



in association with Inclusion Australia (NCID) presents the



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Having a Say Conference 2025

Preliminary Program

as of 1st Nov. 2024

28th – 30th January 2025

Deakin University, Waterfront Campus
1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong



Having a Say Forever!

Theme: 'Our Lives, Our Voices!'

People with disabilities have shared a lot about their lives in the last few years. Our voices have been put on record in reports, reviews and consultations.

But have we *really* been heard?

Will our voices *actually* make a difference?

Will we *continue* to be listened to as things change?

Is support going to be *safer*?

Will we be able to live ordinary lives like others – holding jobs, living with those we want to, enjoying our interests and being part of our communities?

They're *our* lives, and we want our voices to be really listened to... not just recorded but truly respected.

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More Information available:







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Tuesday 28th January 2025

Open at 8.30am	Grab your Registration Package, get a Coffee & start planning your day!							
10.30am – 12noon	<p>Welcome to Country Official Opening, Prof. Iain Martin, Vice Chancellor, Deakin University</p> <p>Welcome to Geelong by Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong TBC</p> <p>Keynote: Dan Stubbs, Victorian Disability Worker Commissioner (VDWC)</p> <p>See Me Sing Choir (Auslan Choir)</p> <p>Presentation by Christina Ryan</p> <p>Open Microphone</p>							
	 <p>Victorian Disability Worker Commission</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	Performance TBC Costa Hall	Workshop 'Understanding the work of the VDWC' (VDWC - Victorian Disability Worker Commission) Yellow Room	Presentation Self-advocate course: learning how to become 'researchers' (Scope) & Our Voice Committee: national issues for people with intellectual disability Blue Room	VALID Stream 'Being Part of your Community' (VALID Community Development team) Green Room 	Individual Stories Leah Scott - Leah's Voice Speakers Bank - Aaron D'Altera - Kathryn Tomkins - Riki Domagalski Grey Room	Come & Try  Badge Making Hair & Make-Up Gentle Tango Self-Advocacy Bingo <i>Meet in Courtyard</i> Harley Rides <i>Meet out front</i> ONLINE ONLY Trivia Quiz	Presentation What might better housing and support look like for you? (Summer Foundation) & A website for All - Easy Read website design (Access Easy English) Pink Room 	
2.30 - 3.00pm	 Afternoon Tea break							

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3.00pm - 4.00pm	Open Microphone 'On the Couch with Heather' (with Heather from VALID)  Costa Hall	Workshop 'Dreams & Aspirations' * come and talk/draw your dreams & goals for your life Yellow Room	Workshop Inclusion Employment Project: transitioning from Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) to open employment (Inclusion Aust) Blue Room	VALID Stream 'Screening for people with disabilities for → Bowel cancer → Cervical cancer' (VALID & Cancer Council VIC) Green Room 	Presentation Moving from Supported Accommodation (Lucas Dyson) & Voice At The Table - Be Heard! (Voice At The Table) Grey Room	Come & Try  Art - Painting Colouring for Adults Hair & Make-up Jewellery <i>Meet in Courtyard</i> <hr/> Harley Rides <i>Meet out front</i> <hr/> ONLINE ONLY Yoga	Rights Information Being Safe online – build skills & confidence with digital.' (Down Syndrome Australia) & Be Heard - Your Voice is important (VEC) Pink Room 	
6.30 - 10.00pm	Disco Event <i>Dress to Impress!</i> – get on your best outfit or costume! ...and dance to the music of ' <i>Unlimited</i> ' <i>Club Italia</i>				Speaker Guest speaker: Zane McKenzie Chair, Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service			

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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.



Wednesday 29th January 2025

1.30pm – 2.30pm	Performance ‘Hear Our Voice’ (MusicSpace) & ‘Silent Voices’ (We Are Vivid) Costa Hall	Workshop ‘What does the NDIS Commission do?’ (NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission) Yellow Room	Presentation The NDIS changes and what it means you (Villamanta Legal Service) Blue Room	VALID Stream ‘Writers Competition – come hear writers telling their stories’ (VALID Community Development team) Green Room 	Presentation ‘The reimagining of intimacy’ (Melba Support Services) Grey Room	Come & Try  Art - painting Colouring with Adults Gentle Tango Craft with Wood <i>Meet in Courtyard</i> Harley Rides <i>Meet out front</i> ONLINE ONLY Self-Advocacy Bingo	Presentation ‘My Home, My Work, My Life!!’ (Inclusion Group) & ‘My Housing Plan’ (VALID) Pink Room 
2.30 - 3.00pm	Foyer  Afternoon Tea break						
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Open Microphone “On the Couch with Heather’ (with Heather from VALID)  Costa Hall	Workshop ‘Dreams & Aspirations’ * come and talk/draw your dreams & goals for your life Yellow Room	Workshop ‘DSP – Disability Support Pension and employment’ (Inclusion Aust) Blue Room	VALID Stream TBC Green Room 	Presentation ‘Using the Law to make Your Voice Heard’ (Victoria Legal Aid) & ‘Supporting People with Disabilities Experiencing Violence. What can I do?’ (Safe Steps) Grey Room	Come & Try  Craft with Wood Dream Catchers Karaoke Speed Friendship <i>Meet in Courtyard</i> Harley Rides <i>Meet out front</i> ONLINE ONLY Yoga	Presentation ‘Journey to Becoming an Employment Ambassador’ (Down Syndrome Aust) & ‘Inclusive employment for people with disabilities...our stories (Supported Life NZ) Pink Room 
7pm - 10pm	Having a Say’s Got Talent (HGT) Auditions Contestants will sing, dance & entertain you as they audition (Note: finals on Thurs. 30th at 12.00pm) The HGT competition is sponsored by InLife Independent Living						
	The Sphinx						

Thursday 30th January 2025

8.45 – 9.30am	Grab your Registration Package if it's your first dayget a Coffee & start planning your day!					
	<i>Foyer</i>					
9.30am – 10.15am	Performance 'Jolly Jukebox Journey' PART 1 (Thumbs Up band) Costa Hall	Workshop 'Don't be afraid of having a Voice!' - a self-advocacy workshop (Nina Carr) Yellow Room	VALID Stream Understanding Guardianship & Administration (VALID Advocacy Team) Green Room 	Presentation Having our voices heard: our experience on Scope's Client Advisory Panel Grey Room	Come & Try Karaoke  ONLINE Self-Advocacy Bingo Meet in Courtyard	Presentation 'Living, Dying & Grieving Well' (Palliative Care) Pink Room 
10.30am – 11am	<i>Foyer</i> Morning Tea					
10.45am – 11.30am	Performance 'Jolly Jukebox Journey' PART 2 (Thumbs Up band) Costa Hall	Workshop 'Dreams & Aspirations' * come and talk/draw your dreams & goals for your life Yellow Room	VALID Stream 'VALID8 and Self Advocacy Networks' (VALID Self Advocacy team) Green Room 	Presentation 'Finding a job when you have autism' - Kerryn Burgoyne Better for All (Gerard Langridge) Grey Room	Come & Try Karaoke  ONLINE TBC Meet in Courtyard	Presentation Employment: discussion on DES (Disability Employment Services) (Inclusion Aust) Pink Room 
11.30pm – 12.30pm	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>CLOSING CEREMONY</h3> <p>HaS's Got Talent Competition Final</p> <p>Family Empowerment Award 'Pentland - Banfield' Self Advocacy Award and the <u>Art Competition Prizes</u> sponsored by the Victorian Senior Practitioner</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div>					
	<i>Costa Hall</i>					