you can park for the whole day as long as you have paid for the first 3 hours (where applicable) in the designated Bus Parking in Transit Place.



## Taxi

Geelong Taxi Network provides both a general and multi-purpose taxi service in the Geelong Region.

We advise that you **book Maxi Taxis in advance** especially for the disco.

Phone: 131 008

Maxi Phone: (03) 5278 5785



# Photography and Media

## Photographs



During the conference you will see someone walking around filming activities. This film is used to make the Conference DVD. Photographs will also be taken.

If you **DO NOT** want to be on the video or in the photos of the conference please **tell the video person** and the photographer.



Some people have already told us that they don't want to be in the photos or video and they will have an orange name tag.

## Conference DVD



A **FREE** DVD of the conference will be sent to all VALID members and groups of three or more people who attend the conference.

The DVD has memorable footage that includes conference events and activities, the Dinner Disco, presentations and workshops, Red Faces Competition, Opening Ceremony and Come and Try activities. The DVD will go for over an hour.



If you would like to buy a copy of the DVD please fill in the order form (in your Registration Bag) and return to VALID along with payment by 31 March 2020.

If you would like a DVD of previous conferences, contact the VALID office for more information on how to purchase one.

## Thank You



VALID would like to thank genU for sponsoring the filming and development of the conference DVD.



# Highlights

## Ambulance Victoria

**Tuesday 11 - 2pm**

Come and say “hi” to local paramedics, have a look at an ambulance and learn what you can do to help during a medical emergency.

**Located in the Courtyard**



## Better ways to get a good life for people with behaviours of concern: a forum for families

**Tuesday 11am - 4pm**

The forum will discuss better ways to have a good life for people with behaviours of concern.

**Purple Room**



## Housing Forum

**Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am**

This forum will hear from people with disabilities and families who have developed successful SDA (Specialist Disability Accommodation) properties including units and houses. We will discuss the issues, challenges and benefits.

**Green Room**



## Our Choice Expo

**Monday and Tuesday**

Over 100 exhibitors located in the Gallery at the end of the main courtyard (past the coffee cart), and Costa Hall foyer.

**Exhibition Space through the Courtyard**



## Open Mic

**Monday and Wednesday**

Open mic is an opportunity for people to go on stage and share their experiences of the conference.

**Costa Hall**



# Opening Ceremony



## Welcome to Having a Say 2020

**Mr Kean Selway**

**Chief Operating Officer, Deakin University**



Kean Selway has been the Chief Operating Officer for Deakin University since 2010 and a member of the University's Executive since 2002.

Kean has strategic and leadership responsibility for the services, resources and facilities Deakin provides for its students, staff and communities it serves. His portfolio includes: Student Services; Human Resources; Equity and Diversity; Campus Services; Infrastructure Services; and Residential Services.



## Welcome to Geelong

**Mayor Stephanie Asher**

**Mayor of Geelong**



Mayor Stephanie Asher ran for council to represent the community on the Bellarine Peninsula and to contribute to Geelong's clever and creative future.

Stephanie believes that Geelong is a beautiful city with untapped potential as a thriving centre, and with increasingly diverse employment opportunities and an unparalleled lifestyle. As a coastal resident, she believes that the City of Geelong needs to be our economic centre and a hub of community activity.



## Presentation

**Arthur Rogers**

**Disability Services Commissioner**



Arthur has held leadership roles in disability, social housing and service design. A strong advocate for independent choice and the inclusion of people with a disability, Arthur led the development of Victoria's first 10 year State Disability Plan, the Disability Act 2006 and the introduction of client controlled and individualised planning and funding in Victoria. As Disability Services Commissioner, Arthur has taken a strong stand in relation to the prevention of deaths in care.



## Key Note Speaker

**Martin Hoffman**

**CEO, National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)**



Martin Hoffman recently led the Services Australia Taskforce for Minister Stuart Robert. He was Secretary of the NSW Department of Finance, Services and Innovation for four years from August 2015. He was previously Deputy Secretary at the Commonwealth Department of Industry & Science from July 2010, after joining the Australian Public Sector in March 2009 in the Department of the Prime Minister & Cabinet.



## Presentation

**“Australia on the World Stage”**

**Judy Huett and Sonia Hume**

**Inclusion Australia**



Judy has represented people with intellectual disability locally, nationally and globally including travelling to Geneva, Switzerland in 2013 to present to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. She attended again in 2019 as a co-leader of the civil society delegation and as the national Our Voice Committee immediate past Chair. Judy has also led projects around Zero Tolerance and employment, been a Board member of Inclusion Australia (NCID), served two terms with the Tasmanian Premier’s Disability Advisory Council, and is a current member of the NDIA Intellectual Disability Reference Group and Independent Advisory Council. Judy lives in Burnie, Tasmania with her husband Peter.



Sonia has a long-standing commitment to promoting the human rights of people with intellectual disability. Her contribution at a local, national and international level to developing self advocacy resulted in her being awarded the Tasmanian Disability Community Achievement Award in 2010, and the Individual Award for Human Rights in 2012.

# Tuesday Plenary

## **Hon. Luke Donnellan MP**

### **Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers**



Luke has been a Labor Party member of the Victorian Legislative Assembly since 2002, representing Narre Warren North. He is the Minister for Child Protection and the Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers in the second Andrews Ministry. He previously served as the Minister for Roads and Road Safety and Minister for Ports in the First Andrews Ministry from December 2014 to December 2018.



He was a key figure in the lease of the Port of Melbourne, and led negotiations with cross benchers to enable the legislation to pass through the Victorian Parliament.

## **Matthew Buckingham**

### **Ambulance Victoria Community Hero Award Winner**



Matthew Buckingham volunteers at Encompass furniture store HomeSmart in Whittington.

One day he realised his fellow volunteer, Bobby, was having a stroke, after noticing his co-worker's speech was slurred and incoherent. Matthew notified his supervisor who called emergency services who were able to attend to Bobby, after he made sure they had clear access. He also ushered others away from the scene before comforting and reassuring them.

Matthew received recognition for his actions in potentially saving the life of a co-worker.

