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# Having a Say Conference 2024

## Preliminary Program

As of 13th Nov. 2023

5th – 6th February 2024

Deakin University, Waterfront Campus  
1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong



**Having a Say Forever!**

### 'The Future is Ours!'

The disability community has had some hard times over the last few years – but we have come together to make positive change.

People with disability have shared a lot about their experiences in the last few years. The Disability Royal Commission (DRC) and the NDIS Review have been listening. We now look forward to their ideas to make things better.

Come and join us for the Having a Say Conference 'The Future is Ours!' It's going to be a wild ride!

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## Monday 5th February 2024

Open at 8.30am	Grab your Registration Package, get a Coffee & start planning your day!							
10.30am – 12noon	<p>Welcome to Country   Official Opening, representative of Deakin Uni</p> <p>Welcome to Geelong by City of Greater Geelong</p> <p>Performance by MusicSpace – ‘Our Future, Our Voice’</p> <p>Keynote: Dan Stubbs, Victorian Disability Workers Commission (VDWC)</p> <p>Open Microphone</p>							
	 <small>Victorian Disability Worker Commission</small>						 	
12noon - 1.30pm	Have lunch with friends at ‘The Common’ Café or in the Courtyard and check out the Our Choice Expo							
								
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Performance  ‘Walk the Future’ An original performance by the Thumbs Up Band  Costa Hall	Individual Stories  Making a 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  Green Room	Workshop  ‘Why you need to do an annual health check using the CHAP tool.’ (SPIDAH project)  Peers leading the way – Improved access to primary health (SPIDAH project)  Blue Room	VALID Stream  ‘Leading In Community’ (VALID Community Development team)  Yellow Room 	Presentation  ‘Healthy and Supported Discussions - projects about the right to make decisions’  (Office of the Public Advocate)  Grey Room	Come & Try  Badge Making Colouring for Adults Gentle Tango Self-Advocacy Bingo  <i>Meet in Courtyard</i>  Harley Rides  <i>Meet out front</i>  <b>ONLINE ONLY</b>  Trivia Quiz	Inclusion Aust. Stream  Supported Decision Making  (Inclusion Aust)  ‘Making Decisions Real’ (CID)  Pink Room 	
2.30 - 3.00pm	Foyer	 Afternoon Tea break						



**indicates ONLINE sessions for people who have registered**

## Monday 5th February 2024

3.00pm - 4.00pm	<b>Come &amp; Try</b>  Karaoke  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.  Costa Hall	Individual Stories  'My Life' - Judy Kelly  'A Tori Story' - Jack Tori  'Community be part of it' - Gerard Langridge  'Motivating Toby' - Tobias Crook  'My journey with the Special Olympics' Andrew Negrelli  Volunteering - Ricki Spencer  Green Room	Workshop  Stronger Voices into the Future  (Voice at the Table)  &  Relationships and Sexuality: My right. My choice  (Rubix Support)  Blue Room	VALID Stream  'Self-Advocacy Networks and VALID8 – Putting self-advocacy into practice'  (VALID Self-Advocacy team)  Yellow Room 	Presentation  Leadership in Action: Being a Down Syndrome Advisory Group Member (Down Syn Aust.)  Helping Students Plan their Futures (DDWA)  How to train your Life Admin Worker (Cailan & Sarah)  Grey Room	Come & Try   Colouring for Adults Craft on Wood Dream Catchers Speed Friendship <i>Meet in Courtyard</i>  <hr/> Harley Rides <i>Meet out front</i>  <hr/> <b>ONLINE ONLY</b>  Yoga	Inclusion Aust. Stream  Disability Royal Commission  (Inclusion Australia)  Pink Room 
7.00pm	<b>Having a Say's Got Talent (HGT) Auditions</b>  Contestants will sing, dance & entertain you as they audition. (Note: finals on Tues.6th at 3.15pm) The HGT competition is sponsored by InLife Independent Living  <i>The Sphinx</i>						

### Acronyms:

CHAP	- Comprehensive Health Assessment Program	NDIS	- National Disability Insurance Scheme
DDWA	- Developmental Disability W.A.	SDM	- Supported Decision-Making
DSV	- Down Syndrome Victoria	SPIDAH	- Supporting People with Intellectual Disability to Access Health
FIDA	- Football Integration Development Association	WAIS	- West Australian Individualised Services












### Note: ONLINE Sessions

All sessions that have the Zoom symbol will be available ONLINE via a Zoom link  
- which will be sent to people who have registered the week before.










