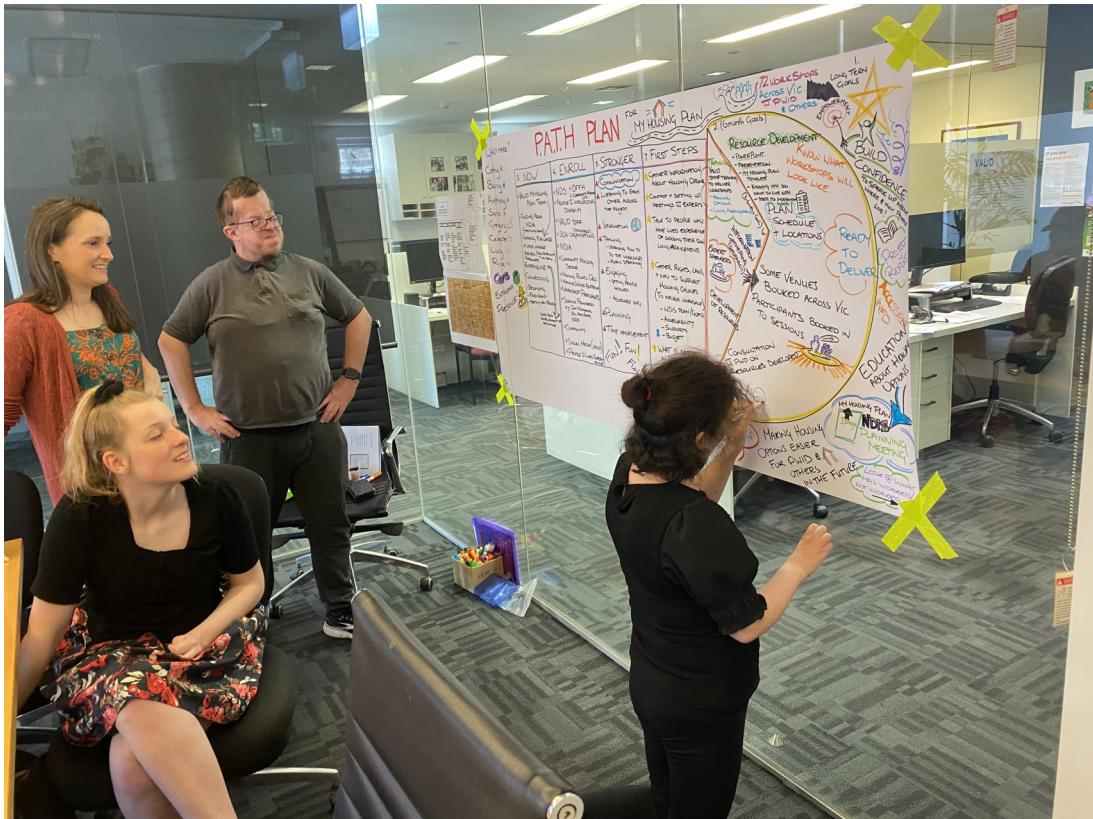


Having a Say Conference Program 2024

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Welcome

Local Reference Committee (LRC)

My name is Simone Stevens, on behalf of the Local Organising Committee we would like to welcome you to the 2024 Having A Say Conference. I am so happy to be the 2024 chairperson. I know that you will have fun, catch up with friends and learn something new or teach someone else a new skill. I look forward to seeing you



Thanks Simone

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



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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 from 2011 it has on average had 1000 people participating each year until COVID came along.

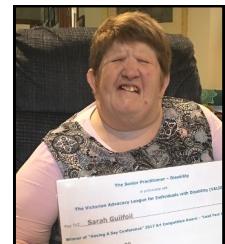
HaS conference has always been different. It is a conference for people with disability not for service providers. People with disability have always been a vital part of the planning and delivery of the conference.



Barbara Donovan & Sarah Guifoil Art Competition



The Art Competition has been named in memory of Barbara Donovan who was a Life Member of VALID and other Geelong organisations. She volunteered at the Having a Say conference for over 10 years. She also worked with people with disabilities over the last 50 years.



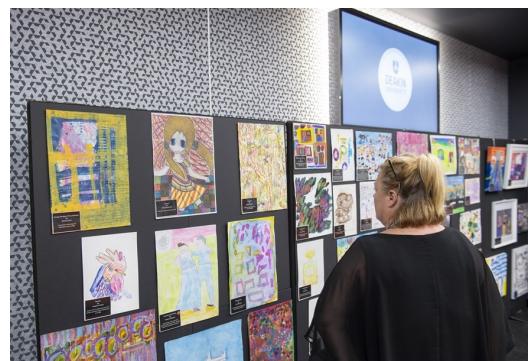
Sadly Barbara's daughter Sarah Guifoil passed away in May 2020. Sarah has won the Art Competition several times. The HaS Art Competition is now named in remembrance of both Barbara and Sarah.

The Art Competition is proudly sponsored by the **Victorian Senior Practitioner**.

Under the Disability Act 2006 (Vic) the Victorian Senior Practitioner's role is to protect people with disability and make sure staff and services provide good quality support.



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



The five **winning entries will be announced** and presented with their certificate during the Closing Ceremony on Tuesday 6th at 3.15pm. (Note: prize money is sent later)

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 info or assistance



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 for a whole session.



An **accessible toilet with sling hoist** and a change table are available.

In addition the Uni has built a new **Changing Places facility** as shown on the map (see page 43). Ask at the registration desk.



Catering

Morning and afternoon teas are included in the registration fee. Lunch is NOT provided on either day.

There is a Café at Deakin University called the 'The Common' and it is located on Level 1 which is accessible via the main lift.

Parking and Transport



Parking around Deakin Waterfront Campus

The Deakin University carpark in Smythe Street **IS NOT available this year.**



There are metered car parking spaces around the conference venue, as well as private car parks within walking distance.

We would recommend using public transport if you can.

There are all day carparks nearby:

<https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/parking/article/item/8cb86481f530eba.aspx>

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Taxi

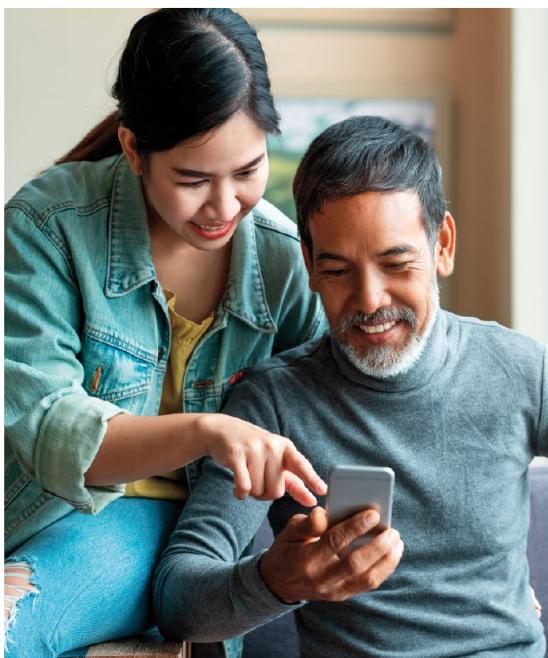
Geelong Taxi Network provides both a general and multi-purpose taxi service in the Geelong Region.



