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Welcome VALID Affiliates

We have been looking at ways we can better engage with our eNews readers and the first step is to recognise your importance to us. The VALID Committee of Management has decided to create a VALID Affiliate category and to automatically consider all those who receive our eNews as Affiliates of VALID. There is no cost to either receiving eNews or to being an Affiliate and you do not need to do anything except continue to get our eNews.

If however you do not want to be considered a VALID Affiliate then please click the link [here](#) and we will fix this for you.

Thank you,
The VALID team

Dulcie Stone Awards Ceremony 2019

On Wednesday 31st July over 80 people gathered at the Wheeler Centre in Melbourne to celebrate the

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Award which VALID hosts in partnership with Writers Victoria. There were six winners this year and two encouragement awards.



Entries will open soon for the 2020 Award. Keep your eyes on the VALID website for details. The theme for next year has been chosen – “A Good Life...Are We There Yet?”

Awards Ceremony

Royal Commission into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability

The Disability Royal Commission wants to hear from all Australians about their experiences of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation. A Royal Commission is an official way of looking into a big issue and seeing what went wrong.



A submission is the main way people and organisations can provide information to the Royal Commission about their experiences of violence, neglect, abuse or exploitation of people with disability. Anybody can make a submission.

VALID encourages anyone who has had an experience of violence, abuse, neglect or exploitation to make a submission. If you are unable to make a submission without support you can contact VALID for assistance sarah@valid.org.au or 94164003.

Royal Commission



Get your Expression of Interest in to present, perform or run a Come and Try Activity at the Having a Say Conference 2020 by August 30. Extensions of time can be given by contacting Christine via email christine@valid.org.au. You can find the forms [here](#).

Due to the transition of Victorian funding to the NDIS, the conference has lost some of its funds that were used to subsidised people with disabilities and family members to attend the conference. So, we would like to remind you to ask for funding in your NDIS Plan to assist you attend the event.

Did you know the NDIS can fund the Having a Say Conference in your plan?

The Having a Say Conference is a self-advocacy and peer learning event aimed at empowering participants with information, self-confidence, skill development opportunities and validation (celebrating achievement), so it is an activity that can be funded in your NDIS Plan under Capacity Building Increased Social and Community Participation. You can find out more [here](#).

Interview with Olivia Petty from the Disability, Priority Communities Division, Victoria Police

John McKenna sat down with Olivia Petty from the Disability, Priority Communities Division for the Victoria Police. They discussed her role and how the Victoria Police are working



VALID Podcast

Ambulance Victoria launches its Draft Accessibility Action Plan

Ambulance Victoria has launched its Draft Accessibility Action Plan. People have the opportunity to read the plan and provide feedback by Thursday 5 September 2019. You can find the draft [here](#).

Ambulance
Victoria



Accessibility Action Plan

How to be an awesome disability advocate online

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This event featuring writer and appearance activist [Carly Findlay](#), was organised by VCOSS as part of the [Empowered Lives](#) campaign.

What's on at VALID

East Gippsland Disability Expo

[Lucknow](#) (Thursday 5 September 2019)

NDIS Planning Workshop

[Mornington](#) (Friday 30 August 2019)

Having a Say Conference

[Geelong](#) (Monday 24 February - Wednesday 26 February 2020)



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