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# VALID

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Dear All

VALID, the Moe Peer Action Group and New Wave Self Advocacy are interested in hearing from people with disabilities involved with local advocacy/self-advocacy about issues that matter to you. Come along to the Having Your Say forum on Friday 19 July at the High Street Community Hub in Moe. RSVP by emailing Paul at [paul@valid.org.au](mailto:paul@valid.org.au).

On another note, congratulations to our CEO Kevin Stone on his award as Member of the Queen of Australia. Thank you to Kevin for all the years of hard work and many wins for the rights and wellbeing of people with intellectual disabilities.

If you find this newsletter useful feel free to [forward it to a friend](#).

We hope you like it. Feel free to reply with any feedback.

Thank you,  
The VALID team

Inclusion Australia delegation met with Prime Minister Scott Morrison for intensive discussion on the NDIS experience. The Prime Minister and the Minister for NDIS Stuart Robert sat today with participants and representatives covering a wide range of issues and solutions. Inclusion Australia Chair and VALID CEO Kevin Stone declared the meeting a huge success.



## NDIS

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### Dulcie Stone Writers Competition Award Ceremony 2019

The 2019 Dulcie Stone Writers Award Celebration will be held at the Wheeler Centre on Wednesday 31 of July, 10.00am – 12.30pm (inclusive of lunch). We would love to see you there to help us celebrate the work of our 2019 winners and Dulcie's writing life. Event details are available [here](#).



## Award Ceremony

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### NDIS and Making Decisions

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The *National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013* says that people with disabilities are the decision-makers about their NDIS planning and supports. Even if you need a lot of support to make your wishes known, you have the right to have others help you to do what you would like to do. Someone else should only be making decisions for you if you really can't make the decision for yourself and only if there is absolutely no other option.

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### Your rights when it comes to the NDIS and making decisions

You have the right to be part of your NDIS planning meeting and to have the support you need to participate. *NDIS Act 2013, section 37A & section 31*

You have a right to make decisions about your goals, the services you use, and to choose who helps you to make your NDIS plan happen. *NDIS Act 2013, section 4*

You have a right to have information about your NDIS plan and supports ways that you can understand. *Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992, section 6*

You have a right to choose who supports you when you need to talk with the NDIS about your plan. *NDIS Act 2013, section 4*

You have a right to have your wishes taken into account, even if you need full support from family or friends, or a formal representative, to make decisions (e.g. a Guardian, Power of Attorney, Plan Nominee). *NDIS Act 2013, section 5; United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Article 12; Guardianship and Administration Act 1986 (Vic) section 22*

## NDIS

## What's On @ VALID

### Families as Planning Partners Course

**Footscray** (Day Tuesday 2, 9, 16 and 23 July)

**St Arnaud** (Day Wednesday , 10, 17 and 24 July)

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**Corio** (Day Thursday 18, 25 July and 1, 8 August)

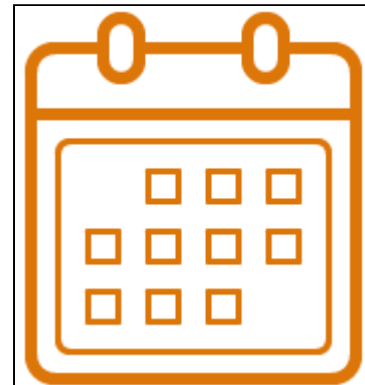
**Corio** (Evening Thursday 18, 25 July and 1, 8 August)

**Caroline Springs** (Day Friday 19, 26 July and Friday 2, 9 August)

**Sale** (Evening Monday Monday 22 July, Monday 5, 19 August and Monday 9 September)

**Sale** (Day Tuesday 23 July, Tuesday 6, 20 August and 10 September)

**Shepparton** (Day Monday 19, 26 August and Monday 2, 9 September)



### Having Your Say Forum

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**Melbourne** (Wednesday 31 July)

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