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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 camera 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 groups who attend the conference along with the Conference Report.



The DVD has memorable footage that includes conference events and activities, the Dinner Disco, presentations and workshops, HaS's Got Talent 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 your own copy of the DVD please fill in the order form at the Registration and pay by the 30th March 2024

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Highlights

Open Microphone

Opening Monday 10.30am and Tuesday at 9.30am

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

Costa Hall



Our Choice Expo

Monday and Tuesday

Over **70 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



Special Sessions

NDIS Review - Workshop

Tuesday 2.15pm in Costa Hall

VALID CEO, Fionn, will chair a Question and Answer session talking about your issues and questions about the NDIS Review and its recommendations.

NDIS Review Panel members **Bruce Bonyhady** and **Kirsten Deane** will be at the session to hear from you and provide information.



Learn How to Make Complaints

Workshop by the Victorian Disability Workers Commission (VDWC) on how to get support, your way?

Tuesday 6th at 1.00pm in the Blue Room



What does the NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission do, and how to make a complaint.

Tuesday 6th at 2.15pm in the Purple Room



Opening Ceremony

Welcome to Country



Welcome to Having a Say 2024

Mel Martinelli,

Executive Director, Equity and Inclusion Deakin University



Mel Martinelli is the Executive Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Deakin University and is passionate about fostering a diverse, inclusive and accessible university community where everyone is respected, has a sense of belonging and is supported to thrive.

Mel has worked at Deakin for over 10 years, leading and developing organisational diversity, inclusion, access, participation and equity for staff and students. She has received the Deakin University Vice-Chancellors Award for Outstanding Contributions in both 2019 and 2022. Under Mel's leadership Deakin was awarded a Gold medal in LGBTIQ+ inclusion from the Australian Workplace Equality Index, a Bronze medal in the SAGE Athena SWAN program (highest medal available in Australia) and consecutive annual Workplace Gender Equality Citations.



Welcome to Geelong

Cr Trent Sullivan

Mayor of Geelong



Trent Sullivan has been Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong since November 2022. He had served as Deputy Mayor for two years, before being elected as the youngest mayor in the city's history.

Mayor Sullivan has leadership experience across a range of organisations and sectors, including economic development, city planning, tourism, major events, circular economy and health.

This helps serve the region's key organisations, including the Geelong Regional Library Corporation and Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine.

As a lifelong resident of Geelong, Mayor Sullivan is proud to help advance the regions through the advocacy of Regional Capitals Victoria and Regional Capitals Australia.



Keynote Speaker

Dan Stubbs

Victorian Disability Workers Commissioner



As Commissioner, Dan is responsible for regulating the conduct of all Victorian disability workers. He responds to complaints about all disability workers and has the power to ban unregistered workers from the sector for breaching the Code of Conduct.

Dan has a disability; he has a sight impairment. He has an understanding of the reliance people have on disability workers and the need to ensure services are safe and high quality.

Dan is passionate about the rights and entitlements of people with disability. Previously he worked in the community legal sector as a lawyer and in various leadership roles. He has also worked extensively in developing countries where he led work on disability. Dan also has a long history of leadership in Australian systemic advocacy organisations of people with disability.

Dan is committed to advancing the rights and safety of people with disabilities. He is also more fun and interesting than this bio suggests.



MusicSpace performance - Our Voice, Our Future!

The group will perform a song that they have written about our future and what it will look.

Special Presentation

William Ward-Boas

Self-Advocate Leader



William is a young person with disability that started working in the disability sector four years ago. William wants to use his experience to promote understanding within the disability sector about empowering the voices and rights of others.

William started his journey in the disability sector by 'meeting' VALID through a service, and through this he gained a role with the Disability Services Commissioner, and worked with them as a community researcher for the 'Safe and Respectful Cultures in the Workplace' project. He has also been part of the YDAS 'Youth Leadership Program', and an evaluation with a consultation service. After this, he work four days a week at VALID.

William currently works for Inclusion Australia, enjoying his experience so far and cannot wait for where this journey takes him next. William is currently doing his Diploma in Project Management.

William wants to stay in this sector for the rest of his life.

Tuesday Plenary



Special Presentation

Bruce Bonyhady

NDIS Independent Review Panel Member



Professor Bruce Bonyhady AM is the Executive Chair and Director of the Melbourne Disability Institute at the University of Melbourne.

He is one of the key architects of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and is widely regarded as the “father” of the Scheme. In 2022 and 2023 he was Co-Chair of the NDIS Review and from 2013 to 2016, he was the Inaugural Chair of the National Disability Insurance Agency. Professor Bonyhady is also the father of three adult sons, two of whom have disabilities and in 2010, he became a Member of the Order of Australia for services to people with disability, their families and carers and to the community, as a contributor to a range of charitable organisations.



Key Note Speaker

Tracy Mackey

NDIS, Quality and Safeguards Commissioner



Tracy Mackey is the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commissioner. Tracy has extensive professional experience in policy, programs and regulation across a number of portfolios including town planning, housing, environment and social services.

She has deep experience in government having spent time in all three tiers and comes to the NDIS Commission most recently from the NSW public sector. Tracy was most recently the Chief Executive Officer at the Environment Protection Authority leading the organisation through a period of transformation. During her time with the Commonwealth, Tracy held senior executive positions in immigration, health and ageing, community and emergency services.

Tracy has also spent time at the executive level at a large not for profit provider, at a multi-national consulting firm and leading her own consulting practice. Complementing her executive roles Tracy brings experience as a non-executive director on a number of Boards.



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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. A self advocate leader is chosen who has continued to follow in Doug and David's footsteps, by speaking up for themselves and others. Sponsored by Deakin University.



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.



Art Prizes

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

The **top 3 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 Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 3.15pm.



Family Empowerment Award

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. Sponsored this year by Life Without Barriers.

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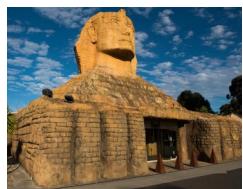
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Having a Say's Got Talent (HGT)



Auditions at Sphinx Hotel

7pm Monday 5th February 2024

2 Thompson Road, North Geelong (See Map on page 42)



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

1. **Bain-marie** available at the entry to the function room and NO need to book. Drinks can be ordered at the bar in the function room.
2. **Bistro Menu.** Bistro opens at 5.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2911

OR



HGT Finals

Three Finalists from the auditions will perform at the HGT Finals during the Conference Closing Ceremony [Tuesday, 6th Feb. 2024](#).