He is one of 11 Victorians recently recognised at Ambulance Victoria's Community Heroes Awards.

The award recognise people in the community for their brave and selfless intervention to save the life of a stranger, neighbour, family member or friend.



## Graeme Head

### NDIS Quality & Safeguarding Commissioner



**NDIS Quality  
and Safeguards  
Commission**

Graeme Head was appointed in December 2017 to lead the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission. His statutory office as the inaugural Commissioner commenced Victoria on 1 July 2019.

Graeme has a wealth of experience in policy, public administration and regulation, including senior roles in both environmental and consumer protection regulation. He has held significant leadership positions in several central agencies at the state level, including as New South Wales Public Service Commissioner, Director-General of the New South Wales Department of Commerce, and Deputy Director-General of the New South Wales Department of Premier and Cabinet.

At the federal level, Graeme was Deputy Secretary of the Department of Health and Ageing, led the National Health Reform Transition Office and was responsible for implementing the National Health Reform Agreement between the Commonwealth and state and territory governments.

# WE'RE ALL ABOUT YOU

## Partnering with People with Disability

Life Without Barriers provide individualised services that are designed by you, supporting you and your family to live your life, your way.

Our services include Support Coordination, Supported Shared and Independent Accommodation, Short Term Accommodation Assistance and Lifestyle Supports. As an NDIS provider we can help you to ensure you achieve the most out of your NDIS plan.

For more information, please contact:



1800 935 483



[lwbvic@lwb.org.au](mailto:lwbvic@lwb.org.au)



[disabilityservices.lwb.org.au](http://disabilityservices.lwb.org.au)

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# Closing Ceremony

## Pentland - Banfield Award

### Deakin University



Doug Pentland and David Banfield were members of Reinforce which was the first self advocacy group in Victoria and Australia. Doug and David were pioneers of self advocacy and they both had a passion and commitment to see improved support for all people with an intellectual disability. VALID and Reinforce started this award at the conference to honour the contribution that both Doug and David made to promoting the rights of people with disability. During the conference a self advocate leader chooses a self advocate who continues to follow in Doug and David's footsteps, by speaking up for themselves and others. Sponsored by Deakin University.

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## Sir Robert Martin Award

### Sir Robert Martin MNZM



Robert Martin is one of the leading international self advocates from New Zealand. He led the charge to close institutions in New Zealand and took the fight all around the world. In recognition of Robert's achievements, Robert was honoured for his services to people with disability with a knighthood in the 2019 New Zealand New Year honours.

VALID sponsors the annual Robert Martin Award. A person with a disability will be selected during the conference who has had a significant impact on behalf of others with a disability and who speaks up about issues that are important to people with disability.

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## Art Prizes



Don't miss the display of artworks located in the foyer between the pink and grey rooms.

The **top 2 delegate** and **2 non-delegate** entries have been selected and the winners will be awarded cash prizes and a certificate at the Closing Ceremony on Wednesday 26 February.

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## Red Faces Finals

See page 17 for more details.

## Family Empowerment Award

**VALID**



The Family Empowerment Award is awarded to a family member who: has 'stood beside' their family member and advocated for their rights to obtain appropriate support, community inclusion and a good life.

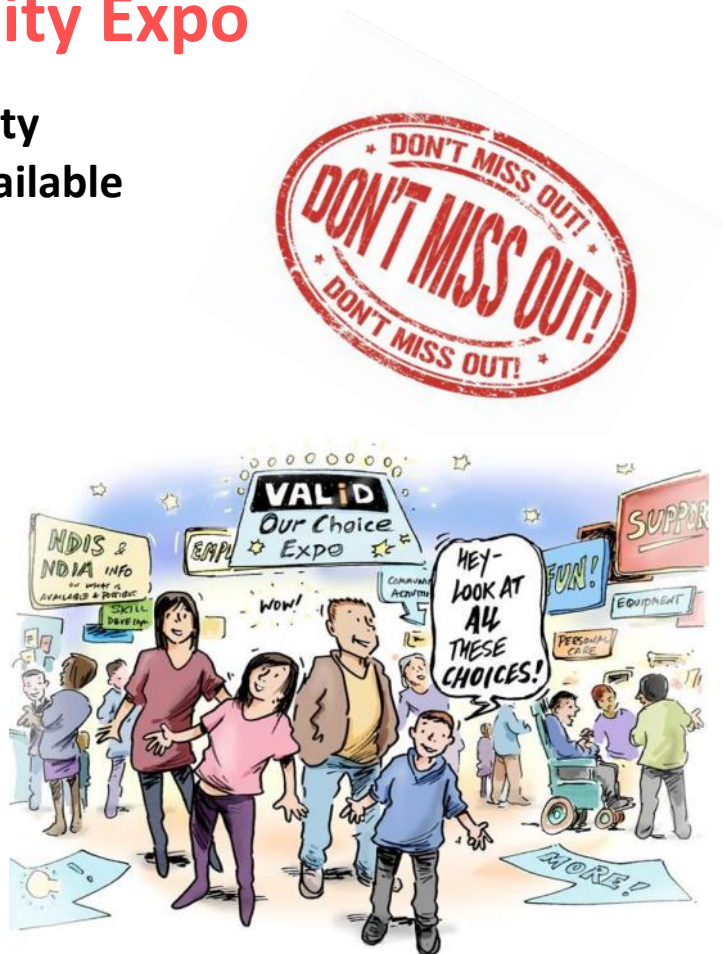
## Our Choice Disability Expo

**Information about community activities and the choices available to you through the NDIS.**

If you have an NDIS Plan:

- Do you know all your choices?
- Do you want to do more things in the community?
- What else is out there that you might not know about?

Over 100 exhibits with a range of services for all ages, including equipment, community and disability supports.



