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Having a Say Conference Program 2026

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Waterfront Campus | 27th - 29th January 2026**

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Welcome

Local Reference Committee (LRC)

Hello Friends,

For those of you who do not know me my name is Simone Stevens and I am your 2026 chair person. We look forward to celebrating this milestone on behalf of the Local Reference Committee as well as the staff of VALID, we warmly welcome you .

Thanks Simone



Aims of the Having a Say Conference

The Having a Say Conference empowers people with disability to:

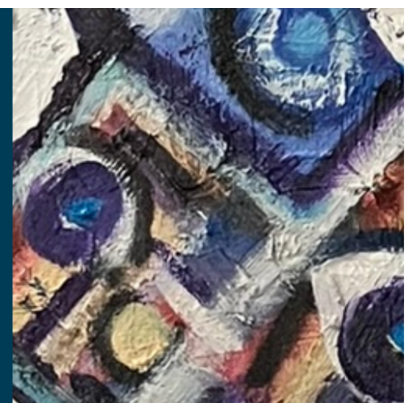
- **Have a say** about issues that affect their lives
- **Celebrate** ability and achievement
- **Help** plan and run a national conference
- **Be heard** by politicians, government and service providers
- **Meet people** from around Australia and the rest of the world
- Be supported to **share ideas** and talk about issues and recommendations made at the conference



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History



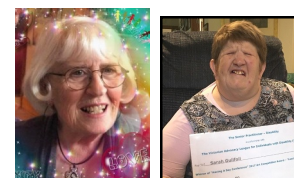
The first Having a Say (HaS) Conference was held in Maryborough in the year 2000. There were almost 190 people involved and the enthusiasm generated, inspired those involved to do it again the next year.

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

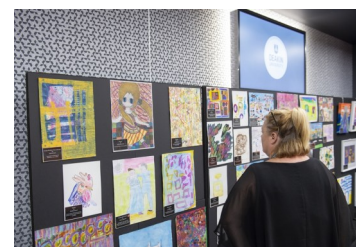
The Art Competition has been named in memory of Barbara Donovan who was a Life Member of VALID and other Geelong organisations. Sadly Barbara's daughter Sarah Guilfoil also passed away in 2020. Sarah won the Art Competition several times. The HaS Art Competition is now named in remembrance of both Barbara 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**. The five **winning entries will be announced** and presented with their certificate during the Closing Ceremony on Thursday 29th at 12pm. (Note: prize money is sent later)



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- **connect** and share experiences
- **work** on real solutions together
- **learn** from each other.



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.

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 any day.

There is a Café at Deakin University which is located on Level 1 and is accessible via the main lifts.



Parking and Transport



Parking around Deakin Waterfront Campus

Carparking is available at good rates in the Deakin University carpark on the corner of Smythe & Cavendish Streets for ordinary cars.

Accessible vans that are too high for multi-storey car parks, can park on the ground level & also in bus parking on Gheringhap Street - **map will be sent** to group leaders.



We would recommend using public transport when you can.

There are all day car parks nearby and multi-storey car parks for ordinary vehicles:

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



Taxi

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

We advise that you **book Maxi Taxis in advance** especially for the disco.



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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 lanyard on.

Conference DVD



One **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 an extra copy of the DVD for yourself, please fill in the order form at the Registration and pay by the 30th March 2026

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Special Sessions

On the couch with Heather and Will

Tues. 3 - 4pm and Weds 1.30 - 2.30pm session

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

Costa Hall (Auditorium)



Learn about Scams and being safe online

Workshop by the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) on being safe online

Wednesday 28th at 3.00pm in the Grey Room



Friendships, Relationships and Intimacy

Melba Support Services will be presenting about their program on Wed 11am workshop Yellow Room and Wed 1.30pm Blue room



Changes to Employment services

Inclusion Australia will talk about the changes to DES (Disability Employment Servs) Tues. 3pm Blue Room

Need help with the changes? Come hear where you can get Employment Advocacy through VALID Wed. 3pm Green Room



Health care for people with disabilities

My Health Matters masterclass - Tue. 1.30pm Yellow Room

Empowering people with disability to get their voice heard to improve the healthcare system. DSA & NCEIDH - Tue. 3pm Yellow Room

Improving co-design of health education by OPA. Wed 11am Pink Room

Food choice: why it is important: Vic Uni. - Wed 1.30pm Grey Room



Learn How to Make Complaints

Workshop by the Victorian Disability Workers Commission (VDWC) on getting safe and quality services

Tuesday 27th at 1.30pm in the Blue Room



Opening Ceremony

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.

Welcome to Geelong

Cr Stretch Kontelj

Mayor of Geelong



First elected in 1998, Cr Kontelj has recently been elected as the Mayor of City of Greater Geelong. He has a long history of working with the community, including ethnic communities.



Keynote Speaker

Kate Maddern

Victorian Disability Workers Commissioner



Kate Maddern is the acting Victorian Disability Worker Commissioner and she was appointed in November 2025 and is responsible for regulating the conduct of disability workers. As well as regulating unregistered workers, the Victorian Disability Worker Commissioner responds to complaints about all disability workers and has the power to ban unregistered workers from the sector for breaching the Code of Conduct. The Commissioner works with the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria to provide independent oversight and safeguards to ensure Victorians can seek advice and make complaints about the conduct of disability workers.



Kate is passionate about the important role of the Commission and Board in providing safeguards and quality disability services for Victorian people with disability. Kate has significant regulatory experience and achievement at an executive level across various Victorian regulators and policy areas. She has a deep understanding of contemporary regulatory and legislative frameworks.