Thank you to the HGT sponsor InLife Independent Living

InLife

Have your say about the future of Having a Say!

VALID wants to hear from *you* about what Having a Say should be like in the future.

Should it be shorter or longer?

Should it stay in Geelong or move around?

Should VALID do other events, as well or instead of Having a Say?

We're holding a consultation session at this year's Having a Say - on [Tuesday 6th February from 1.00 to 1.45pm in the Purple Room](#).

There will also be **short surveys** in Easy Read to fill in at the conference – just complete and give to the Registration Desk or VALID staff.

If you prefer you can talk to a VALID staff member about what you think Having a Say should be like in the future.

We hope to hear from you!



Dinner and Chat

Tuesday 6th 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

Colleen Pearce, Victorian Public Advocate



Dr Colleen Pearce has been Victoria's Public Advocate since September 2007. In this role, she is the guardian of last resort for adults with disabilities in Victoria. Under legislation, she is also chair of the Community Visitor boards. Colleen fearlessly advocates for the human rights and interests of people with a disability and a mental illness, and is outspoken on the significant issues of abuse, neglect and exploitation.

Colleen has more than 30 years' experience managing community and health services in both the government and non-government sectors.

Colleen's outstanding contribution to community services in Victoria has been recognised with a Commonwealth Centenary Medal, membership of the Victorian Honour Roll of Women and an honorary doctorate from RMIT University.

She is a board member of Connecting Home, an organisation established in response to the recommendations arising from the Stolen Generations Taskforce Report.

Colleen is a proud Yuin woman from southern NSW.

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Dinner Disco

Tuesday 6th February, 6.45pm

Come early and get your photo taken under the **Balloon Arch** as you enter The Pier.



Disco

Please collect your ticket (in white envelope) and your Conference Bag when you arrive to register at the Registration Desk at Deakin. Please bring your ticket with you so you have your table number. The 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 'Come as You Are!', in other words be yourself and express your individuality! Then 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.

Thank you

VALID and the Local Reference Committee thank the Victorian Disability Worker Commission (VDWC) 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 and we are told that parking on the pier is free in the evening.



Attendant Carers and First Aid Officers will be available if you need assistance during the dinner.

Having a Say Conference 2024 DVD

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Program



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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 except for the Karaoke in Costa Hall, where you can join the audience and join in the fun.

Go to the Registration Desk to find out more.

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

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



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.

VALID Stream

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Why are there shaded columns in the Program?

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

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

Inclusion Australia Stream



Monday, 5th February 2024

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: Mel Martinelli, Executive Director, Equity & Inclusion, Deakin Uni Welcome to Geelong: Mayor, Cr Trent Sullivan, City of Greater Geelong
12.00pm	Lunch
1.30pm to 2.30pm	

Performance	Individual Stories	VALID Stream	Workshop
Costa Hall 'Walk the Future' An original performance by the Thumbs Up Band	Green Room 'Making the Future in Sport' Jay Ennor 'FIDA Roving Reporter' Glenn Van Dord 'Disability Pride and Self-Acceptance' Paige Humm 'Safety & Accessibility on Public Transport' Aaron Inglis	Yellow Room 'Leading In Community' (VALID Community Development team)	Blue Room 'Why you need annual health c using the CHAP (SPIDAH project) Peers leading th Improved acces primary health project)

2.30pm	Afternoon Tea, Costa Hall Foyer
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Karaoke Come & Try	Individual Stories	VALID Stream	Workshop
Costa Hall Those booked in will get a turn on stage to sing. Anyone can join the audience. If there is time, people not booked in will get the chance to sing on stage	Green Room My Life - Judy Kelly A Tori Story- Jack Tori Community -Gerard Langridge Motivating Toby -Tobias Crook Volunteering - Ricki Spencer	Yellow Room 'Self-Advocacy Networks and VALID8 – Putting self-advocacy into practice' (VALID Self-Advocacy team)	Blue Room 'Stronger Voice into the Future' (Voice at the Top) Relationships & Sexuality: My right. My choice. (Rubix Support)

7.00pm	Having a Say's Got Talent Sphinx Hotel
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If you arrive early Deakin University has a café you can visit. Plan your day.

Keynote Speaker Dan Stubbs, Victorian Disability Workers Commissioner

Performances: by MusicSpace – ‘Our Future, Our Voice’

Special Presentation: William Ward-Boas, Self-Advocate Leader

Open Microphone



Check out the Our Choice Expo

Promoting Inclusion

Grey Room

‘Healthy and Supported Discussions - projects about the right to make decisions’

(Office of the Public Advocate)

Come and Try

Meet in Courtyard

Badge Making
Colouring for Adults
Gentle Tango
Self-advocacy Bingo

Meet Out Front
for Harley Rides

Online Only
Trivia Quiz



Inclusion Aust. Stream

Pink Room

Your Decisions Matter – making decisions that work for you
(Inclusion Aust)
&
(Council Intellectual Disability NSW)



Check out the Our Choice Expo

Presentation

Grey Room

‘Leadership in Action: Being a Down Syndrome Advisory Group Member (DSA)

Helping Students Plan their Futures (DDWA)

How to train your Life Admin Worker (Cailan & Sarah)

Come and Try

Meet in Courtyard

Colouring for Adults
Craft on Wood
Dream Catchers
Speed Friendship

Meet Out Front
for Harley Rides

Online Only
Yoga



Inclusion Aust. Stream

Pink Room

‘Disability Royal Commission – what happens next?’
(Inclusion Australia)



Contestants will audition in front of a excited audience

Tuesday, 6th February 2024

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

9.30am **Plenary session:** Costa Hall

Special Presentation: Bruce Bonyhady, Key Points from the NDIS Review Report

Performance: 2023 Red Faces (now HaS's Got Talent) Winner

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

11.00am to 12.00pm

Performance	Presentation	Workshop	Workshop
Costa Hall ‘High End Riff Raff’ (Vivid)	Green Room A Journey to Home - A vision for the future! (WAIS)	Yellow Room VALID Project Updates: Mental Health & Wellbeing	Blue Room ‘Empowering Women’ (Women with Disability Victoria)
‘Letter to Myself’ (Mambourin – Leaping Frogs)	‘My Adventure’ Eliza Charters ‘My Life’ Melinda Hewitt	Physical Restraint Project (VALID Training & Consultation team)	<i>Individual Stories</i> Michael Bonyhady Our Community Michael Burrowes ‘Artist talk’

12.00pm  **Lunch** Have lunch with friends



1.00pm to 1.45pm

Live entertainment

Performance	Individual Stories	VALID Stream	Workshop
Costa Hall Those booked in will get a turn on stage to sing. Anyone can join the audience. If there is time, people not booked in will get the chance to sing on stage	Green Room The Right to Communicate (Dawn Whitehead) Experiences of Support (Tim Lewis) ‘My Choice’ (Leah Scott) ‘Pretty Fly for a Blind Guy’ (Karan Nagrani	Yellow Room My Right to Make My own Decisions! (Advocacy Team) VALID’s position on Supported Decision Making	Blue Room ‘Spending your day, your way’ VDWC (Victorian Disability Worker Commission)
CONSULTATION in the Purple Room What do you want the HaS conference to look like in the future?			