**Monday 24 and Tuesday  
25 February 2020, 9.30am - 4pm**

**Deakin University Waterfront Campus, 1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong**

**Free entry (no RSVP required)**





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# Red Faces Auditions

## Auditions at Sphinx Hotel

7pm Monday 24 February

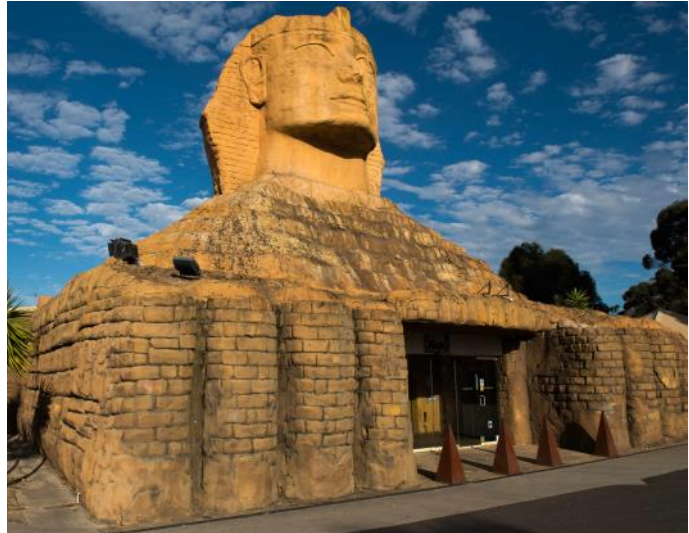


2 Thompson Road  
North Geelong (See Map on page 46)

If you wish to purchase a meal, there are two options:

1. **Bistro Menu.** Bistro opens at 5.30pm.  
To book a table please phone 03 5278 2911.
2. **Bain-marie** available at the entry to the function room. Drinks can be ordered at the bar in the function room.

Three Finalists from the auditions are selected to perform at the **Red Faces Finals** during the Conference Closing Ceremony on Wednesday, 26 February 2020.



# Dinner and Chat

**Tuesday 25 February 7pm**

## **Wah Wah Gee, The Pier**

The Dinner and Chat is a quieter alternative to the action packed Dinner Disco, at the chat you can network, relax and be informed.



### **Guest Speaker**

Mary Mallett, CEO, Disability Advocacy Network Australia (DANA)

#### *Can advocacy help people get the good life?*

DANA is the Canberra based national peak body for independent disability advocacy in Australia. DANA supports organisations in every state and territory that work to promote and advocate for the rights of people with disability. With the advent of the NDIS, independent advocacy will be even more important in assisting people to have true choice and control, and ensure that their rights are respected and honoured as they navigate a new system.

## Study Disability and Inclusion at Deakin University

Build your expertise in inclusion policy and practice, and become a specialist in the disability, health and community sectors.

With 1 in 5 people experiencing disability in their lifetime, and an increased demand for professionals in the disability sector, it has never been more important to develop graduates with a clear, relevant knowledge of disability, and the ability to identify and eliminate barriers to inclusion.

- Master of Disability and Inclusion
- Graduate Certificate of Disability and Inclusion
- Bachelor of Health Sciences (majoring in Disability and Inclusion)



[deakin.edu.au/courses/disability-and-inclusion](https://deakin.edu.au/courses/disability-and-inclusion)

Deakin University CRICOS Provider Code: 00113B



# Dinner Disco

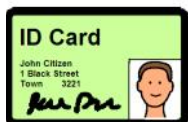
**Tuesday 25 February, 6.45pm**

## **The Pier**

Please collect your ticket (in white envelope) and your Conference Bag when you arrive to register at the registration desk.

A two course meal will be served from 7.15pm. Please note drinks are not provided but will be available for you to buy from the bar. If you look young it might be good to bring some photo ID (identification) just in case the bar staff ask you for it.

**The theme this year is formal.** Celebrating 21 years of the conference so dress up in your glamorous best! Let your hair down and enjoy a night filled with fun, food and dancing! Live music provided by Un-Limited.



## **The Dinner Disco Band**

The **Un-Limited** enterprise is brought to you by Daniel Agius & Alyssa Comito; two enthusiastic, accomplished, and highly sought after entertainers based in Melbourne, Australia. They both live and breathe music, and share a passion for their band which has grown to extreme heights since 2010.



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## **Thank you**

VALID and the Local Reference Committee thank the Office of the Disability Services Commissioner for their generous support in sponsoring the Having a Say conference dinner.



## **Please note:**

You can drop people off at the front of The Pier and then park your vehicle in a free parking spot.

Attendant Carers and St John Ambulance Officers will be on site if you need assistance.



# Keep speaking up!





# Program

The Having a Say Conference runs over three days, **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday**.



If you need help with finding an activity you would like to attend or help in finding a location on Deakin campus please do not hesitate to speak with a VALID staff member at the **registration desk**.



**Volunteers** will be roaming around the Deakin campus assisting with come and try activities. If you need help with anything, feel free to ask a volunteer to help you out.



## Come and Try activities

A Come and Try is a fun activity which you need to book in for. Go to the Registration Desk to find out more.

Delegates attending all three days of the conference get to do two Come and Try activities (note: not 2 activities per day, 2 in total).

Delegates attending for one day can do one Come and Try activity.

If you would like to change your booking go to the Registration Desk.



## Feedback

We welcome any feedback you have about the Having a Say conference. Please provide your feedback at the registration desk, or via our Facebook page.

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**VALID  
Stream**

### Why are there shaded columns in the Program?

The VALID Stream **shaded in green** features presentations about VALID Programs.

The Inclusion Australia Stream **shaded in blue** features policy discussions and presentations.