25th Anniversary Celebrations

Invited guests

who have been part of Having a Say over the years will speak about

- their experiences at HaS
- the importance of the peer support and self-advocacy offered by HaS

Videos

- Highlights of the first year of the conference, and other special years of the conference
- Local Committee members
- A Portland group with their feedback on HaS over the years

Open Microphone

- In the Opening Ceremony for you to share your memories
- In 3 sessions across the conference: Tues & Wed 3-4pm, Thurs. 9.30—10.15am



Performance by 2025 HaS's Got Talent winner

Adam James



Your memories and special Having a Say moments will be shown during the 25 Year Celebration Sessions and Open Microphone with Heather in Costa Hall.



Send your Having a Say memories or any questions you have about our 25 Year Celebrations to Brigitte Stone
Brigitte@ValidConnect.org.au



25 Year Celebration Sessions and Open Microphone with Heather

at the Having a Say conference 2026

Tuesday January 27

At the Opening Ceremony
10.00am - 12.00pm

Wednesday January 28

3.00 - 4.00pm

Thursday January 29

9.30 - 10.15am

Join us in Costa Hall, Deakin
University Geelong
Waterfront



Wednesday Plenary

Special Presentation

Colleen Pearce, former Victorian Public Advocate

Unfinished Business: Advancing the Human Rights of People with Disability



Reflections from 17 Years as Victoria's Public Advocate

Despite the significant strides that have been made, substantial barriers remain in the pursuit of genuine human rights for people with disability. In this address, I intend to highlight pressing challenges that demand immediate attention, including the intersection between disability, First Nations people and guardianship, some persistent impediments to justice, the urgent imperative for robust supported decision-making frameworks, and the transformative impact of fostering truly inclusive communities. Drawing on my own experiences, I will pinpoint crucial reforms required to safeguard and promote the rights, dignity, and autonomy of people with disability—both in Victoria and across Australia.

Key Note Speaker

Louise Glanville and Natalie Wade, NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commissioners



Louise Glanville will address the conference on the high value the Commission places on the voices of people with disability for both its day-to-day operations as a regulator and for proposed reforms that will strengthen its powers to protect the safety of NDIS participants.



Commissioner Glanville will outline the impact of regular consultation with people with disability through the Commission's Consultative Committee and other forums, the breadth and importance of input from NDIS participants into Supported Independent Living (SIL) Practice Standards development and other regulatory reform consultation, and the Commission's efforts to uplift the accessibility of its communications.



Commissioner Glanville and Associate Commissioner Natalie Wade were appointed to the NDIS Commission on 1 October 2024 and both are committed to leading an organisation that earns and maintains the trust of people with disability to share their views and experiences knowing they will make a difference.



If a disability worker does something that doesn't feel right, we're here for you.



People with disability deserve safe, quality support.

For more information about complaints, or if you have concerns about a disability worker, contact us:

- Visit: vdwc.vic.gov.au/complaints
- Call: 1800 497 132
- Meet us face to face
- Via the National Relay Service, including for Auslan interpreters: call 1300 555 727 or SMS 0423 677 767



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 Thursday 29th January 2026 at 12.00pm.



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.





Friendships, relationships and intimacy

Meaningful connections and access to intimacy is a human right.

Forming meaningful relationships is helped by having informed, confident families and support networks. That's why we have launched "Talking to your loved ones about friendships, relationships & intimacy" workshops for support networks.



"Everyone should have access to connection, belonging and meaningful relationships",
Hayley Dean, Melba CEO



Visit the Our Choice Disability Expo

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th January 2026

9.30am - 3.30pm

Deakin University Waterfront Campus, Level 2 Gallery & Costa Foyer

Information about your rights, advocacy, community services and supports.

It's 'your choice' what services to use:

- Do you know all your choices?
- Do you want to do more things in the community?
- Do you know who to complain to?

Exhibits with a range of services for all ages, including advocacy, community and disability supports.

A **Visitor's Guide** with a full list of exhibitors will be available at the door and before the conference on the website.



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Having a Say's Got Talent (HGT)



Auditions at Sphinx Hotel

7pm Wednesday 28th January 2026

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.

OR

2. **Bistro Menu**. Bistro opens at 5.30pm. Bookings phone 5278 2911



HGT Finals

Three Finalists from the auditions will perform at the HGT Finals during the Conference Closing Ceremony [Thursday, 29th Jan. 2026](#)

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Disco & Dinner

Tuesday 27th January, 6.30pm

Croatian Community Centre, 172 Cox Road, Corio (map on page 42)

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 7pm so please be on time.

Please note that 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.



Theme

The theme this year is 'Let's Party & Sparkle!' so dress up in your best outfit, or your most impressive costume! Then let your hair down and enjoy a night filled with fun, food and dancing! Live music provided by Un-Limited.

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 door and then park your vehicle in the large carpark of the venue (no cost).



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

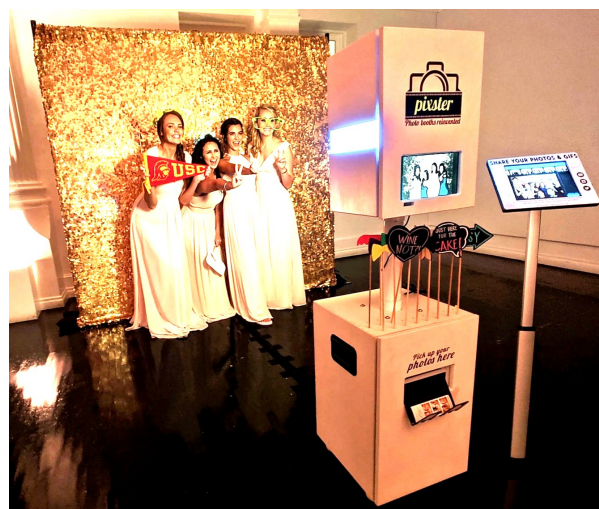
Guest Speakers

Panel of speakers

including Elica Petrovska, Simone Stevens and Meg Stewart-Snoad

They will share their memories and stories about Having a Say conference.