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

'Pentland - Banfield' Self Advocacy Award

Presentation: Tracy Mackey, NDIS Quality & Services Commission

Check out the Our Choice Expo

Presentation

Grey Room

Aiding you for a better future – accessing legal aid
(Vic. Legal Aid)

The Disability Royal Commission & Your Story (Your Story Disability Legal Serv.)

Come and Try

Meet in Courtyard

Art - painting
Craft on wood
Lego Fun
Speed Friendship

Meet Out Front
for Harley Rides

Online Only

Self-Advocacy Bingo

Inclusion Aust. Stream

Pink Room

'The NDIS Review and You' – what does the NDIS Review mean for people with intellectual disability (Inclusion Australia)



Check out the Our Choice Expo

ent by Genu Connections TV in the Courtyard

Presentation

Grey Room

The Journey of DSV's Advisory Network
(Down Syndrome Vic.)

Building Capacity in community Participation
(Down Syndrome Aust.)

Come and Try

Meet in Courtyard

Badge Making
Colouring with Adults
Gentle Tango
Hair & Make-up

Meet Out Front
for Harley Rides

Online Only

Music Trivia Quiz

Inclusion Aust. Stream

Pink Room

'Your Service, Your Rights' - being safe when you use services (Inclusion Australia)



Tuesday, 6th February 2024

1.45pm

Afternoon Tea, Costa Hall Foyer

2.15pm to 3.00pm

Special Session	Presentation	VALID Stream	Workshop
<p>Costa Hall</p> <p>Do you have questions about the NDIS Review?</p> <p>Come and talk to the NDIS Review panel members Bruce Bonyhady and Kirsten Deane about the future of the NDIS</p>	<p>Green Room</p> <p><i>Rights</i></p> <p>Racism and Disability discrimination, and what to do about it!</p> <p>(Power in Culture & Ethnicity)</p> <p>‘It’s Your Life, You Decide’ (Reinforce)</p>	<p>VALID Stream</p> <p>Yellow Room</p> <p>Dulcie Stone Writers Competition – writers reading their stories</p> <p>(VALID)</p> 	<p>Workshop</p> <p>Blue Room</p> <p>‘Community Participation workshop’ (DSA - Down Syndrome Australia)</p>

3.00—3.15pm **Move into Closing Ceremony**

3.15—4.15pm

Closing Ceremony

Art Competition Prize presentation:

Barbara Donovan & Sarah Guilfoil Art Competition sponsored by Victorian Senior Practitioner



Awards: Sir Robert Martin Award presentation

Family Empowerment Award sponsored by Life Without Barriers



6.45pm to 10.30pm

Conference Dinner and Disco

The Pier

Come dressed up to ‘be yourself’ – ‘Come as you are!’ and dance to the music of ‘Unlimited’



Thanks to the **Victorian Disability Worker Commissioner** for their generous support in sponsoring the Having a Say conference dinner.

Check out the Our Choice Expo

Purple Room	Family Session Grey Room Planning my new home for the future (Housing Choices Australia) My Path to Independence (Jacob Darkin)	Come and Try Meet in Courtyard Art - Painting Dream Catchers Hair & Make Up Meet Out Front for Harley Rides Online Only Yoga	Inclusion Aust. Stream Pink Room 'Being included on Boards and Committees' - the Our Voice national self-advocacy committee from Inclusion Australia
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Don't forget your Dinner Disco ticket.

HaS's Got Talent competition sponsored by InLife Independent Living

- Final performances by the three finalists
- Prize presentation



7.00pm to 10.30pm

Dinner and Chat

Wah Wah Gee Restaurant (right hand side of The Pier)

Guest speaker: Colleen Pearce, Victorian Public Advocate

refer to Page 18.



Monday Sessions

1.30pm to 2.30pm



Costa Hall

Thumbs Up Band

'Walk the Future'

We have been writing, learning and rehearsing this 1hr dynamic walking show for years(covid meant delays and cancellations etc) It features lots of well known covers about walking like: Walking after Midnight, In Sunshine, 5000 miles, in Memphis, On the Moon, The Wild side, The Line and lots more plus several new original songs which will be debuted at the conference (one is called "Walk the Future").

Thumbs Up are still going strong and rehearsing weekly although our band members have changed a bit. We have also created a video which will be projected while we perform which includes colourful footage and original stuff about walking by some of the band members



Presenters: James Alsop, Peter Church, Robbie Farquhar, Kylie Finlay, Tim Hunt, Cherise Jettner, Bruce Peitsch, Kevin Richardson

Green Room



Individual Stories

'Making the Future in Sport'

Jay's presentation is about moving forward after COVID as he outlines all his achievements in 2023 and plans for 2024 and beyond as he looks forward to the future. **Presenter:** Jay Ennor



'FIDA Roving Reporter'

I am involved with the Football Integration Development Association (FIDA). I recently joined the Hawthorn Community Foundation and will play part of FIDA podcast. **Presenter:** Glenn Van Dord



'Disability Pride and Self-Acceptance'

This presentation aims to promote disability pride (being proud of who you are and embracing your disability) and self-acceptance. Society holds such a biased view of what it means to be disabled, and what it means for the person. Challenging these, speaking up and fighting for our rights takes confidence, and a belief that you deserve to be treated the same as everyone else. This stems from accepting who you are, and being proud to be you

Presenters: Paige Humm



'Safety & Accessibility on Public Transport'

Making sure that all public transport is safe and accessible & accessible in the future. I will also talk about how to get the access travel pass.

Presenter: Aaron Inglis

Monday Sessions 1.30pm to 2.30pm Continued



Yellow Room

VALID

VALID Community Development team

'Changing Community'

Have you wondered what it is like to be involved in VALID's Peer Action Groups?

Peer Action Groups happen in city and country locations across Victoria, focusing on disability awareness and leading change for people with disability, in their local areas, by people with disability. Why not come and hear about the fantastic life changing stories and amazing opportunities and projects, from those active in the Peer Action Groups and chat about what you would like to improve in your local community. The session will feature photo slide shows/videos and personal presentations.

