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VALID is excited to be celebrating its 30 Anniversary this year. We will be marking the event at our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 13 November 2019 at 6pm. The event will include the launch of the Empowering Advocacy Manual by VALID CEO Kevin Stone AM and guest speaker, Minister Luke Donnellhan MP Minister for Child Protection and Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers. If you would like a copy of the Annual Report get in touch with the VALID office at office@valid.org.au or 9416 4003.

If you find our e-newsletter interesting you can [forward it to a friend](#) or they can [subscribe here](#).

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

Thanks,
The VALID team

[VALID congratulates Jake Castledine on his big win at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal](#)



On Wednesday 16 October 2019, Jake Castledine, and his mother, Janice Castledine, received the news that they won their three-year-long battle with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) at the Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT).

NDIS

Families as Planning Partners Course



VALID's Families as Planning Partners Course is conducted by parents with personal experience of the NDIS, for families who want to understand and use the NDIS as an opportunity to build a 'Good Life' for their family member. This four week course is FREE. This is essential learning for all families whether they have an NDIS Plan yet or not.

NDIS Training



VALID invites you to visit the Our Choice Expo at the Having a Say Conference 2020. It will feature a range of local, regional and state wide services available for participants of the NDIS. For more info on becoming an exhibitor at the Expo contact christine@valid.org.au or phone: 03 9416 4003 You can also register [here](#)

Expo

Disability Reform Council creates change



The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Disability Reform Council (the Council) met on Wednesday 9 October for its second meeting for 2019 in Sydney, New South Wales. One of the highlights of the meeting was that the Council endorsed an approach to improve the provision of transport supports under the NDIS. This includes interim measures to increase transport funding for NDIS participants who are significant users of taxi subsidy schemes, and the full reimbursement of states and territories for the continuation of their schemes for NDIS participants until longer-term transport

The Council agreed to meet again before the end of 2019. You can read the full Communique which is available in PDF and Word [here](#).

Disability Reform Council

Martin Hoffman appointed National Disability Insurance Agency CEO



The role of CEO of the National Disability Insurance Agency will soon be filled by Martin Hoffman.

His appointment comes more than five months after previous National Disability Insurance Agency chief executive Robert De Luca stepped down from the position.

NDIA

National Awards for Disability Leadership



Judy Huett was nominated last year for a National Award for Disability Leadership in Rights Activism. Judy has a passion for self-advocacy and activism, having visited the United Nations and sitting on multiple committees and advisory groups.

Which hard-working disability leader will you nominate this year?

Awards

What's on at VALID

NDIS Families as Planning Partners

[Caulfield](#) (Day 13, 27 Wed Nov and 4, 11 Wed Dec)

[Box Hill](#) (Day 13, 27 Wed Nov and 4, 11 Wed Dec)

[Box Hill](#) (Evening 13, 27 Wed Nov and 4, 11 Wed Dec)

[Werribee](#) (Evening 13, 27 Wed Nov and 4, 11 Wed Dec)

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[Yarraville](#) (Evening 13 Nov)

Understanding Challenging Behaviour

[Richmond](#) (Day 20 Wed Nov)

[Richmond](#) (Day 21 Thurs and 22 Fri Nov)



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