Grab your friends and take a photo in the accessible photo booth



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At the Having a Say Conference, we stand with you - not just as service providers, but as advocates for inclusion and opportunity. Let's share stories, create connections and champion change together.



Scan the QR code to learn more about Endeavour Foundation or visit endeavour.com.au



Tuesday, 27th January 2026

9.30am **Registration** in the **Costa Hall Foyer** and then go visit the café and the **Our Choice Expo** in **Main Foyer** and the **Gallery**

10.30am **Having a Say Opening Ceremony** Costa Hall

Welcome to Country

Official Opening: Mel Martinelli, Ex. Director, Equity & Inclusion Deakin University

Welcome to Geelong: Mayor, Cr Stretch Kontelj, City of Greater Geelong

12.00pm

Lunch

1.30pm to 2.30pm

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| Performance Costa Hall The Wizard of Scope (Scope Ballarat) | Workshop Yellow Room My Health Matters Masterclass (Council for Intellectual Disability) | Presentation Blue Room Promoting a safe and high-quality disability sector – with the Victorian Disability Worker Commission (VDWC) and the Disability Services Commissioner (DSC) | VALID Stream Green Room VALID Connect – Get Connected  |
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2.30pm

Afternoon Tea, Costa Hall Foyer

3.00pm to 4.00pm

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| Open Microphone Costa Hall ‘On the couch with Heather and Will’ * your chance to get up on the big stage and have a say Including your stories of 25 years of HaS | Workshop Yellow Room Let’s Get Loud (Down Syndrome Australia & National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health) | Presentation Blue Room Changes to Disability Employment Services: What it means for people (Inclusion Australia) Moving Forward from Institutions in NSW (Hunter Circles) | VALID Stream Green Room International Self advocacy online get-together, including self- advocates online from Singapore (VALID)  |
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6.30pm - 10.00pm

Disco & dinner at Croatian Community Centre

Keynote Speaker Kate Maddern, Victorian Disability Workers Commissioner



Performances: by the 2025 HaS's Got Talent winner, Adam James

Special Presentation: 25 Year Anniversary celebrations including:



- guest speakers
- videos from over the years
- Open Microphone



Check out the Our Choice Expo

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| | Individual Stories Grey Room Supporting My Rights (Down Syndrome Australia) 3 Different Self- Advocacy Journeys (New Wave Bass Coast South Gippsland) | Come and Try Meet in Courtyard Gentle Tango Hair & Make-Up Self-Advocacy Bingo Tie-dyeing Meet Out Front for Harley Rides Online Only Trivia Quiz  | Presentation Pink Room Changing the Disability Discrimination Act (Inclusion Australia) What the Disability Dialogue Is and How You Can Get Involved (Disability Dialogue)  |
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| | Presentation Grey Room Accessing VLA to strengthen your voice (Victoria Legal Aid - VLA) ABI and the Criminal Justice System: Lived-Experience Training Made for Us, With Us (Voices for Change) | Come and Try Meet in Courtyard Art - Painting Badge-making Craft with Wood Dreamcatchers Hair & Make-up Meet Out Front for Harley Rides Online Only Yoga  | Rights Information Pink Room Understanding what's the difference between SIL and SDA? (Scope) Tenant Voice: Putting the voice of people with disabilities first in SDA Housing (YPINH)  |
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see page 18: Theme: Let's Party & Sparkle!

Wednesday, 28th January 2026

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

9.30am **Plenary session:** Costa Hall

Special Presentation: Colleen Pearce, former Victorian Public Advocate
Presentation of the Sir Robert Martin annual self advocacy award

10.30am Morning Tea, Costa Hall Foyer

11.00am to 12.00pm

| Performance | Workshop | Workshop | VALID Stream |
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| Costa Hall The Sugar Bells Live (Scope - Ballarat) | Yellow Room Introduction to friendship, relationships and intimacy workshop (Melba Support Services) | Blue Room Improve your public speaking skills! (Down Syndrome Victoria) How inclusive governance can build a better future for everyone (Our Voice) | Green Room Driving Change (VALID Self Advocacy team) |



12.00pm  Lunch Have lunch with friends



12.15pm to 12.45pm

Live entertainment

1.30pm to 2.30pm

| Performance | Workshop | Presentation | VALID Stream |
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| Costa Hall On the couch with William from VALID - your chance to get on the main stage and talk about things | Yellow Room Supporting family violence victim survivors (Safe Steps) You can be a researcher too - learn how! (Melbourne Uni) | Blue Room Talking to your loved ones about friendships, relationships and intimacy (Melba Support Services) | Green Room Empowering CALD Communities to overcome barriers to inclusion (VALID Community Development Team) |



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

Presentation: Louise Glanville, NDIS Quality & Services Commissioner and
Natalie Wade, Associate NDIS Quality & Services Commissioner



Check out the Our Choice Expo

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| Presentation Grey Room Easy English Family Violence Safety Planning (Safe Steps) | Come and Try Meet in Courtyard Badge -making Colouring for Adults Karaoke Speed Friendship Meet Out Front for Harley Rides Online Only Music Trivia | Presentation Pink Room People first: improving co- -design of health professional education (Office of the Public Advocate) genU Using our Voices to Support others – R U OK Day – at genU |
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Check out the Our Choice Expo

ent by Genu Connections TV in the Courtyard

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| Presentation Grey Room Food choice: why is it important and who helps? (Victoria University) Working Together: preventing everyday harm (Inclusion Group) | Come and Try Meet in Courtyard Art - Painting Colouring with Adults Gentle Tango Craft - Wood & Mosaics Jewellery Meet Out Front for Harley Rides Online Only Yoga | Presentations Pink Room Stronger Together – Advocates Growing Self Advocates (Speak Out Tas.) Respecting Our Ability – inclusive governance project (Speak Out & SACID) |
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Wednesday, 28th January 2026 continued