Presenters: *Elica Petrovska, Mary Nickson, Candace Bates, Judy Kelly, Frank Cutuli*



Blue Room

SPIDAH project

'Why you need to do an annual health check using the CHAP tool.'

This session will be a workshop to show the Comprehensive Health Assessment Program (CHAP) tool for annual health assessments for people with an intellectual disability. It will include an explanation of the tool, why it is important and the types of information on how to fill it out in preparation for your annual health assessment.

Presenters: *Kerry Robinson, Gabrielle Brennan & Nicole Radford*



SPIDAH (Supporting People with an Intellectual Disability to Access Health)

Peers leading the way – Improved access to primary health

The presentation is about the (SPIDAH) project. This session will show some of the trial activities:

- Telehealth peer support worker focused on training people with lived experience of intellectual disability (& supporters) on how to use telehealth
- Youth mental health peer support worker supporting better access and preventative health support for mental health (headspace)
- Inclusive and best practice in accessing GP clinics – a framework for success
- Training and upskilling from industry professionals to put the focus on health access and needs (focusing on preventative health) for people with an intellectual disability to access primary health care
- Importance of people with disability having annual health checks as part of supporting overall health and wellbeing

Presenters: *Kerry Robinson, Jane Rosengrave & Nicole Radford*



Monday Sessions 1.30pm to 2.30pm Continued



Grey Room

Office of the Public Advocate

'Healthy and Supported Discussions - projects about the right to make decisions'

The Office of the Public Advocate will tell you about two exciting projects. We worked with people with lived experience to come up with ideas for good communication. We want people with disability to have power to make their own life choices. 'The future is ours' is reflected by our projects interest in promoting the independence of people with disability through sharing of stories and experiences to inform professionals in community.

Presenters: *Tarli Sali and Lisa Brumtis*



Pink Room

Inclusion Australia & NSWCID



'Supported Decision-Making' (SDM)

'Your decisions matter' – making decisions that work for you

My Rights Matter is a project about Supported Decision Making (SDM). SDM is about people with disability being the centre of their own decisions. This presentation will encourage more people to do SDM in their lives, and empower people with disability to have a future where they are at the centre of their decisions. .

Presenters: *NSWCID, Ricky Kremer, Alex Elliot, Len Robinson*

Monday Sessions 3.00pm to 4.00pm



Costa Hall

Special Come & Try for all

'Karaoke'

Those booked into Karaoke will get a turn on stage to sing.

But anyone can join the audience and dance and sing along with the karaoke performers.



If there is time, people not booked in will get the chance to sing on stage.

Monday Sessions 3.00pm to 4.00pm continued



Green Room

Individual Stories

'My Life' **Presenter: Judy Kelly**

'A Tori Story' **Presenter: Jack Tori**

The session will be about using services to create independence which includes being fully involved with the recruitment and training of the team you work with - having control. Working with providers to give you the service you need and the voice you need to live your best life. Having a say in who comes into your home and what they know.



'Community' **Presenter: Gerard Langridge**

How to work with others as a performer to help out in local suburbs



'Motivating Toby'

It is about My life, the limited expectations people had of me, and how I proved them wrong **Presenter: Tobias Crook**

'Special Olympics'

My journey with the Special Olympics **Presenter: Andrew Negrelli**



'Volunteering for All'

All voices are heard!' The power of diversity in fostering creativity and individuality in spaces. Includes takeaways for everyone on how to get the best out of volunteering. **Presenter: Ricki Spencer**



VALID

Yellow Room

VALID Self Advocacy Team

'Self-Advocacy Networks'

Self-advocacy is learning the skills and confidence to become empowered and to speak up about things that are happening in your life. This presentation focusses on the importance of self advocacy and how people are empowered to speak up for themselves through VALID programs including Self Advocacy Networks and VALID8. The Self Advocacy Networks empower members to speak up about things that are important to them and provide opportunities for members to speak up in their community.

'VALID8 – Putting self-advocacy into practice'

VALID8 employs and trains people with an intellectual disability to work with people living in Disability Group Homes to improve the quality of self-advocacy and empowerment practices within their homes

Monday Sessions 3.00pm to 4.00pm Continued

Blue Room

Voice at the Table

'Stronger Voices into the Future'



Voice at the Table is working towards a future that is more inclusive of people with an intellectual and acquired brain injury (ABI). We do this by teaching people with an intellectual disability and ABI to speak up and take on leadership positions in the community. For example, joining boards and committees. We also teach staff from organisations about how to be inclusive of people with an intellectual disability or ABI.

Presenters: *Julyne Ainsley, Cameron Bloomfield, Jack Richardson, Max Jack, John O'Donnell, Julie McNally, Peter Whelan, Miranda Darrer*

'Rubix Support'

Relationships and Sexuality: My right. My choice



Everyone has a right to positive sexuality and fulfilling relationships.

Education is the key to empowerment. Topics include:

- What are relationships and sexuality? Why are they important?
- My rights
- Decision making – Choosing what I want to learn about. Tools to assist decision making.
- Consent Presented using personal stories, plain language visuals and examples of educational and decision-making tools

Presenters: *Mel Guiney & Crystal Lissom*

Grey Room



Down Syndrome Australia

'Leadership in Action: Being a Down Syndrome Advisory Group Member'

Jenny Bowden will share her experience in being a national leader through her role in the Down Syndrome Advisory Group (DSAN). Jenny will share how completing the Becoming a Leader training has helped her in her role at DSAN to inform national projects

Presenters: *Jenny Bowden & Kylie Preston*



DDWA (Developmental Disability Western Australia)

'Helping Students Plan their Futures'

Co-facilitating talks to students with disability transitioning out of schools. Includes topics such as self-advocacy, friendship & planning for the future

Presenters: *Michelle Silver, Kristy Marsiglia, & Kyal Fairbairn*

Monday Sessions 3.00pm to 4.00pm continued

Grey Room - CONTINUED

Cailan & Sarah



'How to train your Life Admin Worker'

You know all those things in life to make things go well? Some of it's tricky - Money stuff, organising, planning, problem solving, decision making? We call that Life Admin! We are Cailan and Sarah, and we have trained our own Life Admin Worker, Anna. The three of us want to tell you about why we think having a Life Admin Worker really helps us take control of our own life. We want to show you how to make your own Life Admin Worker!

Presenters: *Sarah Porter, Cailan Ford Weinberg and Anna Brooks*

Pink Room

Inclusion Australia

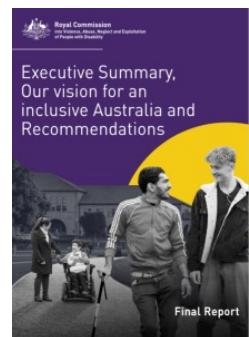


'Disability Royal Commission - What happens next?'

The Disability Royal Commission (DRC) has finished.