**Inclusion  
Australia  
Stream**

# Monday 24 February 2020

9.00am **Registration** Costa Hall Foyer and **Our Choice Expo** in Main Foyer

10.30am **Having a Say Opening Ceremony** Costa Hall

Welcome to Country

Official Opening: Kean Selway, Chief Operating Officer, Deakin University

Welcome to Geelong: Stephanie Asher, Mayor, City of Greater Geelong

12.00pm

Lunch



1.30pm to 2.30pm

## Performance

Costa Hall

Part 1: Connecting the World: "Smoke Signals to Smart Phones"

(Ants Pantz & Thumbs Up Band)

## Presentation

Green Room

NDIS – Real Employment made possible (CDERP)

Dolly's Dream (Good Directions)

## Workshop

Yellow Room

Your Service, Your Rights (NSWCID)

## Presentation

Grey Room

Making Goals

- Gaming for Growth (genU)

- \* Map your Future (YDAS)

2.30pm

Afternoon Tea, Costa Hall Foyer

3.00pm to 4.00pm

## Performance

Part 2: Connecting the World: "Smoke Signals to Smart Phones"

(Ants Pantz & Thumbs Up Band)

## VALID Stream

Green Room

Circles of Support &

10 Tips for Preparing for your NDIS Plan review

(VALID Family team)

## Workshop

Yellow Room

Unlocking your Dreams and Aspirations - Keys to Success Program



## Presentation

Grey Room

Co-Design

- \* A good life means co-design (Scope)
- \* Co-designing with young people with disability (YDAS)

7.00pm

Red Faces, Sphinx Hotel



If you arrive early Deakin University has a café you can visit. Plan your day.

**Keynote Presentation:** Martin Hoffman, CEO, NDIA



**Presentation:** *'Australia on the World Stage'*, Judy Huett & Sonia Hume, Inclusion Australia

**Presentation:** Arthur Rogers, Disability Services Commissioner, Victoria


**Performance:** Rachael Fisher, winner of Red Faces 2019

**Open Microphone**

Check out the Our Choice Expo

<b>Presentation</b> <b>Purple Room</b> "My life is good because.....". Using the arts to explore the good things in life (Deakin Uni)	<b>Come and Try</b> <b>Meet in Courtyard</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gentle Tango</li><li>• Jewellery</li><li>• Tai Chi</li><li>• Travel Talk</li></ul> 	<b>Come and Try</b> <b>Main Entrance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AFL Football</li><li>• Bushwalking note: 1.15—3.30pm</li><li>• Fishing</li></ul> 	<b>Inclusion Australia Stream</b> <b>Pink Room</b> Housing Policy Discussion (VALID)
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Check out the Our Choice Expo

<b>Presentation</b> <b>Purple Room</b> Individual Stories <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Brenton Alford</li><li>- Chloe Hayden</li><li>- Jonathon Bredin</li></ul>	<b>Come and Try</b> <b>Meet in Courtyard</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Badge making</li><li>• Colouring for Adults</li><li>• Karaoke</li><li>• Tai Chi</li></ul>	<b>Come and Try</b> <b>Main Entrance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AFL Football</li><li>• Fishing</li></ul> 	<b>Inclusion Australia Stream</b> <b>Pink Room</b> The Royal Commission into Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation (VALID & Inclusion Australia)
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Contestants will audition in front of a huge audience

# Tuesday 25 February 2020

8.30am **Registration** Costa Hall Foyer and **Our Choice Expo** in Main Foyer

9.30am **Plenary sessions** Costa Hall

**Presentation:** Hon. Luke Donnellan MP, Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers

10.30am **Morning Tea**, Costa Hall Foyer

11.00am to 12.00pm

Performance	VALID Stream	Presentation	Presentation
Costa Hall	Green Room	Yellow Room	Grey Room
The Northcote Rebels Band	Keys to Success Program and Staying Safe Program (VALID)	Employment: * Sally's Story (Distinctive Options) * More than Just a Job (NSWCID)	Individual Stories - Lisa McLeish - Brodie Shaw - Gerard Langridge - Our Achievements (OC Connections)
The GoBand: A Good Life Rocks (Goulburn Options)			

12.00pm **Lunch** Have lunch with friends 

1.30pm to 2.30pm

Performance	VALID Stream	Individual Stories	Presentation
Costa Hall	Green Room	Yellow Room	Grey Room
'Doing Me First' (Mambourin)	VALID8 Program: Empowering people through Self Advocacy to Advocacy: Individual to Community (Self Advocacy Team)	Five stories: - Tammy Smith - Ben Chew - Judy Kelly - Robert North - Stephanie Challis	How to get Legal help. (Victoria Legal Aid)  The Lives we Lead (WAIS)
The Sugar Bells (Scope)			
			



If you arrive early Deakin has a café you can visit. Plan your day.

**Presentation:** Matthew Buckingham, Ambulance Victoria Community Hero



**Presentation:** Graeme Head, NDIS Quality & Safeguarding Commissioner

## Check out the Our Choice Expo

**Note:** Harley rides and limousine rides start at 10.30am and 11.30am

<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p><b>Purple Room</b></p> <p><b>11am – 4pm</b></p> <p>Better ways to get a good life for people with behaviours of concern: a forum for families</p> <p>(VALID)</p>	<p><b>Come and Try</b></p> <p><b>Meet in Courtyard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colouring for Adults</li> <li>• Creative Writing 1</li> <li>• Dream Catcher</li> <li>• Karaoke</li> </ul>	<p><b>Come and Try</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFL Football</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Harley Ride 10.30 &amp; 11.30am</li> <li>• Limousine Ride 10.30 &amp; 11.30am</li> <li>• Walking</li> </ul>	<p><b>Inclusion Australia Stream</b></p> <p><b>Pink Room</b></p> <p>Our Voice Report</p>
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## Check out the Our Choice Expo

<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p><b>Purple Room</b></p> <p><b>11am – 4pm</b></p> <p>Better ways to get a good life for people with behaviours of concern: a forum for families</p> <p>(VALID)</p>	<p><b>Come and Try</b></p> <p><b>Meet in Courtyard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative Writing 2</li> <li>• Hair &amp; Make-up</li> <li>• Karaoke</li> <li>• Speed Friendship</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Come and Try</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFL Football</li> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Harley Ride</li> <li>• Limousine Ride</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Inclusion Australia Stream</b></p> <p><b>Pink Room</b></p> <p>Spirituality – part of the good life.</p> <p>(Uniting Church and VALID)</p>
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# Tuesday 25 February 2020

2.30pm

Afternoon Tea, Costa Hall Foyer

3.00pm to 4.00pm

Performance	VALID Stream	Workshop	Presentation
Costa Hall	Green Room	Yellow Room	Grey Room
A Good Life? (Bam Arts)	3pm – 5pm Partnerships & Possibilities: working together to create inclusive communities (VALID Community Team)	Unlocking your Dreams and Aspirations - Keys to Success Program (VALID) 	Sexual Lives & Respectful Relationships Groups * Gippsland Group * Group dynamics in Self-Advocacy groups

4.00pm Tuesday activities are completed. Time to go get ready for Dinner and Disco

6.45pm to 10.30pm

## Conference Dinner and Disco

### The Pier

If you want to dress up the theme is formal.




