

# Having a Say Conference 2027

15th – 17th February 2027

Deakin Uni, Waterfront, Geelong

## HaS:2027 Sponsor Prospectus



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## Having A Say Conference

The HaS conference is the largest conference for people with disability in Australasia. People with disabilities participate in all aspects of the conference, from planning to volunteering. In 2026 there were over 140 presenters with disability sharing their achievements and stories.

The 2027 theme 'We are Stronger Together!'.

The majority of the Program is dedicated to providing opportunities for people with disabilities to present, tell their stories, celebrate their achievements, perform, volunteer and gain information on their choices, rights and responsibilities.

**Having a Say is more than a conference, it's  
an 'experience' for all involved.**

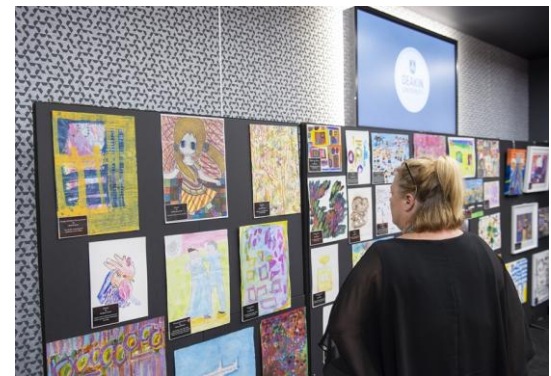
Having a Say supports people to find their voice, speak up,  
be heard and be respected.



# Aims of the Having a Say conference

The Having a Say Conference aims to empower people with disability through the opportunity to:

- 'Have a Say' about the issues that impact their lives
- Participate in an annual conference in a rural location of Victoria
- Celebrate the abilities and achievements of people with disability
- Be heard by politicians, government and service providers
- Build skills by being part of the planning and running of the conference
- Network and be inspired with peers from around Victoria, Australia and overseas
- Gain information on what support is available in both the community and disability services



## Facts about the Having a Say conference.....

- ✓ HaS (Having a Say) is an annual national conference with attendance from across Australia
- ✓ This will be the 26th HaS conference
- ✓ HaS:2027 will also have an online component
- ✓ From 2008 - 2020 over 1,000 people participated each year
- ✓ We have had 900+ people registered for the 'live' conference at Deakin Uni over the last two years
- ✓ Includes the Our Choice Expo and Sponsors Expo
- ✓ The majority of presenters and performers are people with a disability
- ✓ It is run by VALID in conjunction with people with disabilities, local agencies and community members
- ✓ Both a DVD and hard copy report are produced each year







## Sponsorship Levels

The HaS conference budget is run on a 'break even' basis. We intentionally keep registration fees low so that participants can afford to attend. To keep this low rate, VALID relies on the support of volunteers, local organisations, and our great sponsors.

While the details of each level are negotiable the core benefits are outlined below.

**Note:** fees exclude GST.

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|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Platinum+   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$25,000 + GST</li> <li>• This level includes Disco Sponsor</li> </ul>               |
| Platinum    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$20,000 + GST</li> <li>• Including major activity, e.g. Expo Sponsor</li> </ul>     |
| Gold        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$12,500 + GST</li> <li>• Support to subsidise participants to attend</li> </ul>     |
| Silver      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$5,750 + GST</li> <li>• Sponsor the DVD, Report, Talent Show etc.</li> </ul>        |
| Bronze      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$3,500 + GST</li> <li>• Sponsor Come &amp; Try's, attendant carers etc.</li> </ul>  |
| Partnership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In kind support</li> <li>• For example, run a C&amp;T or sponsor an Award</li> </ul> |

# Platinum

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## Platinum Sponsorship

Having a Say 2025 is offering three special Platinum Sponsor opportunities. One (\$20,000 +GST) will be used to assist with conference activities, the second to sponsor the Expo. The third is Platinum Plus sponsorship (\$25,000 +GST) to support the Conference Disco.

Sign on early  
for six months  
of advertising  
in all docs

### Platinum Level

- Full A4 page advertisement in the main Conference Program
- Banner (80cm W x 2m H) on main stage throughout the conference
- 1.8m Exhibitor Stand in main Costa Hall Foyer in a prominent location
- Verbal acknowledgement during conference & the sponsored event
- Full A4 page advertisement in the Conference Report
- Logo on front page of the conference Preliminary Program
- Logo on bottom of main HaS website page and main Humanitix page
- Logo at top of sponsorship page and larger than all other sponsorship categories (e.g. Gold etc) in main Conference Program
- Logo at top of sponsorship page and larger than all other sponsorship categories (e.g. Gold etc) in Conference Report
- Booklet or pamphlet (up to A4 size) in Registration Bags
- Eight complimentary whole conference registrations (value \$6,440)
- Eight full online (daytime program) registrations (value \$2,040)

### Platinum Plus - Disco Sponsorship of \$25K receive additional benefits:

- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on Disco information page in Program
- Banner (80cm W x 2m H) in main entry foyer throughout the disco
- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on Disco highlights page in Conference Report
- Upgraded exhibitor stand area 3m x 2.5m in main foyer

**Other** - additional benefits and opportunities can be negotiated



## Gold Sponsorship

Having a Say 2027 is offering Gold Sponsor (\$12,500 +GST) opportunities. Funds will be used to sponsor people with disabilities and their families to attend the conference or to support a specific conference activity catering (from a disability service).

