



in association with Inclusion Australia (NCID) presents the



Having a Say Conference 2024

Preliminary Program

As of 20th Jan. 2024

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, Mel Martinelli, Direct of Inclusion, Deakin Uni</p> <p>Welcome to Geelong by Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong, Cr Trent Sullivan</p> <p>Keynote: Dan Stubbs, Victorian Disability Workers Commission (VDWC)</p> <p>Performance by MusicSpace – ‘Our Future, Our Voice’</p> <p>Presentation by William Ward-Boas, Self-Advocate Leader</p> <p>Open Microphone</p>						
	  						
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	<p>Performance</p> <p>‘Walk the Future’ An original performance by the Thumbs Up Band</p> <p>Costa Hall</p>	<p>Individual Stories</p> <p>Making a Future in Sport - Jay Ennor</p> <p>FIDA Roving Reporter - Glenn Van Dord</p> <p>Disability Pride and Self-Acceptance - Paige Humm</p> <p>Safety & Accessibility on Public Transport - Aaron Inglis</p> <p>Green Room</p>	<p>Workshop</p> <p>‘Why you need to do an annual health check using the CHAP tool.’ (SPIDAH project)</p> <p>Peers leading the way – Improved access to primary health (SPIDAH project)</p> <p>Blue Room</p>	<p>VALID Stream</p> <p>‘Leading In Community’ (VALID Community Development team)</p> <p>Yellow Room </p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>‘Healthy and Supported Discussions - projects about the right to make decisions’ (Office of the Public Advocate)</p> <p>Grey Room</p>	<p>Come & Try</p> <p>Badge Making Colouring for Adults Gentle Tango Self-Advocacy Bingo</p> <p>Meet in Courtyard</p> <p>Harley Rides Meet out front</p> <p>ONLINE ONLY</p> <p>Trivia Quiz</p>	<p>Inclusion Aust. Stream</p> <p>Your Decisions Matter – making decisions that work for you</p> <p>(Inclusion Aust & Council Intellectual Disability NSW)</p> <p>Pink Room </p>
2.30 - 3.00pm	 <p>Afternoon Tea break</p> <p>Foyer</p>						



indicates ONLINE sessions for people who have registered

This version of the Program is correct as of 20th Jan. 2024 - final Program will be provided at the conference when you register

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

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.










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Open at 8.30am	Grab your Registration Package if it's your first dayget a Coffee & start planning your day! 						
	Foyer						
9.30am - 10.30am	Special Presentation: Bruce Bonyhady, Key Points from the NDIS Review Report Performance by 2023 Red Faces (now Having a Say's Got Talent) winner Keynote: Tracy Mackey, NDIS Quality & Services Commissioner 'Pentland - Banfield' Self Advocacy Award Open Microphone 						
	Costa Hall						
10.30am - 11 am	 Morning Tea						
	Foyer						
11.00am - 12.00pm	Performance	Presentation	Workshop	Presentation	Presentation	Come & Try 	Inclusion Aust. Stream
	'High End Riff Raff' (Vivid)	A Journey to Home - A vision for the future! (WAIS)	'Empowering Women' (Women with Disability Victoria)	VALID Project Updates: - Mental Health & Wellbeing	Aiding you for a better future – accessing legal aid (Vic. Legal Aid)	Art - painting Craft on Wood Lego Fun Speed Friendship Meet in Courtyard	'The NDIS Review and You' – what does the NDIS Review mean for people with intellectual disability (Inclusion Australia)
	'Letter to Myself' (Mambourin – Leaping Frogs)	'My Adventure' Eliza Charters 'My Life' Melinda Hewitt	Individual Stories Michael Bonyhady – Our Community Michael Burrowes – 'Artist talk'	- Physical Restraint Project (VALID Training & Consultation team)	The Disability Royal Commission & Your Story (Your Story Disability Legal Service)	Harley Rides Meet out front	
	Costa Hall	Green Room	Blue Room	Yellow Room 	Grey Room	ONLINE ONLY Self-Advocacy Bingo	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	<p>Come & Try</p> <p>Karaoke</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Costa Hall</p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>The Right to Communicate (Dawn Whitehead)</p> <p>Experiences of Support (Tim Lewis)</p> <p>'My Choice' (Leah Scott)</p> <p>'Pretty Fly for a Blind Guy' (Karan Nagrani)</p> <p>Green Room</p>	<p>Workshop</p> <p>'Spending your day, your way'</p> <p>VDWC (Victorian Disability Workers Commission)</p> <p>Blue Room</p>	<p>VALID Stream</p> <p>My Right to Make My own Decisions! (Advocacy Team)</p> <p>VALID's position on Supported Decision Making</p> <p>Yellow Room </p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>The Journey of DSV's Advisory Network (Down Syndrome Vic.)</p> <p>Building Capacity in community Participation (Down Syndrome Aust.)</p> <p>Grey Room</p>	<p>Come & Try </p> <p>Badge Making Colouring with Adults Gentle Tango Hair & Make up <i>Meet in Courtyard</i></p> <p>Harley Rides <i>Meet out front</i></p> <p>ONLINE ONLY</p> <p>Music Trivia</p>	<p>Inclusion Aust. Stream</p> <p>'Your Service, Your Rights'</p> <p>(Inclusion Australia)</p> <p>Pink Room </p>
1.45 - 2.15pm	<p> Afternoon Tea break</p> <p><i>Foyer</i></p>						
2.15pm - 3.00pm	<p>Presentation</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>Costa Hall</p>	<p>Presentations</p> <p>Rights</p> <p>Racism and Disability discrimination, and what to do about it! (Power in Culture & Ethnicity)</p> <p>'It's Your Life, You Decide' (Reinforce)</p> <p>Green Room</p>	<p>Workshop</p> <p>'Community Participation workshop' (Down Syndrome Australia)</p> <p>Blue Room</p>	<p>VALID Stream</p> <p>Dulcie Stone Writers Competition – writers reading their stories (VALID)</p> <p>Yellow Room </p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>Planning my new home for the future (Housing Choices Australia)</p> <p>My Path to Independence (Jacob Darkin)</p> <p>Grey Room</p>	<p>Come & Try </p> <p>Art - painting Dream Catchers Hair & Make up <i>Meet in Courtyard</i></p> <p>Harley Rides <i>Meet out front</i></p> <p>ONLINE ONLY</p> <p>Yoga</p>	<p>Inclusion Aust. Stream</p> <p>'Being included on Boards and Committees' - the Our Voice national self-advocacy committee from Inclusion Australia</p> <p>Pink Room </p>



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

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