2.30pm



Afternoon Tea, Costa Hall Foyer

3.00pm to 4.00pm

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| Open Microphone Costa Hall 25 Years of Having a Say conference – Memory Lane, videos & Open Microphone | Workshop Yellow Room Life Changes: speaking up and managing change with your brother or sister (Siblings Australia) | Workshop Blue Room You should have a say in your behaviour support (Melbourne Uni) | VALID Stream Green Room Employment Advocacy Project (VALID Advocacy Team) VALID Q group and Rainbow Rights  |
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7.00pm - 10.00pm

HaS's Got Talent auditions at The Sphinx see page 17


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| VALID Stream  | Online Program The VALID Stream shaded in green will be streamed online and features presentations about VALID Programs The pink room online stream features policy discussions and presentations. | Pink Room  |
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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.

Check out the Our Choice Expo

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| <p>Presentation</p> <p>Grey Room</p> <p>Life in Transition: Change, Choice and Confidence (Cerebral Palsy Support Network)</p> <p>Scambusters: Know it! Stop It! (Aust. Financial Complaints Authority)</p> | <p>Come and Try</p> <p>Meet in Courtyard</p> <p>Karaoke Photography workshop Smoothie Bike Speed Friendship</p> <p>Meet Out Front for Harley Rides</p> <p>Online Only Self Advocacy Bingo</p> | <p>Presentation</p> <p>Pink Room</p> <p>Community for Everyone (Side by Side Advocacy & Hunter Circles)</p> <p>genU Client Leadership Teams – Big Voices, Big Ideas (genU)</p>  |
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Eat while you watch the performers - meals are available in the function room

Come and Try activities



A Come and Try is a fun activity which you need to book in for except for the Karaoke on Thursday, where you can 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.



If you need help with finding an activity or help in finding a location on Deakin campus please do not hesitate to speak with a VALID staff member or go visit the **registration desk** or ask a volunteer in a light blue t-shirt.



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.

Thursday, 29th January 2026

8.45am Registration if you are new today in Costa Hall Foyer

9.30am to 10.15am

| Performance | Workshop | VALID Stream | Presentation |
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| Costa Hall 25 Years of Having a Say conference – Memory Lane, videos & Open Microphone | Yellow Room Making Self-Advocacy groups stronger (Inclusion Australia) | Green Room Confused about the changes to the NDIS? Then we will talk about them in plain English and what you can do to self-advocate (VALID) | Blue Room The Great Accessible Road Trip (Great Ocean Road Tourism) My own house, and MY own business (Melinda Hewitt) |

10.15am—10.45am morning tea

10.45am to 11.30am

| Performance | Workshop | VALID Stream | Presentation |
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| Costa Hall ‘Sing it out loud’ (MusicSpace) Bird is the Word – puppet (Ellie Blackney) | Yellow Room Dreams and Aspirations - come and talk about or draw your dreams and the goals for your life | Green Room Innovation in Inclusion (VALID Community Development Team) | Blue Room Supporting older people with intellectual disability living in SIL homes (Scope) My own place to live! Stephanie Challis |

11.30am—11.50am Brunch

12.00pm - 1.00pm





Closing Ceremony

Art Competition Prize presentation:

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



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Awards: Pentland-Banfield Award presentation
Family Empowerment Award



HaS's Got Talent competition sponsored by InLife Independent Living

- Final performances by the three finalists
- Prize presentation



Tuesday Sessions

1.30pm to 2.30pm



Costa Hall

Scope Ballarat

'The Wizard of Scope'

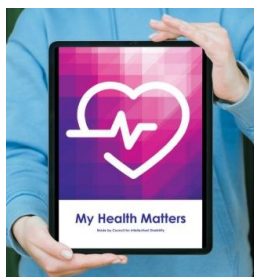
The Wizard of Scope tells the story of courage, heart and knowledge. How we all have it and just need to find it.

Presenters: Scope Drama Group

Yellow Room

Council for Intellectual Disability (CID)

'My health matters masterclass'



At CID we advocate for people with intellectual disability to speak up and share their stories about the challenges they face and how they have overcome them. This is important when it comes to their health. In this workshop, a CID project worker with intellectual disability will facilitate a masterclass on how to use the 'My Health Matters' folder and share how it has worked for them. At the end of this practical, interactive and fun masterclass participants will have their own folder to take home and fill in. This tool will empower them to speak up about their health and take lead of their health journey.



Blue Room

Victorian Disability Worker Commission (VDWC)

'Promoting a safe and high-quality disability sector'

The VDWC and the Disability Services Commissioner team will hold a workshop to talk about safety in services and what 'quality' services should look like.



Green Room

VALID Connect

'Get Connected'

Come and learn how VALID Connect creates spaces where people are heard, valued, and supported to have a real say in the things that matter to them.

In this session, we will share what we do at VALID Connect and give you an inside look at one of our exciting projects with the Cancer Council Victoria, showing how we are working to make important health information more accessible.

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Tuesday Sessions 1.30pm to 2.30pm Continued

Grey Room

Down Syndrome Association

'Supporting My Rights'



The Supporting My Rights project & the launch of our new App. All resources were developed in co-design and co-creation are available on the App. These brand new resources aim to build skills, knowledge and confidence of people with disability when accessing NDIS and supports. The resources were created by people with intellectual disabilities and feature members of Down Syndrome Australia community.

Presenter: Cat Standley, Greg Bonyhady, Alanna Julian

New Wave Bass Coast South Gippsland

3 Different Self-Advocacy Journeys



This video show three different self advocates experiences of being involved with self advocacy, what it means to them and how it has affected their lives

Presenters: Tim Mackie & Jess Cottle

Pink Room

Inclusion Australia

Changing the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA).