VALID and the Local Reference Committee thank the Disability Services Commissioner for their generous support in sponsoring the Having a Say conference dinner.



### Acronyms

C&T	Come and Try
CDAH	Community Disability Alliance Hunter
COGG	City of Greater Geelong
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
DSC	Disability Services Commissioner
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme

Check out the Our Choice Expo

<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p><b>Purple Room</b></p> <p><b>11am – 4pm</b></p> <p>Better ways to get a good life for people with behaviours of concern: a forum for families</p> <p>(VALID)</p>	<p><b>Come and Try</b></p> <p><b>Meet in Courtyard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Badge making</li> <li>• Gentle Tango</li> <li>• Hair &amp; Make-up</li> <li>• Jewellery</li> </ul>	<p><b>Come and Try</b></p> <p><b>Main Entrance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishing</li> <li>• Soccer</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Inclusion Australia Stream</b></p> <p><b>Pink Room</b></p> <p>Building real Employment for people with intellectual disability</p> <p>(Inclusion Australia &amp; VALID)</p>
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Don't forget your Dinner Disco ticket.

7.00pm to 10.30pm

## Dinner and Chat

### Wah Wah Gee Restaurant

**Guest speaker:** Mary Mallett, CEO, DANA  
Can advocacy help people get the good life?

Refer to Page 18.



NSWCID NSW Council for Intellectual Disability  
 OPP Office for Professional Practice  
 SWEP State Wide Equipment Program  
 TBC To Be Confirmed  
 WAIS Western Australia's Individualised Services

# Wednesday 26 February 2020

8.30am **Registration** Costa Hall Foyer and Our Choice Expo in Main Foyer

9.30am to 10.15am

<b>Open Microphone</b> Costa Hall On the couch with Heather	<b>VALID Stream</b> Purple Room VALID Self-Advocacy Networks with guest speaker Inclusive Cities Project (VALID)	<b>Presentation</b> Yellow Room TBC due to late cancellation	<b>Presentation</b> Grey Room NDIS: Your Rights Your Voice (RIAC)
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10.15am

Morning Tea, Costa Hall Foyer

10.45am to 11.30am

<b>Performance</b> Costa Hall Come and have a say about staying safe (VALID)	<b>VALID Stream</b> Purple Room Inclusion Point: Making information inclusive and accessible (VALID)	<b>Workshop</b> Yellow Room Developing Our Vision of 'A Good Life' (Speakers Bank)	<b>Presentation</b> Grey Room Your Vision for Disability Sports & Recreation in 2030 (Disability Sport Recreation)
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11.30am

Brunch, Costa Hall Foyer

12.00pm to 1.00pm

## Closing Ceremony

### Costa Hall

#### Awards

Pentland - Banfield Self Advocacy Award

Sir Robert Martin Award

Family Empowerment Award





If you arrive early Deakin has a café you can visit. Plan your day.

<p><b>Forum</b></p> <p>Green Room</p> <p>9.30am – 11.30am</p> <p>Future Housing Solutions Panel &amp; Discussion</p>	<p><b>Come and Try</b></p> <p>Meet in Courtyard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colouring for Adults</li> </ul>	<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>Pink Room</p> <p>How we Create Inclusive Communities (NDIS Information Linkages and Capacity Building)</p>
<p><b>Forum <i>continued</i></b></p> <p>Green Room</p> <p>9.30am – 11.30am</p> <p>Future Housing Solutions Panel &amp; Discussion</p>	<p><b>Come and Try</b></p> <p>Meet in Courtyard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Badgemaking</li> <li>• Indoor Adaptive Games</li> </ul>	<p><b>Presentation</b></p> <p>Pink Room</p> <p>What I want Matters - Supported Decision-Making (Office of the Public Advocate)</p>

### Presentation

Dan Stubbs, Victorian Disability Worker Commissioner

### Competitions

Art Competition Prizes Presentation

Red Faces Final



# Monday Sessions 1.30pm to 2.30pm

## Ants Pantz Arts & Thumbs Up Band

**“Connecting the World: Smoke Signals to Smart Phones”**

**Part two: Monday 3.00pm to 4.00pm**



Explores the history of long-distance communication. It begins with primitive smoke signals, drums and Viking horns then moves through history. It explores the many ways that humans have found to send messages to each other and how different technologies have impacted on our culture and personal lives.

**Costa Hall**

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## Centre Disability Employment Research & Practice (CDERP)

**NDIS – Real Employment made possible**



CDERP will explain the NDIS price items that cover employment and what you should ‘get for your money’, including the SLES (School Leavers Employment Scheme) and for ‘discovering employment’ items.

**Green Room**

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## Good Directions

**Dolly’s Dream**



Will focus on Dolly and Nicholas who are participants who direct the staff in their home using SIL (Supported Independent Living) This type of funding ‘model’ is a step further from self-management and places participants as leaders in their own business.

**Green Room**

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## Council for Intellectual Disability (NSWCID)

**Your Service, Your Rights**

Presenters: Leonie McClean, Alison Bills

Everyone has the right to a good life and good service.

In this workshop we will talk about:

- What good service means to you
- The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission
- How to speak up and make a complaint



**Yellow Room**

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## genU

**Gaming for Growth**



Presenter: Paris Conte

How gaming can be used to achieve goals, develop interpersonal skills and connect with the community. Youth mental health focused including ASD & ADHD.

**Grey Room**

## Youth Disability Advocacy Service (YDAS)

### Map your future



Presenter: Luke David

In this workshop YDAS will talk about goal-setting. Figuring out your goals, like finishing or starting studying, getting a new job, making new friends or starting new hobbies is really exciting but sometimes it can be tricky. Goals are also an important part of NDIS plans. We will talk about how you can figure out your goals, and how you can put in steps to achieve your goals.