Many people with disability told the Royal Commission about the bad things that happened to them. Now we need action to make sure it doesn't keep happening. So, what is happening next with the DRC recommendations?

Presenters: *Maeve Kennedy*



Acronyms used in this Program



CHAP	Comprehensive Health Assessment Program
DSA	Down Syndrome Australia
DSV	Down Syndrome Victoria
NDIS	National Disability Insurance Scheme
NSWCID	NSW Council for Intellectual Disability
OPA	Office of the Public Advocate
QSC	Quality & Safeguards Commission (NDIS)
SPIDAH	Supporting People with an Intellectual Disability to Access Health
TBC	To Be Confirmed
VDWC	Victorian Disability Worker Commission
WAIS	Western Australia Individualised Services

Tuesday Sessions

11.00pm to 12.00pm

Costa Hall

We Are Vivid

'High End Riff Raff' performance

Our performers keep up to date with hip hop and signing to music while drumming. Our performers have presented 2 "flash mobs" in Echuca and would like to share their talents with others

Presenters: *Victor Leris, Corey Davies, Kate Michaels, Nathan Dri, Leigh Coffey*

Mambourin – Leaping Frogs

'Letter to Myself' performance

If you could send a letter to your younger self what advice would you give yourself? It might even be pertinent to your current self, as you grow into the future.

Presenters: *Ann Ford, Brendan Rourke, Darren Higham, Luke Dyre, Roimata McKinnon, Michelle McIntosh, Terry White & Reece Howell*

Green Room

WAIS (Western Australia Individualised Services)

'A Journey to Home - A vision for the future'

The presentation will demonstrate what it took for a young man with complex communication access needs and his family to dream about a future with possibility, contribution, family and friends, in a home and community where he belonged - AND make it happen. The other themes with the presentation include outcomes from a research project involving people with disabilities and their experiences

Presenters: *Leanne Pearman*

'My Adventure'

In 2021 I moved into my own house which I always wanted. It's always been my dream to live independently

Presenters: *Eliza Charters*



'My Life'

I will have a slide presentation of me at my home and my business 'MH Gifts' and in the community. **Presenter:** *Melinda Hewitt*



Tuesday Sessions 11.00am to 12.00pm



Yellow Room

VALID & National Disability Services (NDS)

VALID

'Mental Health & Wellbeing'

VALID and NDS have been working together on two projects that look at the ways that people with disability can get the best support for their mental health needs. Come to this session to hear about the projects and share your stories of getting good mental health support

Presenters: *Jon Slingsby, Zoe Broadway, Deniz Akin & Tahlia Seedy*

VALID & Melbourne Uni & NDS

'Physical Restraint Project'



VALID is working with the University of Melbourne, Monash University and NDS on a project about how to lower the use of physical restraint. Physical restraint happens when physical force is used to stop or control the movement of a person's body. We are talking with people with disability, family carers and organisations. We will tell you about the work we have done on the project and find out what you think can be done to lower the use of physical restraint.

Presenters: *Jon Slingsby, Zoe Broadway, Paul Ramcharan*



Blue Room

Women with Disability Victoria

'Empowering Women'

Empowering women to stand up and speak out. A leadership workshop to learn new skills. **Presenters:** *Libby Price & Brigitte Stone*



Individual Stories

'Our Community'

Presenters: *Michael Bonyhady*

'Artist Talk'

Presenters: *Michael Burrowes*

Grey Room

Victoria Legal Aid

'Aiding you for a better future – accessing legal aid '

VLA has a range of legal services that can help you when you have legal problems. We know that legal problems cause unnecessary anxiety, headaches and stress for people if not addressed. This presentation helps you to identify legal problems and empowers you to be confident to contact VLA for help, so that you can have a stress-free better future.

Presenters: *Michelle Bowler, Jacinta Maloney & Keith Fox*

Tuesday Sessions 11.00am to 12.00pm continued



Grey Room - continued from previous page

Your Story Disability Legal Support (DLS)

'The Disability Royal Commission & Your Story DLS'

Your Story helped people share their stories with the Disability Royal Commission. Now that the final report of the Commission has been released we want to help people understand what it says and what the next steps are (e.g. how to get the Government/s to implement the recommendations). **Presenters:** *Michelle Bowler & Keith Cox*

Pink Room



Inclusion Australia



The NDIS Review has released its recommendations, but what does the NDIS Review mean for people with intellectual disability?

This session will talk about the recommendations of the NDIS Review and the key areas Inclusion Australia will advocate on.

Tuesday Sessions 1.00pm to 1.45pm



Costa Hall

Special Come & Try for all to join in 'Karaoke'

Those booked into Karaoke will get a turn on stage to sing.



But anyone can join the audience and dance and sing along with the karaoke performers.

If there is time, people not booked in will get the chance to sing on stage.

Green Room



'The Right to Communicate'

Presenter: Dawn Whitehead

'Experiences of Support'

Presenter: Tim Lewis

How my experience of dealing with support workers within the NDIS and how we can make it better in the future

'My Choice'

Presenter: Leah Scott

'Pretty Fly for a Blind Guy'

As a blind, gay man of colour I share my life experience in a way that is entertaining, funny and yet informative whilst I keep it very real. Expect laughs and tears and a wealth of knowledge. The future is ours if we own living with a disability. **Presenter:** Karan Nagrani



Tuesday Sessions 1.00pm to 1.45pm continued



Yellow Room

VALID Stream

'Supported Decision-Making'

My Right to Make My own Decisions!

Presenter: *Frederikke Jensen, VALID Advocacy Manager*

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VALID's Position Statement on Supported Decision Making

Presenters: *Katy Gagliardi & Uli Cartwright*



Blue Room

VDWC (Victorian Disability Workers Commission)

'Spending your day, your way' - workshop

The aim of this workshop is on talking to people about the importance of having support plans in place. Support Plans help make sure that you get the most out of your time with your support worker or service. Plans help focus workers/services on helping you to do the activities they really want to do. It will be a fun and interactive session where everyone can share their ideas, as well as learn valuable skills about how to speak up and ask for what you want from services/workers.



Special Consultation

What do you want the HaS conference to look like in the future?

Purple Room



Grey Room

Down Syndrome Victoria (DSV)

'The Journey of DSV's Advisory Network'

The journey of the Advisory Network at DSV has been hugely successful. This presentation will provide an overview of the role of the Advisory Network as well as outlining the impact it has had within the community and how it has assisted in raising the profile of DSV.