The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) is a law that protects people with disability from discrimination. Discrimination is when someone is treated unfairly because of who they are. Inclusion Australia and its members consulted people with an intellectual disability and their families about changes they want to see in the DDA. We will share what we heard and what the government will be doing to change the Act.

The Disability Dialogue

What the Disability Dialogue Is and How You Can Get Involved



In this session you will hear Kelly and Kym discuss what the Disability Dialogue is and why it was created by disabled people. We will share how people with disabilities can get involved and have their voices heard. You can ask questions, share ideas, and learn how to participate in future Disability Dialogue activities

Presenters: Kelly Treloar, Kym Langton, Sonia Hume

Tuesday Sessions 3.00pm to 4.00pm



Costa Hall

Open Microphone

On the couch with Heather and Will

Come have a go on the big stage and tell everyone about your life or ???

Yellow Room

Down Syndrome Australia &

National Centre of Excellence in Intellectual Disability Health (NCEIDH)

Let's Get Loud

Empowering people with disability to get their voice heard to improve the healthcare system. The workshop has been designed by people with intellectual disability who are part of the Learn and Lead Group (LLG). The LLG give advice to the NCEIDH.

Presenters: Greg Bonyhady, Ally Gillies, Mandy Knight, Ana Nguyen, Beck Biddle, Alison Richardson



Blue Room

Inclusion Australia

Changes to Disability employment services

There are big changes to the Disability Employment Services (DES) program. In November 2025 DES changed to Inclusive Employment Australia. It is now open to anyone who wants support to find and keep a job. Inclusion Australia wants to make sure all people with an intellectual disability get good information about the new program, their rights and how to have their voice heard in the new program.



Hunter Circles

Moving forward from institutions in NSW

In 2017, Robert King and I presented at the Valid conference and showed a video called "A Time Of Change" about the institutions in the Hunter region closing down. Now the institutions are closed, we want the NSW government to apologise. We want to talk about our work trying to make this happen.



Green Room

VALID & MINDS Singapore

International Self Advocacy Online

International Self advocacy online get-together. Self-advocates from Singapore will join with self-advocates at the conference to talk about self-advocacy.



VALID

Tuesday Sessions 3.00pm to 4.00pm continued

Grey Room



Victoria Legal Aid

Accessing VLA to strengthen your voice

Educators from Victoria Legal Aid will use an Easy English PowerPoint and role play to show what it is like to access our services and how we can help.

Presenter: Jacinta Maloney

Voices for Change

ABI and the criminal justice system



Voices for Change are a lived experience group with experience of Acquired Brain Injury and being caught up in the Criminal Justice System. The group share their process of co-designing resources about Acquired Brain Injury and experience of the Criminal Justice System for their peers and those who support them!

Presenters: Jai Haines, Francesca Lee, Matthew Palaris, Michael Mayne

Pink Room

Scope Australia



Understanding the difference between SDA and SIL

Home and living options for people living with a disability. It will include the difference between SIL and SDA, SDA funding, NDIS funding pathways, the role of a support coordinator and the OT in home and living assessment.

Presenter: Hayley Maxwell

Young People in Nursing Homes (YPINH)

Tenant Voice - Putting the voice of people with disabilities first in SDA Housing



The NDIA started paying for developers to build new properties for people with disabilities about ten years ago. The focus has been on helping people to build new properties, not on the people who matter most - people with disabilities that live, or want to live in, SDA. Our presentation is about how we have advocated for the voice of people with disabilities to be listened to, so the right properties get built - how people want them, where they want them, and close to things people want to do.

Presenters: Lee Archer, Amelia Tang

Wednesday Sessions 11.00am to 12.00pm



Costa Hall

Scope (Ballarat)

'The Sugar Bells Live'

The Sugar Bells will sing a variety of songs that best represent their lives and stories.

Yellow Room

Melba Support Services

Introduction to friendship, relationships and intimacy workshop

Build skills and confidence for people to be self-advocates and keep themselves safer when accessing friendships, relationships and intimacy. It is based on disability curriculum from Elevatus, a US-based sexuality education provider and has been adapted with permission by Melba. The main topic is Healthy and Respectful Relationship and includes the activity "Is a relationship healthy when...?"

Presenters: Dr Anneke Jurgens, Kate Taylor



Blue Room

Down Syndrome Victoria

'Improve your public speaking skills'

This presentation will provide an opportunity to understanding how to improve your presentation and public speaking skills. It aligns perfectly with the conference theme - this presentation will help give you a voice.

Presenter: Katherine Mansour



Our Voice

'How inclusive governance can build a better future for everyone'

Our Voice's presentation, Inclusive Governance in Action, is about people with intellectual disability leading systemic change. Presented by a committee of self-advocates, this session shows how inclusive governance empowers people with intellectual disability to shape decision-making in governance. This presentation is a powerful example of redefining leadership to include and amplify the voices of the people with lived experience.



Wednesday Sessions 11.00am to 12.00pm continued

Green Room

VALID

VALID Self Advocacy Team

Driving Change



In this session members of the Self Advocacy team will talk about 'Driving Change' and what it means to them. We talk about people with lived experience of disability making life better for themselves and for other people. Team members talk about making change happen instead of waiting, showing leadership so others can follow, and pushing things forward when something new needs to be done.

The presentation will show projects that the Self Advocacy team is working on and share real-life stories about co-design and how projects are 'Driving Change' for them and for other people with lived experience of disability.

Grey Room

Safe Steps

Easy English Family Violence Safety Planning



We want to empower attendees to consider who the safe people are in their life that they can rely on in an emergency as well as what services are available to them.

Presenters: Sharon Granek, Alicja Skorupski & Natasha Jones

Pink Room

Office of the Public Advocate

People First: Improving co-design of professional education



Everyone has the right to make their own decisions and to receive the support they need to do so. This includes adults with disability. In this presentation, we will talk about a research paper we wrote with the University of Melbourne that looks at how people with disability can help design the training programs for health professionals.