## Tuesday 6th February 2024

Open at 8.30am	Grab your Registration Package if it's your first day .....get a Coffee & start planning your day! 							
9.30am - 10.30am	Keynote: Tracy Mackey, NDIS Quality & Services Commissioner Performance by 2023 Red Faces (now Having a Say's Got Talent) winner Special Presentation: William Ward-Boas, Self-Advocate Leader Sir Robert Martin Self Advocacy Award presentation   Open Microphone  							
10.30am - 11 am	 Morning Tea							
11.00am - 12.00pm	Performance 'High End Riff Raff' (Vivid)  & 'Letter to Myself' (Mambourin – Leaping Frogs)  Costa Hall	Presentation A Journey to Home - A vision for the future! (WAIS)  'My Adventure' Eliza Charters 'My Life' Melinda Hewitt  Green Room	Workshop 'Empowering Women' (Women with Disability Victoria)  Working towards a future without violence against women with disability (OurWatch)  Blue Room	Workshop VALID Project Updates: - Mental Health & Wellbeing  - Physical Restraint Project (VALID Training & Consultation team)  Yellow Room 	Presentation Aiding you for a better future – accessing legal aid (Vic. Legal Aid)  The Disability Royal Commission & Your Story (Your Story Disability Legal Service)  Grey Room	Come & Try  Art - painting Craft on Wood Lego Fun Speed Friendship Meet in Courtyard  Harley Rides Meet out front  <b>ONLINE ONLY</b> Self-Advocacy Bingo	Inclusion Aust. Stream  The outcomes of the NDIS Review (Inclusion Australia)  Pink Room 	
12.00pm - 1.00pm	Have lunch with friends or look at the Our Choice Expo or join in the fun in the Courtyard 							
12.15pm	Courtyard  	Live entertainment by Genu Connections TV. Have your lunch and join in the fun!						



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1.00pm – 1.45pm	Come & Try  Karaoke  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.  Costa Hall	Presentation  The Right to Communicate (Dawn Whitehead)  Experiences of Support (Tim Lewis)  'My Choice' (Leah Scott)  'Pretty Fly for a Blind Guy' (Karan Nagrani)  Green Room	Workshop  'Spending your day, your way'  VDWC (Victorian Disability Workers Commission)  Blue Room	VALID Stream  'I have the right to make my own decisions – when is it a violation of rights or family violence and where can I get help' (Advocacy Team)  Yellow Room 	Presentation  The Journey of DSV's Advisory Network (Down Syndrome Vic.)  Building Capacity in community Participation (Down Syndrome Aust.)  Grey Room	Come & Try   Badge Making Colouring with Adults Gentle Tango Hair & Make up <i>Meet in Courtyard</i>  Harley Rides <i>Meet out front</i>  <b>ONLINE ONLY</b>  Music Trivia	Inclusion Aust. Stream  TBC     Pink Room 
1.45 - 2.15pm	 Afternoon Tea break <i>Foyer</i>						
2.15pm - 3.00pm	Come & Try  Karaoke  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.  Costa Hall	Presentations  Rights Racism and Disability discrimination, and what to do about it! (Power in Culture & Ethnicity)  'It's Your Life, You Decide' (Reinforce)  Green Room	Workshop  'Community Participation workshop' (Down Syndrome Australia)  Blue Room	VALID Stream  Dulcie Stone Writers Competition – writers reading their stories  (VALID)  Yellow Room 	Presentation  Planning my new home for the future (Housing Choices Australia)  My Path to Independence (Jacob Darkin)  Grey Room	Come & Try   Art - painting Dream Catchers Hair & Make up <i>Meet in Courtyard</i>  Harley Rides <i>Meet out front</i>  <b>ONLINE ONLY</b>  Yoga	Inclusion Aust. Stream  The Our Voice national self-advocacy committee from Inclusion Australia     Pink Room 



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## Tuesday 6th February 2024

<p>3.15pm - 4.15pm</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <h3>CLOSING CEREMONY</h3> <h4>Having a Say's Got Talent (HGT) Competition Final</h4> <p>'Pentland - Banfield' Self Advocacy Award   Family Empowerment Award</p> <p>Barbara Donovan &amp; Sarah Guilfoil <u>Art Competition Prizes</u> sponsored by Victorian Senior Practitioner</p>   </div> <p><i>Costa Hall</i></p>	
<p>6.45pm - 10.30pm</p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>Conference Dinner &amp; Disco</h3> <p><i>Come as You Are!</i> Celebrate your individuality your way! and dance to the music of <i>'Unlimited'</i></p>  </div> <p><i>The Pier</i></p>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>Dinner &amp; Chat</h3> <p>Guest speaker: TBC</p> <p><i>Wah Wah Gee restaurant (right hand side of The Pier)</i></p> </div>

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