Presenters: *Katherine Mansour*



Down Syndrome Australia

'Building capacity in community participation'

Matt O'Neill will share his story of co-facilitating a community participation workshop to help people with intellectual disability to participate more in their community. Matt decided to practice what he was teaching and organised an event in his local community. He will share how he took what he learnt from facilitating workshops and organised an event for others. He will share his tips on how people can take part in activities and make their own decisions on being active in the community. **Presenters:** *Matt O'Neill & Gemma Clark*



Pink Room

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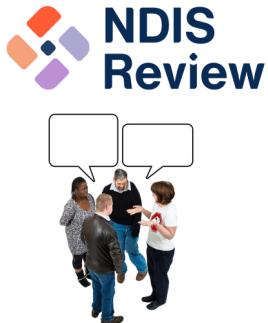
'Your Service, Your Rights'

Speaking up and staying safe when using services

Presenters: *Maeve Kennedy*



Tuesday Sessions 2.15pm to 3.00pm



Keynote Session - Costa Hall

'NDIS Review workshop'

Do you have questions about the NDIS Review?

Come and talk to the NDIS Review panel members Bruce Bonyhady and Kirsten Deane about the future of the NDIS and how you can speak up about the changes that will happen.



Green Room

Power in Culture & Ethnicity

'Racism and Disability discrimination, and what to do about it'

Today we are talking about the intersectionality of racism and disability discrimination and what to do about it. The presentation will include videos, slides, and workshopping solutions. PCE wants a future of an inclusive Australia where culture diversity and disability rights are essential aspects of an equitable society. **Presenters:** *Janet Curtain, Elizabeth Jeroboam, Dominic Hong-Duc Golding, Anna Dang*



Reinforce

'It's Your Life, You Decide'

The future is Self-Advocacy! The presentation is about the training that SATU (Self Advocacy Training Unit) runs on how to be a strong self-advocate. Self-advocacy is all about improving the future for people with disabilities. It's about empowering them to make their own decisions, speak up, and build their most dignified futures.

Presenters: *Heather Smith, Leonie Stork, Edward Clark*



Yellow Room

VALID Stream



'Dulcie Stone Writers Competition'

The Dulcie Stone Writers Award is a competition for writers' and it has become a much looked forward to event. The winners of the 2023 competition will be awarded in March 2024, but we will hear some of the people who entered, read a short piece of their story.

Tuesday Sessions 2.15pm to 3.00pm continued

Blue Room



Down Syndrome Australia

Community Participation workshop

Jenny and Matt will co-present the Community participation workshop. This workshop will help people learn about being more active in their communities and make decisions about what types of things they want to join.

Presenters: *Jenny Bowden & Matt O'Neill*

Grey Room



Housing Choices Australia

'Planning my new home for the future'

We have been planning a new home that will have the things in it that we need. It will be built on a new block of land and will mean that in the future me and my house mates can live in a house that has the things we want and be more independent. We want to have a new house in the future that makes our lives better. We will talk about how we planned our new home and show people the house plans that we have been working on.

Presenters: *Eki Saykao, Ned Day*

My Path to Independence



Meet Jacob, a resilient survivor of spinal cord injury who channels his experiences to support others in similar situations. His philosophy centres around the power of vulnerability in fostering safe spaces for individuals to share their stories. Jacob's background in construction has honed his ability to think on his feet, work effectively with others, and appreciate the value of giving back to society. Through his work and advocacy, Jacob is dedicated to creating a more inclusive and equitable world for people with disabilities

Presenter: *Jacob Darkin*



NDIS Quality
and Safeguards
Commission

WORKSHOP

NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission

– being safe using services

Purple Room



Inclusion
Australia

Pink Room

Inclusion Australia

'Being Included on Boards and Committee's'



The Our Voice committee is made up of people with an intellectual disability from around Australia.

Presenters: *Kalena Bos, Sarah Byrne, Payge Hollis, Sonia Hume, Uli Cartwright, Kyal Fairbairn, Laura Naing*

Thank you to

all of the organisations and individuals that have supported us to conduct the conference

- **Latrobe CHS (Barwon LAC)** - for providing volunteers
- **DFFH** - for providing volunteers
- **Metro Trains** - for registration bags
- **NDIA** - Barwon and National Offices for volunteers supporting the conference
- **Senior Practitioner** - for sponsoring the Barbara Donovan & Sarah Guilfoil Art Competition and providing volunteers
- **Sphinx Hotel** - HaS's Got Talent auditions
- **The Pier** - for supporting the Dinner Disco
- **Soda Pop Balloons Geelong**
- **Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine** - lanyards & welcome banner
- **Un-Limited** - entertainment at the Dinner Disco
- **Upstage Sound** - the disco light and sound show
- **Video Essentials** - Conference DVD

VALID thanks all of the facilitators and volunteers

for their support in making this year's Come and Try activities:

Art - painting	Volunteers	Self Advocacy	
Art with Wood	Stephen Scott	Bingo	Anthony Risoli
Badgemaking	Pauline Risoli	Speed Friendship	Jon Slingsby
Colouring in for Adults	Jess De Grandis	Online activities	
Dream Catcher	Mel Fletcher	Music & Trivia	
Gentle Tango	Pam Jarvis & Leigh Rogan	Quizzes	Heather Forsyth, Katie Fox
Hair & Make-up	NDIA volunteers	Yoga	
Karaoke	Volunteers		

Thank you to the

Local Reference Committee



Community Members

Angus Bannister
Eliza Charters (Vice-Chairperson)
Lynne Foreman
Elica Petrovska
Nicole Spehar
Simone Stevens (Chairperson)



VALID Inc.

Christine Scott

Thank you to the **Federal government** for supporting people with disabilities to attend the conference through it's National Conference Grant scheme.



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Having a Say Conference T-Shirts