Presenters: Tarli Sali

genU

Using our Voices to Support others—R U OK Day at genU



On R U OK? Day, clients with disability from genU visited residents in our retirement villages to share morning tea, conversation, and connection. This simple act of kindness was a powerful reminder that everyone has the capacity to use their voices to support others—and that leadership comes in many forms. By stepping into a role of peer support and advocacy, our clients are helping to shake up the narrative—showing that anyone can use their voices to be active contributors to community wellbeing.

Presenters: Jacqueline McKim, Nikki Di Pasquale, Tamara Dunstan

Wednesday Sessions 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Costa Hall



On the Couch with Will from VALID

Your chance to chat with William about anything you'd like. It might be something great you have done or what you like about Having a Say conference over the 25 years you want to share.

Yellow Room

This booklet is your
Safety Plan
Put this booklet in a safe place.



You can ask someone you know
and trust to help you read this.
The person could be a:
• Case manager
• Worker from a Family and
Domestic Violence Service
• NDIS Support Coordinator
• Support worker
• Friend or relative.

Safe Steps Supporting family violence victim survivors

For our workshop we plan on running an interactive session where we guide attendees through our easy English Safety Plan - they can fill these in as we go and keep them.

Melbourne Uni - You can be a researcher to - learn how!

People ask lots of questions. Like, how we can do things better? Or, how can we make the NDIS be for everyone? Research is about finding the answers to the questions people ask. You may not have had the chance to do research before. At this workshop we will talk about what you would like to research. We will talk about what questions are important to you. We will share an example of a project and ideas about how you can be a researcher to find these answers.

Presenters: Liam Doyle, Prof. Keith McVilly, Dr Jennifer Fread.



Blue Room

Melba Support Services

Talking to your loved ones about friendships, relationships and intimacy

It can be a bit awkward and sometimes uncomfortable talking with your parents or support network about friendship, relationships and intimacy. We have some helpful hints and tips on how to start those conversations. We will also be sharing some of the content we use in our parents workshops. Come along and get some tips and maybe even book them in to a session to learn more!

Presenters: Dr Anneke Jurgens, Kate Taylor

Green Room

VALID Community Development Team

VALID

Empowering CALD Communities to overcome barriers to inclusion

Disability is often viewed through a different lens among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities (CALD). Challenges and obstacles continue to limit inclusion and access to services and resources for multicultural communities. We will talk about some real experiences and strategies that have been successful in building strong relationships with diverse communities and finding creative ways to break through significant barriers.



Wednesday Sessions 1.30pm to 2.30pm

Grey Room

Victoria University



Food choice: why is it important and who helps?

People with disability have a right to choose what to eat. Often they are supported by others to make choices about healthy foods. We discuss this and what we are doing to help people make their own choices about healthy food.

Presenter: Monica Wellington

Inclusion Group

Working together - preventing everyday harm'



We will be sharing the outcomes of a research project by Flinders Uni and UNSW, in partnership with Inclusion Solutions (Leanne Pearman and Kate Fulton), called 'EveryDay Harm'. We will be showcasing resources that were developed for the project. Everyday Harm happens when people with intellectual disability are not treated well in their everyday support from their workers. The project will share how people can take everyday steps in their work together that make it easier to stop everyday harm from happening.

Presenters: Leanne Pearman

Pink Room

Speak Out Tasmania



Stronger Together - Advocates growing self advocates

Judy Huett and Heather Forsyth are two of Australia's best known, experienced self advocates. Judy and Heather will talk about their journey and the mentors that helped them along the way. They will also showcase some of Australia's other strong self advocates and ask – what do all these successful self advocates have in common?

Presenters: Judy Huett & Heather Forsyth

Speak Out Tasmania & SACID

Respecting our ability: inclusive governance project



Speak Out & SACID will share about their project, Respect Our Ability. Which is all about increasing the skills of paid to use their voices on boards, committees and advisory groups. And working with boards to provide more opportunities to people with intellectual disability

Presenters: Sophie Gamble, Alisha Hunter, Judy Huett and Jared Simkus

Wednesday Sessions 3.00pm to 4.00pm



Costa Hall

On the couch with Will from VALID

Come have a go on the big stage and tell everyone about your ... life, job, achievements, favourite thing about HaS conference or whatever!!

Yellow Room

Siblings Australia Life Changes: speaking up and managing change with your brother or sister



The workshop is a taster of Life Changes, a free six-session program designed to help people with disability to manage big changes in their lives, and to work with their brother or sister to make decisions. Life Changes focuses on building your communication skills and confidence, and learning strategies for managing challenges and stress (like self care and problem solving). **Presenters:** Kylie Scott and Claire Gore

Blue Room

Melbourne Uni You should have a say in your behaviour support



In this workshop we will talk about behaviour support. Together, we will do activities and talk at your rights in behaviour support. We will talk as a group about: What is 'good' behaviour support? What is 'bad' behaviour support? How do behaviour support practitioners need to include you in your plan? Let's talk about having a say in your behaviour.

Green Room

VALID Advocacy Team

Employment Advocacy Project



VALID's Advocates work one-on-one with clients and their support networks to address employment problems and issues that might be impacting their lives. VALID's Advocates can also assist people to make formal complaints to services, commissions and government.

Presenter: Megan Jacobs, Bernadette Whihelm

VALID Q Group & Rainbow Rights



VALID Q Group and Rainbow Rights will jointly present a session in which people with lived experience talk about their individual experiences of being LGBTQIA+ people with disabilities. The session will be introduced by VALID's Chair William Ward-Boas and take questions from audience members. We'll aim to create a safe and welcoming space in which people with disabilities who are LGBTQIA+, or considering their identity or sexuality, can hear from others and feel empowered. LGBTQIA+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer, Intersex and Asexual.