Grey Room

## Deakin University

### Life is good because...



Presenters: Associate Professor Angela Dew, Dr Jo Watson, Dr Kate Anderson, Dr Amie O'Shea – Disability and Inclusion, Deakin University

Using the arts to explore the good things in life. Attendees will use arts-materials to describe and explore the people, places and things that make their lives good, focusing on why these are important and how they connected to them.

Purple Room

## VALID & Inclusion Australia

### Housing Policy Discussion



VALID is writing a new policy about housing for people with intellectual disabilities and their families. People with intellectual disabilities need good houses and great support at home to live the life they want! Come along to test out our ideas and tell us what you want.

Pink Room

## Monday Sessions 3.00pm to 4.00pm



## VALID

### Circle of Support & 10 Tips for Preparing for your NDIS Plan review

VALID Family Team - Christine Scott, Maree Hewitt, Donna Shaw & Annette Axen

Green Room

## Keys to Success Program

### Dreams and Aspirations



Achieving your goals. The Dreams and Aspirations workshop is a place where people get to talk about their future and the things that they would like to do in their life.

Yellow Room

## Scope

### A good life means co-design



Presenters: Casey Tutungi, Peter Abbey and Joel Green

Perspectives on the role of a customer reference group with empowering people with disability to live the life they choose: to speak up about issues that are important to them. To give a voice in the design and delivery of products and services they receive.

[Grey Room](#)

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## Youth Disability Advocacy Services

### Co-designing with young people with disability



Presenters: Simon Green, Sebastian Antoine and Haley Zilberberg

The Youth Disability Advocacy Service made two programs by working with lots of different young people with disability, also called co-designers. These co-designers made a workshop that teaches disabled people about leadership, and a workshop that teaches youth workers how to be better at including disabled young people. Some of the co-designers will share stories and lessons. You might find this presentation interesting if you want to be part of co-designing programs and workshops.

[Grey Room](#)

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## Individual Stories

### Brenton Alford

Brenton will be talking about how making bad life choices with alcohol led to a brain injury.

### Chloe Hayden

Chloe will discuss what it is to be different not less and how important it is to not only to encourage and accept differences within other people, but also within yourself.

### Jonathan Bredin

This presentation will focus on how to employ good support workers. It will outline and explore the necessary steps in order to source support workers that can adequately & effectively cater to individual needs. Finding the right support worker is essential for people with disability to achieve what they want in life.

[Purple Room](#)



## VALID

### The Royal Commission into Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation

VALID recently gave evidence to the Royal Commission about the high levels of abuse, neglect and exploitation experienced by people with intellectual disability. This presentation will explain what the Royal Commission is doing and what VALID hopes might come from it.

[Pink Room](#)



## Tuesday Sessions 11.00am to 12.00pm



### The Northcote Rebels Band

The band will be performing some of their original songs.

[Costa Hall](#)



### The Go Band

**A good life rocks**

Band members: Diane Gallagher, Lucas Hall, Crystal Semmens, Lisa Stereo, Dan Kingley, Ash Lawrence, Tayten Farrell & Tony Hodges

The Go Band are really flying because their expectations are high and they treat each other with dignity and respect.

[Costa Hall](#)



### Keys to Success Program

Presenters: Jon Slingsby & Zoe Broadway

The VALID Keys to Success Program is an empowerment training course that supports people to learn about speaking up and having a say in their life. The program helps people to speak up when they are making choices, when telling people how they are feeling or when they feel unsafe.

Come and learn about the Keys to Success Program and how you can be empowered to speak up for yourself

[Green Room](#)



### Staying Safe Program

Presenters: Jon Slingsby & Zoe Broadway

VALID has developed resources that aim to inform the community about how to prevent the abuse of people with disability. Come and have a conversation with us about what we have been doing and give us feedback on the new resources we have developed.

[Green Room](#)



### Distinctive Options

**Sally's Story**

Sally's Story is the name of a film made in partnership with other agencies which promotes employment for people with a disability.

[Yellow Room](#)

## Council for Intellectual Disability (NSWCID)



### More than just a job

Presenters: Leonie McLean and Alison Duckworth

Find out more about CID's project "More than just a job". Having meaningful work is part of a good life. Learn how to: - Think about your strengths and skills. - Choose what you really want. - Speak up about work.

### Yellow Room

## Individual Stories

### Lisa McLeish

Life is better

### Brodie Shaw

Brodie will be taking about her life and now that she has great support she is able to have a say and have more opportunities to do the things she wants to do. She is experiencing some great activities and things that her family never thought that she would be able to do.

### Gerard Langridge

Be part of the clubbing community by connecting with local clubs and groups.

### OC Connections

The group will talk about their role in the service and how they play an active role in voicing their opinions and influencing changes. They will also share how the NDIS has affected their lives.

### Grey Room



## VALID

### Better ways to get a good life for people with behaviours of concern: a forum for families (11am - 4pm)

Empowered families have always led the way in driving positive change in the lives of people labelled 'too complex' by others. This forum will be facilitated by families who have taken big risks to achieve great results, along with professionals who have unique insights into how a good life is possible for people with behaviours of concern. Come along to learn and share about ground-breaking ideas about communication, making a real home, and positive behaviour support from the people who really know.

### Purple Room



## Inclusion Australia

### Our Voice report

Reporting on Inclusion International's representation including the "Enabling Us" Committee. Technology has the power to include or exclude us from our community. Come and hear the final report on our research into this topic.

### Pink Room



# Tuesday Sessions 1.30pm to 2.30pm



## Mambourin Deer Park

### Doing Me First

A dynamic group of people with a disability sharing their views on 'a good life'. They will speak as a group, sharing their challenges and achievements and a fun group dance.

Costa Hall



## The Sugar Bells Band

The band will be singing and playing percussion instruments.

Costa Hall



## VALID8 Program

### Empowering people through Self Advocacy practice Self Advocacy to Advocacy: Individual to Community

Come, meet and hear from the VALID8 Self Advocates who are an important part of the VALID Self Advocacy team. They will be talking to people living in Disability Group Homes about the quality of self-advocacy and empowerment practices within their home.