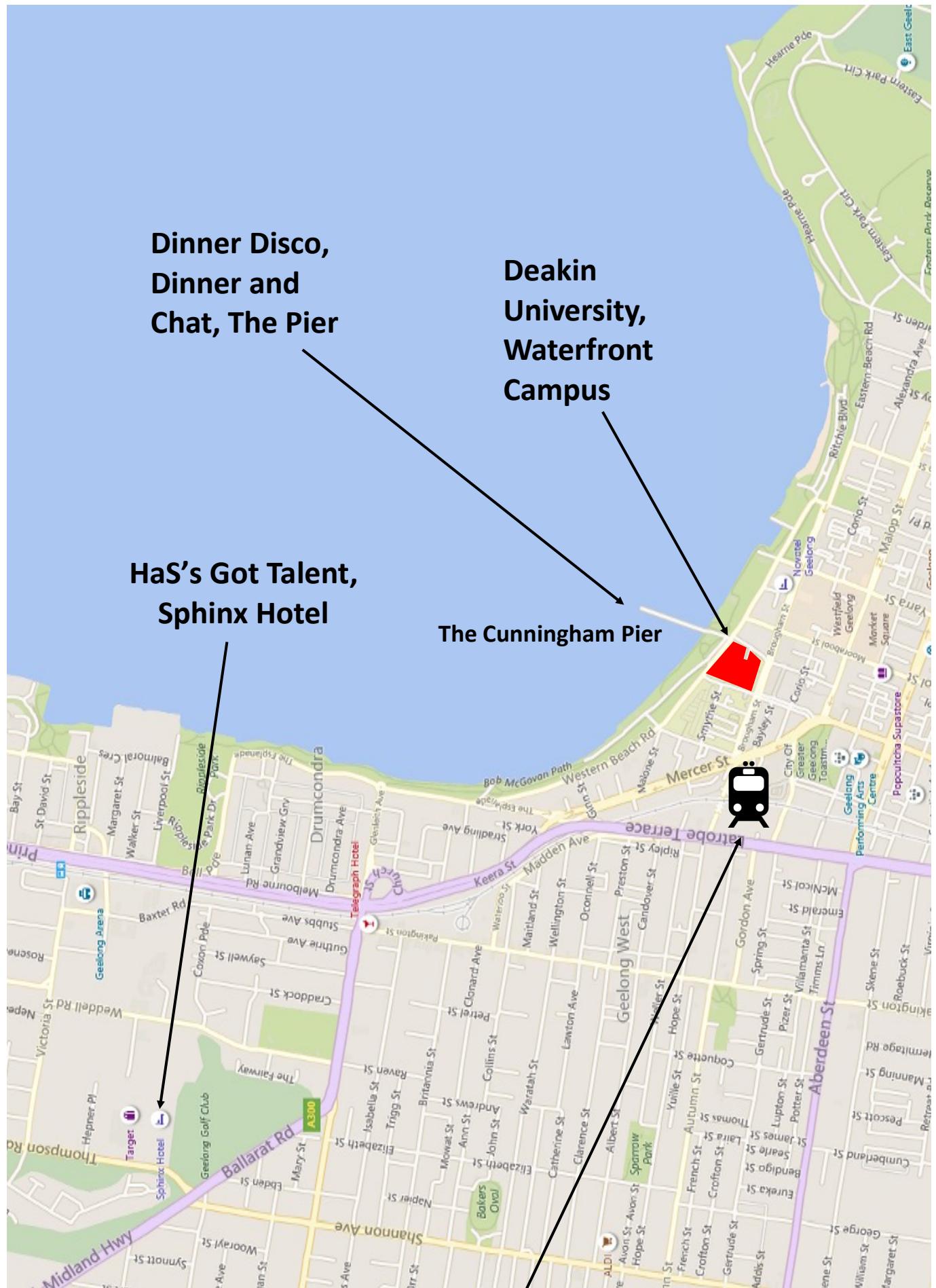
On sale for \$12

at the t-shirt sales desk.

Many sizes available.

T-Shirt sales will be from the
VALID table in the Foyer

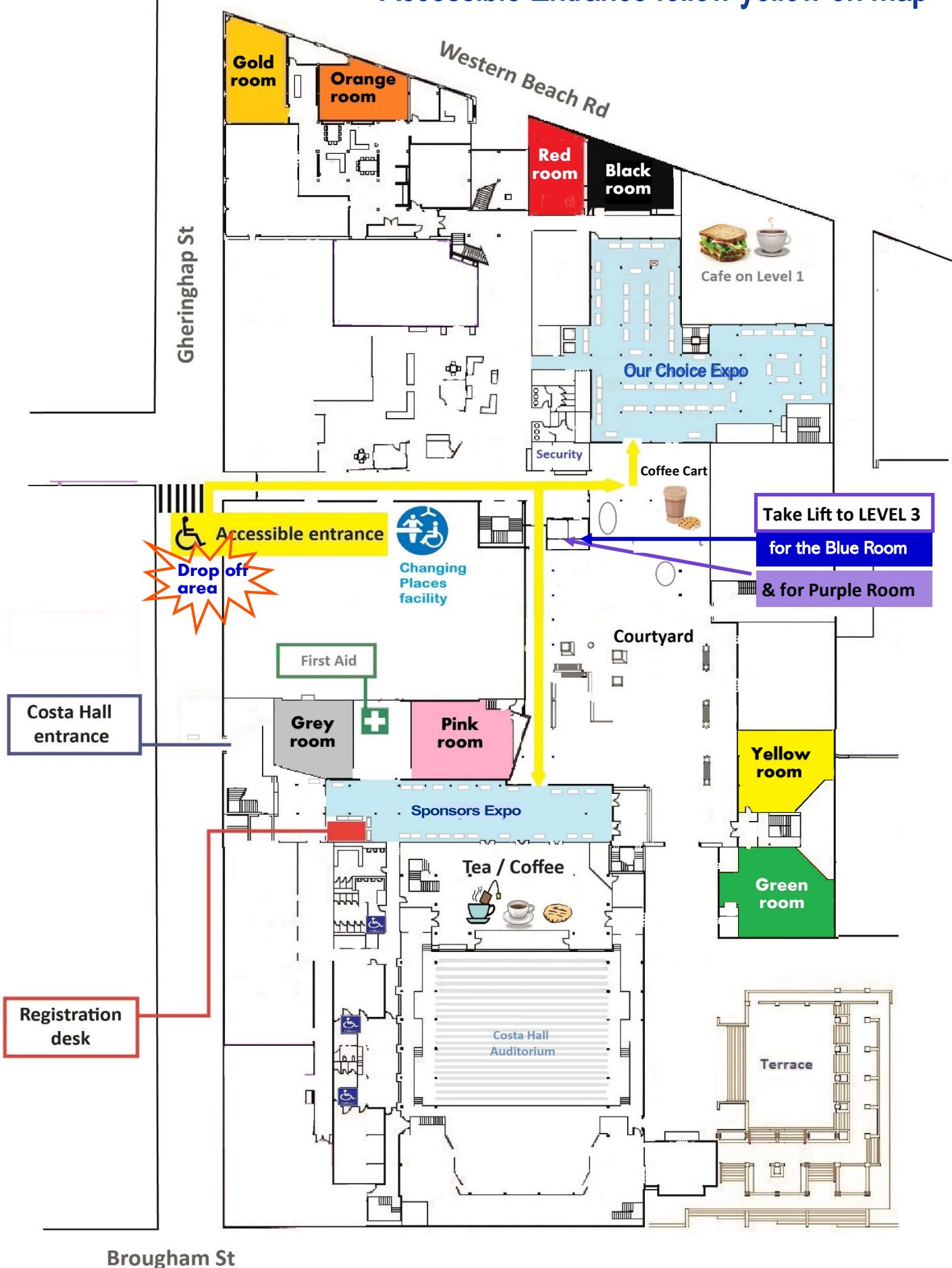




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VALID

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.

VALID Represents Your Rights - Become a Member

VALID represents the rights of people with disabilities at a State, national and International levels. Become a member and support our efforts to make sure the voices of people with disabilities and their families are heard.



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