Wednesday Sessions 3.00pm to 4.00pm continued

Grey Room

CPSN

Life in transition: Change, Choice and Confidence



Josh is one of our lived-experience staff members and will be leading a fire-side style chat with Michelle and Cindy. Michelle has an incredible story to share about her experience following an acquired brain injury around 20 years ago. Michelle now runs an arts business with her sister and is a public speaker and has facilitated playgroup for babies/toddlers for over 10 years. Thanks to her family's efforts and advocacy, Michelle now lives a wonderful life in her own home. Cindy has supported Michelle for nearly 15 years and has been instrumental in Michelle's recovery and programs that give Michelle independence.

Presenter: Michelle and Cindy

AFCA - Aust. Financial Complaints Authority

Life in Scambusters: Know it! Stop It!



Join us and become an AFCA Scambuster and learn how to spot scams, stop scams and do call if you need help. Scams and Scammers are getting harder to spot, but by sharing our knowledge we can all work together to keep our community safe!

Pink Room

Side by Side Advocacy & Hunter Circles

Community for Everyone



We are 4 peer leaders working on a project to connect people with intellectual disability who live in group homes with community groups. We will share stories and videos about our role and our ideas about how to make our communities more inclusive.

Presenters: Shu-Hua Chan, Jeff Lai, Robert King, Leigh Creighton

genU

genU Client Leadership Teams - Big Voices, Big Ideas



The genU Client Leadership Teams are made up of passionate clients supported by staff who work together to amplify lived experience and drive meaningful change. These teams advocate for what matters most to them, inclusive social events, fundraising initiatives, and community-based advocacy. By using their voices, they help shape genU's culture and ensure that client-led ideas and priorities are at the heart of everything we do.

Presenters: Kon, Neil, Nicole Johnson, Claire Moody, Nicole DeBooy

Thursday Sessions 9.30am to 10.15am



Costa Hall

Open Microphone and Memories of 25 years of HaS

Your chance to chat about your memories of HaS over the years and what Having a Say conference has meant to you.



Yellow Room

Inclusion Australia Making self-advocacy groups stronger

This is about a project called Self Advocacy Knowledge Hub & workshop their ideas about how to make self advocacy groups stronger, and how a Help Desk and Website could help people who want to set up or run self advocacy groups. This project fits very well with the conference theme because self advocacy groups support people to raise their voices about things that are important to them. **Presenters:** Tarli Sali, Mary Mallett



Green Room

NDIS Changes in plain English

Confused about the changes to the NDIS – then we will talk about them in plain English and what you can do to self-advocate.

VALID

Blue Room

Great Ocean Road Tourism The Great Accessible Road Trip

A slide show of The Great Accessible Road Trip, talking about his experience along the way, then we'll play the video. At the end I will talk briefly about our goal to showcase the accessible experiences in our region in our marketing program and offer the opportunity for people to speak with me about joining our talents list, so we can demonstrate inclusion and show diverse people in the visual representation of our region. **Presenter:** Harve McCorkall



My own house, and MY own business by Melinda Hewitt

Melinda will talk about how good it is to have her own home and her own plant business.

Grey Room

Deakin University Co-designing a research project: understanding obesity in people with intellectual disability

This participatory presentation will discuss how a group of adults living with intellectual disability used co-design to develop a research project to understand obesity among people with intellectual disability. The steps taken as well as the outputs will be discussed alongside learnings and highlights from both the researcher and the participants involved.



Thursday Sessions 9.30am to 10.15am continued

Pink Room

genU - BIG events for BIG futures!



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Presenters: Mel, Angelica, Jo Forssman, Katie Bourke

My Health Story How people with disability should be respected **Leah Scott**

Thursday Sessions 10.45am to 11.30am



Costa Hall

Sing It Loud by MusicSpace

MusicSpace members are writing a song which we will perform

Bird is the Word – puppet by Ellie Blackney



Yellow Room

Dreams and Aspirations workshop is a place where people get to talk about their future and the things that they would like to do in their life, like getting a job or a new home.



Green Room

VALID

Innovation In Inclusion by VALID Community Development Team

Community development plays an important role in making communities more inclusive. This panel discussion with VALID's CD team and those involved with lived experience, discuss successful elements of making a positive lasting impact in communities. The discussion will be open to audience members to share how they have made an impact in their own communities and to gain great information to take back to their own local communities

Blue Room

Scope - Supporting older people with intellectual disability living in SIL homes

We are doing a co-research project about the supports needs of older people with intellectual disability who live in SIL homes. We will hear the voices of participants with intellectual disability. We hope our findings will be used by disability service providers and the staff who work there to better support people with intellectual disability who are ageing in SIL homes.

Presenters: Nell Buchanan, Mimari Hartono, Annie Loughens, Caroline Hart, Stella Koritsas



Thursday Sessions 10.45am to 11.30am continued

Grey Room

CID - **My journey from school to work**



Alexander will present on employment for people with intellectual disability. He will discuss the concept of the Polished Pathway and offer insights on the Supported Decision Making framework while sharing his own journey transitioning from high school to further education and employment. **Presenters:** Alexander Elliott

Gerrard Langridge - **Friends in the Workplace**

Working with friends in a range of different jobs, having lunch together, and working out the best ways of making your job easier.

Pink Room

MINDS Singapore




Building Inclusive Communities Through Conversation and Choice

Our Lives, Our Voices (OLOV) empowers persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities to grow confidence, communication, and self-advocacy through shared conversation. Participants will meet OLOV self-advocates, hear their lived experiences, and observe how simulated-community spaces use dialogue, peer learning, and co-created topics to build autonomy and belonging. Attendees are invited into a guided group discussion to reflect on inclusion in their own contexts. The session highlights how simple, person-centred interactions can inspire more inclusive practices across learning.