We'll also talk about what self-advocacy means and how to move from being a self-advocate to an advocate, bringing about change in people's lives and community to make things better for everyone.

Green Room



## Victoria Legal Aid

### How to get legal help

Presenter: Mark Tregonning

Sometimes people find themselves in trouble with the law. They might be a victim of a crime. They might be a victim of violence or discrimination. They might have done something wrong. They might have broken the law without knowing what they were doing. They will need legal help. This session explains how you can get legal help from Victoria Legal Aid.

Grey Room

## Individual Stories

### Tammy Smith

My Life, My Way, my journey to independence.



### Ben Chew

My journey into my future. Moving into the future by moving out of home. Moving in with friends and lots of fun stuff. I was scared at first. Things I like to do like swimming, gym, taking on the phone, playing my ipad, going out with friends, music. I have learnt how to do dishes, laundry, shopping, getting ready on time and cooking, generally being much more independent. Life is more exciting and fun now.

### Judy Kelly

My life and my career. This is my story on how with the support of family and others I forge a career in retail. It's also my story on how I reached my dreams and my personal achievements.

### Robert North

My life on the NDIS. Robert will be talking about things that he has been doing recently with his NDIS-funded supports.

### Stephanie Challis

Moving to the NDIS. Stephanie will be talking about moving services from Hume Council to NDIS providers and what the differences are.

### Yellow Room

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## WA's Individualised Service

### The lives we lead



The presentation is the sharing of a Social Media project - showcasing and demonstrating, in video and photo formats, the broad contribution people with disability are making in community - living their GOOD LIFE. You can see the campaign at [www.theliveswelead.com.au](http://www.theliveswelead.com.au)

### Grey Room

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## Uniting Church and VALID

### Spirituality - Part of a Good Life

Presenter: Andy Calder

As part of his research, Andy interviewed 14 people with disability from VALID about their spirituality. VALID has developed a policy and the next step is to hopefully take it to a national level.

### Pink Room





# Tuesday Sessions 3.00pm to 4.00pm



## Bam Arts

### A Good Life?

A theatrical exploration of the conference theme, devised by the theatre group "Wildcats".

Costa Hall



## VALID Community Team

### Partnerships and Possibilities (3pm- 5pm)

Partnerships and Possibilities will be presented by VALID'S Community Development Team and will include an opportunity to hear about some of the work emerging from our local Peer Action Groups. Three local Peer Action Groups will present some of their exciting community partnership work including the strategies they are using to make life in their local communities good. The session will also provide an opportunity for you to think about your own community and what you feel makes it good. The possibilities for creating more inclusive communities through partnerships with key community organisations will also be examined.

Green Room



## Keys to Success Program

### Dreams and Aspirations

Unlocking your dreams and aspirations. The Dreams and Aspirations workshop is a place where people get to talk about their future and the things that they would like to do in their life.

Yellow Room



## Sexual Lives & Respectful Relationships Gippsland Group

People with disabilities absolutely have the right to have relationships, be sexual, have privacy, make their own choices about what they want to do and who they do it with.

Grey Room



## SESASA & WHISE

### Group dynamics in self advocacy groups

Presenters: Sarina Avramovic, Ross de Vent, Ginger Ekselman & Jessica Elsworth  
We are a group of diverse people with different skills and needs, and we have all learnt from each other and through working together. It can be both challenging and rewarding.

Grey Room



## Inclusion Australia & VALID

### Building real employment for people with intellectual disability

Inclusion Australia and VALID are doing projects to make workplaces more inclusive and help people understand the supports that are available to them to work. Come and join the conversation.

**Pink Room**

## Wednesday Sessions 9.30am to 10.15am



## On the couch with Heather

### Open microphone

Join Heather on the couch and share your story about the conference

**Costa Hall**



## VALID Self Advocacy

### VALID Self Advocacy Networks with guest speaker from Inclusive Cities Project

VALID runs self advocacy network meetings every month in the Eastern, Northern, Southern and Western Melbourne Metropolitan Regions. The Network Meetings help people to learn and use their self advocacy skills. The networks empower members to speak up about things that are important to them and provide opportunities for members to speak up in their community.

**Purple Room**

## Rights Information & Advocacy Centre (RIAC)

### NDIS: Your Rights, Your Voice

Presents: Rachael Thompson, Liam McGarrigle and Michelle McGarrigle

This session will be a panel discussion about the NDIS external appeals process at the AAT, with the discussion led by RIAC advocates as well as lived experience from a participant and their carer. There will be time available for questions.



**Grey Room**

## Housing Forum

**Panel Discussion 9.30 - 11.30am**



This forum will hear from people with disabilities and families who have developed successful SDA (Specialist Disability Accommodation) properties including units and houses. We will discuss the issues, challenges and benefits. However, SDA is not the solution for everyone, so presenters and discussion will also focus on what will happen for the 94% of NDIS participants who miss out on SDA because they are not eligible.

### PANEL MEMBERS

#### **Penelope Manning**

"I'm Penelope Manning, I am 22 years old. I am fortunate enough to be able to live in my own unit independently for the past 18 months. I have workers that support me in the day, but also have Supported Independent Living (SIL), I call them SIL carers that assist me at night time, and when I need them I press a special button and they come from the front unit to assist me."

#### **Elly Stewart**

Elly Stewart, parent of SDA resident and SDA provider to her son  
Elly has worked with providers to develop an 'improved liveability' SDA house for her son and two other young men. The benefits of the house have been clear within a few months.

#### **Graham Allen, Grayllen Pty Ltd, SDA provider**

Graham will talk on behalf of three families who have purpose built a high physical support home for five young ladies in 2017

#### **Justin Nix, Guardian Living**

Justin will talk about the aims of Guardian Living and their projects to tailor 'Robust SDA' for people with significant behaviour needs. He will also talk about initiatives for the 94% of NDIS participants who are not eligible for SDA.

### **Green Room**

## **NDIS Information Linkages and Capacity Building (ILC)**

### **How we Create Inclusive Communities**

Presenter: Daniel Leighton, NDIA

ILC provides grants to organisations to deliver projects in the community that benefit all Australians with disability, their carers and families.

