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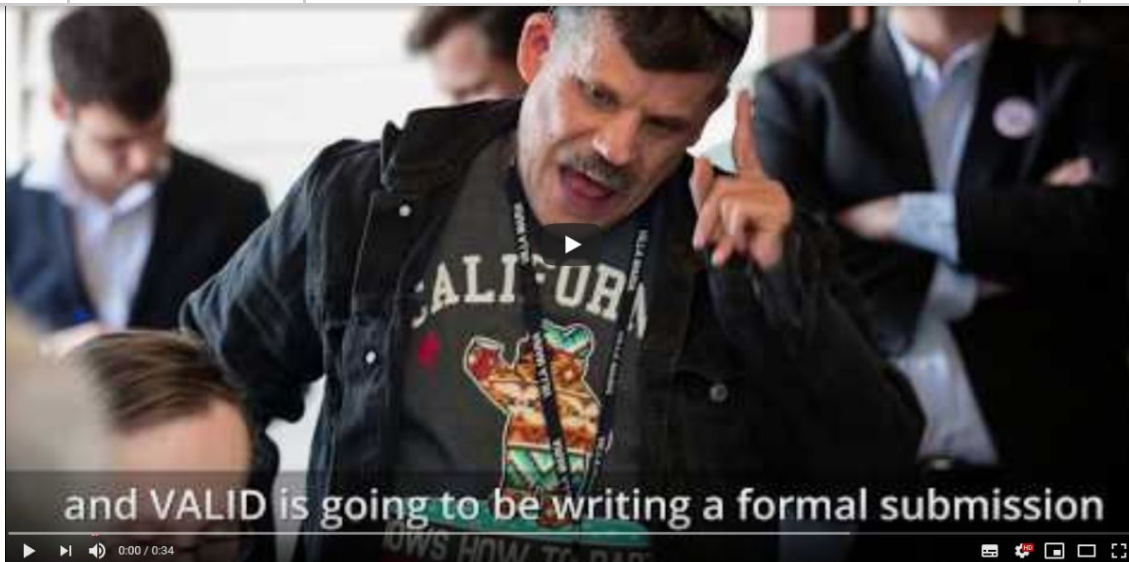
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As some of you may know, there is a Disability Royal Commission happening at the moment and VALID will be writing a formal submission. We are interested in hearing from people who would like their voices to be heard by the Commission. If you have experienced abuse, neglect, violence or any form of poor treatment, please feel free to give us a call because we would really like to talk to you. You can call the main number at VALID on 03 9416 4003.

VALID representatives Kevin Stone and Alan Robertson are giving evidence to today's hearing and we will be making a written submission in due course.

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Thanks,  
The VALID team

## **[VALID Annual General Meeting](#)**



On Wednesday 13 November, VALID celebrated its 30th Anniversary at the Annual General Meeting. To mark the event Minister Luke Donnellan MP, Minister for Child Protection and Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers and CEO Kevin Stone launched The Empowering Advocacy Manual. VALID also published a booklet documenting the [history of VALID](#). Guests were entertained by flutist Meg Stewart-Snod and singer [Belinda Mahony](#).

## AGM

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### **Minister Stuart Robert announces big changes for the NDIS**



Minister for the NDIS, Stuart Robert, gave a speech to the National Press Club in Canberra this month. VALID CEO Kevin Stone and self advocate Heather Forsyth attended the event. You can read the Minister's speech [here](#).

## NDIS

### Enter the Dulcie Stone Award 2020



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Are We There Yet?'. What does it really mean to live the good life?  
Entries close on Friday 24 April, 2020 at 5pm.

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### Interview with Christine Scott



John McKenna talked with Families as Planning Partners Manager Christine Scott about the history of VALID and the importance of advocacy.

[Podcast](#)

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### Resources for Consumers with Disability



When you pay for a product or service yourself, as an NDIS participant, or through your state or territory's disability support system - you have consumer rights. These resources from Australia's consumer protection agencies are designed to help you understand and use your rights.

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The Disability Services Commissioner has released their Annual Report including a review of disability service provision to people who have died 2018-19. It was recently tabled in Parliament and you can read it [here](#).

## Review

### What's on at VALID

#### **Ballarat Inclusion Access Awards**

[Ballarat](#) (3 December)

International Day for People with Disability Event

[Pakenham](#) (12 December 2019)

#### **Our Choice Expo**

[Geelong](#) (24 and 25 February 2020)

#### **Having a Say Conference**

[Geelong](#) (24, 25 and 26 February 2020)

#### **Families as Planning Partners**

[Tecoma](#) (Day 10, 17, 24 31 Tuesday March 2020)

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[Pakenham](#) (Day 11, 18 and 25 Wednesday March and 1 Wednesday April 2020)



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