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- **Latrobe CHS (Barwon LAC)** - for providing volunteers
- **DFFH** - for providing volunteers
- **Geelong Karaoke** for free machine

@geelongkaraoke
- **NDIA** - Barwon and National Offices for volunteers
- **Senior Practitioner** - for sponsoring the Art Competition and volunteers
- **Sphinx Hotel** - HaS's Got Talent auditions
- **Croatian Community Centre**- for supporting the Dinner Disco
- **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

Thank you to the

Local Reference Committee



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Simone Stevens (Chairperson)
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Christine Scott

Thank you to the **State government** for supporting people with disabilities with no other supports to attend the conference through it's grant.



Thank you also to our Platinum sponsor VDWC for their sponsorship of the disco to enable people with disability to afford to attend.



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Australian Government



VALID thanks all of the facilitators and volunteers

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

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| Art - painting | Kimberlee Pearce |
| Badgemaking | Pauline Risoli |
| Colouring in for Adults | Jess De Grandis |
| Craft with Wood | Stephen Scott |
| Dream Catcher | Mel Fletcher |
| Gentle Tango | Pam Jarvis & Leigh Rogan |
| Hair & Make-up | NDIA volunteers |
| Karaoke | Volunteers |

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| Self Advocacy Bingo | Anthony Risoli & Katy Gagliardi |
| Speed Friendship | Community Team (VALID) |

Online activities

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| Music & Trivia Quizzes | Katy Gagliardi Heather Forsyth |
| Yoga | Katie Fox @yogadition |

Map of venues

Disco - Croatian Community Centre, 172 Cox Rd, Corio

Talent Show - 2 Thompson Rd, North Geelong



Having a Say Conference T-Shirts

On sale for \$15

at the t-shirt sales desk.

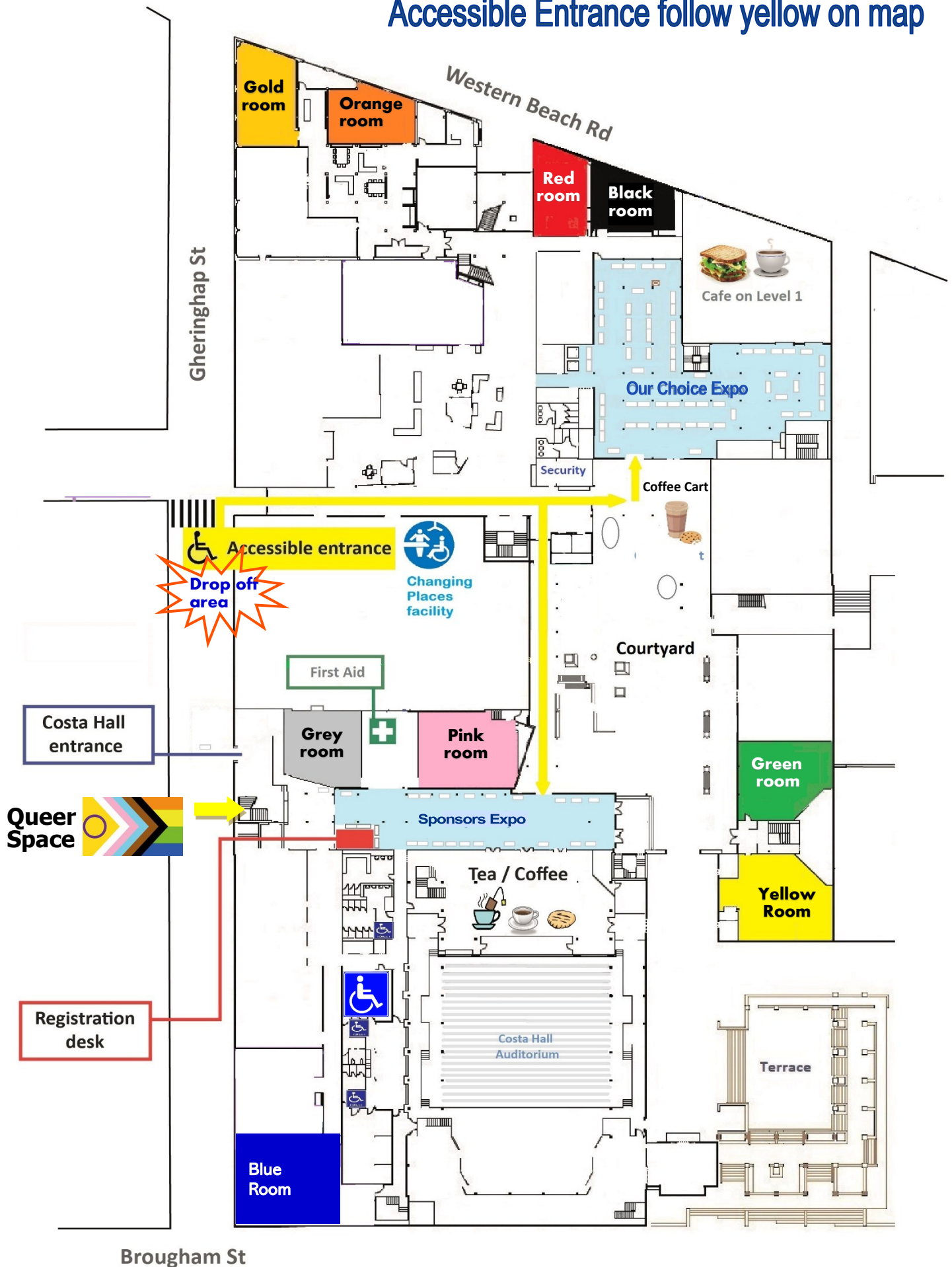
Many sizes available.

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



Deakin Uni Waterfront Campus

Accessible Entrance follow yellow on map





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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