This session will cover:

- What is ILC?
- How to apply for an ILC Grant
- What is a good grant application
- The ILC Investment Strategy
- Examples of some good news stories from projects

### **Pink Room**



# Wednesday Sessions 10.45am to 11.30am



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## Inclusion Point: Making information inclusive and accessible

Inclusion Point is a collaboration between the NSW Council for Intellectual Disability (CID) and VALID in Victoria to provide information to support people with intellectual disability to make decisions about their lives and connect with their communities. The aim is for mainstream and communities services, to learn about being inclusive.

[Purple Room](#)

## Annecto Speakers Bank

### Developing Our Vision of “A Good Life”



Presenters: Storm Robbins, Kathryn Tomkins, Mary Anne Cosic, Riki Domagalski & Peter Thomson

A panel forum featuring 3 speakers who will talk about their lived experience and they will also address individually what they think of “a good life.” We will break up the audience into small groups, our speakers will facilitate the small group discussion. Each group will present briefly the output from the discussion, sharing their thoughts to the bigger group.

[Yellow Room](#)



## Disability Sport and Recreation (DSR)

### Disability Sport and Recreation in 2030

DSR is in the process of launching and developing a new strategy plan which will improve the lives of all people with disability.

[Grey Room](#)



## Office of the Public Advocate

### What I want Matters - Supported Decision-Making

Presenter: Dr John Chesterman

The topic is supported decision making in the context of the new Guardianship and Administration Act 2019 (comes into effect in March 2020). Being supported to make your own decisions and being able to express, communicate and be heard is what makes a good life.

[Pink Room](#)

# Feature Sessions

## Let's talk about employment for people with disabilities!

**Monday 1.30pm - 2.30pm Green Room**

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Building real Employment for people with intellectual disability presented by Inclusion Australia and VALID.

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## Future Housing Solutions

**Wednesday 9.30am - 11.30am Green Room**

- Is the SDA the only option for housing?
- Many people with intellectual disability have been assessed as not eligible for SDA (NDIS Specialist Disability Accommodation).
- So where are they going to live?



The panel will provide information and discuss how they worked with the SDA Provider to develop and provide tailor made living accommodation for people with significant behaviour needs. Discussion of new initiatives for building new housing for people who miss out on SDA.



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## Dulcie Stone Writer's Competition 2020

Do you have a story to tell?

Are you a writer or do you draw pictures?



To celebrate 21 years of Having a Say the theme for the 2020 competition is: *A Good Life ... Are We There Yet?*

- What does it really mean to live the good life?
- Now is the chance to tell your story about what life really means to you

The Dulcie Stone Writers Competition is open to people with intellectual disability. It is designed to showcase the voices of people with intellectual disability and recognises the lifetime contribution of Dulcie Stone to services for people with intellectual disability and writing.

Competition entry forms are available from the VALID Information Desk located in the foyer of Costa Hall.

Competition entries close on Friday 24th April 2020

# Thank you

VALID thanks all of the facilitators for their support in making this year's Come and Try activities such a huge success:

- AFL Football, AFL Victoria, AFL Barwon and Leisure Networks
- Badge making, Pauline Risoli
- Bush Walking, Changing Tracks
- Colouring in for Adults, Anna & Susan Ball
- Creative Writing, Scope
- Dream Catcher, Mel & Robyn Fletcher
- Fishing, Surf Coast Fishing and Outdoor Sporting Club
- Gentle Tango, Pamela & Richard Jarvis
- Hair and Make-up, Melanie Watson
- Harley Rides, Unique Trike Tours
- Indoor Adaptive Games, Tri State Games
- Jewellery, Mel & Robyn Fletcher
- Karaoke, Kylie Fisher & Samantha Dooley
- Limousine Rides, Hot Rod Heaven
- Soccer, Anthony Risoli
- Speed Friendship, Jon Slingsby
- Tai Chi, Sandra Pearce
- Travel Talk, Woodbine
- Walking, Volunteers

*Hot Rod Heaven*



# Thank you

## Volunteers, presenters, speakers and performers

VALID thanks all of the individual volunteers, presenters, guest speakers, Key Note speakers and performers for their support in planning and conducting the conference.

- **City of Greater Geelong** - supporting the Local Reference Committee
- **dal** - delicious morning and afternoon teas and amazing catering staff
- **DSC** - for providing volunteers
- **DHHS** - for providing volunteers
- **Elaine Valentine** - decorations at the Dinner Disco
- **Half Cat** - thank you to Half Cat and the Geelong Football Club for judging Red Faces Auditions
- **NDIA** - Barwon and National Offices for volunteers supporting the conference
- **OPP** - for sponsoring the Barbara Donovan Art Competition and providing volunteers
- **Print Design Australia** for printing the Program
- **Sphinx Hotel** - Red Faces
- **The Pier** - for supporting the Dinner Disco
- **Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine** - conference bags and publicity
- **Un-Limited** - entertainment at the Dinner Disco
- **Upstage Sound** - the disco light and sound show
- **Video Essentials** - Conference DVD



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## Local Reference Committee



### Community Members

Angus Bannister, Peter Abbey, Brooke Boyle, Maree Nicholls, Leanne Barnes, Elica Petrovska (Vice-Chairperson), Leah Scott (Chairperson), Simone Stevens, Eliza Charters and Elaine Valentine



### VALID Inc.

Christine Scott, Rick Ruiu, Anthony Risoli and Sara De Grandis



### Women With Disability Barwon group

Lynne Foreman



### City of Greater Geelong

Chary Carlyon

## Having a Say Conference T-Shirts

**On sale for \$12**

at the t-shirt sales desk.

Many sizes available.

**T-Shirt sales desk is located in Costa Hall Foyer** near the catering table.







## The Cunningham Pier

## Geelong Train Station







VALID is a not for profit organisation managed by a committee. Committee members include people with disabilities and parents. It is funded by the State Government to provide advocacy support to adults who have an intellectual disability.

VALID also runs programs to empower people with disabilities and families, such as self-advocacy training, peer action groups and the Having a Say Conference.

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