Subsidise  
participants  
with disability  
to attend

### Gold Level

- Half A4 page Program advertisement
- Banner (80cm W x 2m H) on main stage throughout the conference
- 1.5m x 1.5m Exhibitor Stand in main Costa Hall Foyer in prominent location
- Half A4 page advertisement in the Conference Report
- Logo in middle page of the Preliminary Program
- Logo on sponsorship/registration page HaS website and sponsors page
- Logo on second line of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories (e.g. Silver etc) in main Program
- Logo on second line of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories in main Conference Report
- Logo on bottom of main HaS website page and main Humanitix page
- Pamphlet (up to A4 size) in Registration Bags
- Six complimentary whole conference registrations (value \$4,830)
- Six full online (daytime program) registrations (value \$1,530)

### In addition, if sponsoring a specific activity, e.g. participant subsidies:

- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on specific activity page in the main program, Conference Report and HaS website
- Verbal acknowledgement during the conference e.g. Opening, Closing





## Silver Sponsorship

Having a Say 2027 is also offering Silver Sponsor (\$5,750 +GST) opportunities. Sponsors can choose to support people with disabilities and their families to attend the conference or sponsor a specific activity such as the conference DVD, HaS Talent Show (formerly Red Faces), Come & Try activities (C&T) or volunteer coordination and support.

Get extra  
advertising by  
sponsoring an  
activity

### Silver Level

- Third of an A4 page (18cm W x 8cm H) Program advertisement
- 1.5m x 1.5m Exhibitor Stand in main Costa Hall Foyer in prominent location
- Third of page (18cm W x 8cm H) advertisement in the Conference Report
- Logo on middle page of the Preliminary Program
- Logo on third tier of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories (e.g. Bronze) in main Program
- Logo on third tier of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories in main Conference Report
- Logo on HaS website and main page of Humanitix booking site
- Pamphlet (up to A5 size) in Registration Bags
- Four complimentary whole conference registrations (value \$3,220)
- Six full online (daytime program) registrations (value \$1,530)

### If sponsoring a specific activity e.g. Talent Show) in addition:

- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on relevant information page in the main Program
- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on relevant information page in Conference Report





# Bronze

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## Bronze Sponsorship

Having a Say 2027 is offering eight Bronze Sponsor (\$3,500 + GST) opportunities. There are several activities sponsors can select to support at this level, including the Art Competition, Awards and Come & Try Activities.

### Bronze Level

- Logo in middle page of the Preliminary Program
- Logo on fourth tier of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories (Partners) in main Program
- Logo on fourth tier of sponsorship page acknowledgments and larger than lesser sponsorship categories in main Conference Report
- Pamphlet (DL size) in Registration Bags
- Logo on HaS website and main page of Humanitix booking site
- Six complimentary one day conference registrations (value \$1,500)
- Two complimentary Dinner/Disco registrations (value \$250)
- Opportunity to purchase a discounted Exhibitor Stand in main Foyer
- Six full online access to all online program sessions and performances (value \$1,530)

### If sponsoring a specific activity, in addition:

- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on relevant information page in the main Program
- Logo (2.5cm x 2.5cm) on relevant information page in Conference Report



# Partners



## Partnership Support

There is a range of ways organisations can partner with Having a Say, including being a minor sponsor (e.g. sponsorship of the Robert Martin Award) or providing in-kind support such as:

- conducting Come & Try Activities at the conference
- providing a large group of volunteers to volunteer at the conference

### Partners Level

- Logo in middle page of the Preliminary Program
- Logo on bottom tier of sponsorship acknowledgments in the main Program
- Logo on the bottom tier of sponsorship acknowledgments in main Conference Report
- Four complimentary full one day conference registrations (value \$1,000)
- Four full online program registrations (value \$1,020)

### Depending on the level of in-kind support, other opportunities can be negotiated:

- Logo on relevant 'activity' page in the main Program
- Logo on relevant information page in Conference Report
- Pamphlet (DL size) in Registration Bags
- Opportunity to purchase a discounted Exhibitor Stand in Foyer
- Opportunity for additional free conference and/or disco registrations





## More Information

**If you'd like to discuss Sponsorship Opportunities, please contact:**

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## 2023 Art Competition entries



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