

HAVING A SAY CONFERENCE 2011

Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th February



You are the Voice

PROGRAM BOOKLET

Having a Say is the largest conference for
people with disabilities in Australia.
Going International in 2011!



Also featuring the
VALID Advocacy Stream
Inspiring families and supporters
advocating for people with a disability

VALID

VALID

VALID is a not for profit organisation that is managed by a committee that is mostly made up of people with disabilities and family members. It is funded by the State Government to provide advocacy support to adults who have an intellectual disability, but also undertakes other activities to empower people with disabilities generally, such as self-advocacy training and the Having a Say Conference.

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The Having a Say conference now has its own Facebook page.
Become a friend of Having a Say!

New for 2011

Some exciting additions to the Having a Say Conference in 2011

Having a Say Goes International

This year the HaS conference has attracted international self advocate delegations and presentations from Japan, Malaysia and New Zealand.

We also have the President and the Executive Director of Inclusion International, the world wide organisation representing people with intellectual disability, presenting on supported decision making and the UN convention.

People with disabilities from all over the world are finding out about Having a Say!

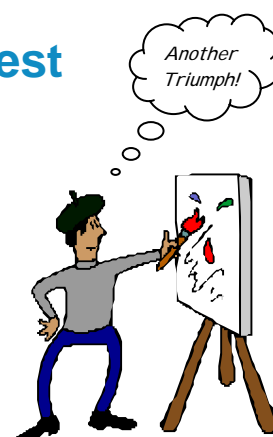
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Welcome by Natalie Anderson Chair of the Organising Committee

Hello my name is Natalie Anderson. This year I have been the Chairperson of the Having a Say Conference Organising Committee. I was really happy to be the Chairperson and I enjoyed attending the committee meetings. All the Committee members have worked really hard to make the 2011 conference another great conference for you all.



Geelong is where I live and I hope that you enjoy your time in my hometown. Make sure that you get out and see the sights and have a good time at the conference.

I would like to officially welcome you on behalf of the Organising Committee to the Having a Say conference 2011. We are delighted that you can attend and would like to thank you for all your support.

I hope that everyone has a good time at the conference and that you all have your say, remember *You are the Voice!*

Theme of the 2011 Having a Say Conference

For the past eleven years the Having a Say Conference has supported people to find their voice. To speak up. To be heard. To be respected. This is the conference where people listen to each other, not just the speakers on stage. This is the conference where people respect each other's views and opinions, and celebrate their common cause.



You are the voice Do others hear your voice? Do others respect your views and opinions? For too long the voice of many people with a disability has been silenced by the views and opinions of others. The 12th VALID Having a Say conference says, "You Are The Voice! Lets make the world try and understand it."

Join in the Chorus Your voice is always loudest when you sing with others. The 12th VALID Having a Say Conference invites you to join with old friends and new friends to find your voice. Together to speak up for the rights of people with disabilities, to shout against injustice



Aims of the Having a Say Conference

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

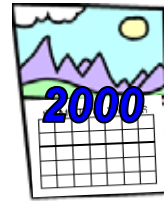
- ⬆ The opportunity to 'have a say' about issues that affect their lives
- ⬆ Participation in an annual conference in a rural location of Victoria
- ⬆ Opportunities to celebrate ability and achievement
- ⬆ Being part of the planning and running of the conference
- ⬆ Opportunities to be heard by politicians, government and service providers
- ⬆ The opportunity to meet people from around Victoria and Australia
- ⬆ Support to be part of developing strategies to address issues and recommendations made at the conference





'History of Having a Say'

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



Since then the conference has grown each year, with over 1100 participants being involved in the 2010 conference .

People enjoy coming to the conference for a range of reasons. Some are keen advocates for people with disability and want to debate about issues, others find the whole environment empowering and some just want to have fun!

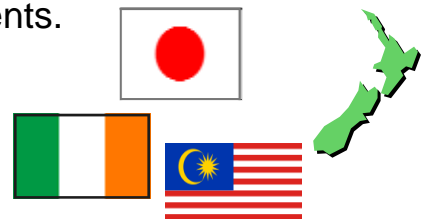
Many people come to the conference to have a say, such as on open microphone as a presenter or performer. We often get comments on the Evaluation Forms saying things like *"It was great I felt important because everyone listened to what I said"*.



Having a Say looks like being around for a while, because there is nothing else like it in Australia! There will always be a need to get together to lobby about issues - until the 'system' is perfect out there!!!

There will always be a need for people to get together to share experiences with each other and to celebrate our achievements.

Plus, people want to keep getting together with other people from across Australia and now from overseas to network & learn different ways of doing things.



 **SUN SAFETY**



Slip Slop Slap
REHYDRATE

Remember to be sun smart ...

Slip on a shirt and sunglasses

Slop on some sunscreen

Slap on a hat

Keep a bottle of water handy



Important Info!!!

Need Info or help??

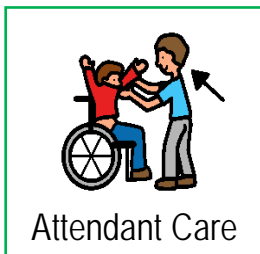


If you need any help or info please come to the Registration Desk.

The Registration Desk is located in the Costa Hall foyer.

People on the Registration Desk can help you with:

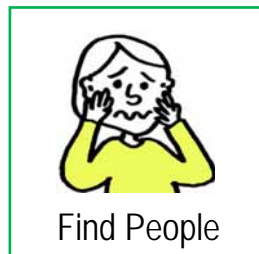
Please Read



Attendant Care



First Aid



Find People



Info & Questions



DVD & Photographs



During the conference you will see someone walking around filming activities. This film is used to make the Conference Video. Photographs will also be taken.

The DVD will go for about 25 minutes. It will tell people what we do at the conference. It will include pictures of the Dinner Disco, Presentations & Workshops, Red Faces Competition, Opening Ceremony and Come & Try Activities.

If you would like to buy a copy of the DVD please fill in the Order Form (in your Registration Bag) and return to VALID along with payment by **30th March 2011**.

If you **DO NOT** want to be on the video or in the photos of the conference please **TELL THE VIDEO PERSON** & the photographer. Some people have already told us that they don't want to be in the photos or video.

Reporters!!

Our conference 'Reporters' are people from local services and other self advocates. They will be coming around to ask you questions for the Conference Video, so all those people who love to get on camera, look out for the Reporters!





Attendant Care



Attendant Care support will be available during the conference and the conference dinner. 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 **cannot be** provided to assist people who need it for long periods of time, e.g. all day (ie. on a 1 to 1 basis) as it needs to be shared with other delegates attending the conference.



A wheelchair toilet and hoist change table is available, ask at the registration desk.

Catering

Please note this important information about catering.

Morning & afternoon teas are included in the registration fee.

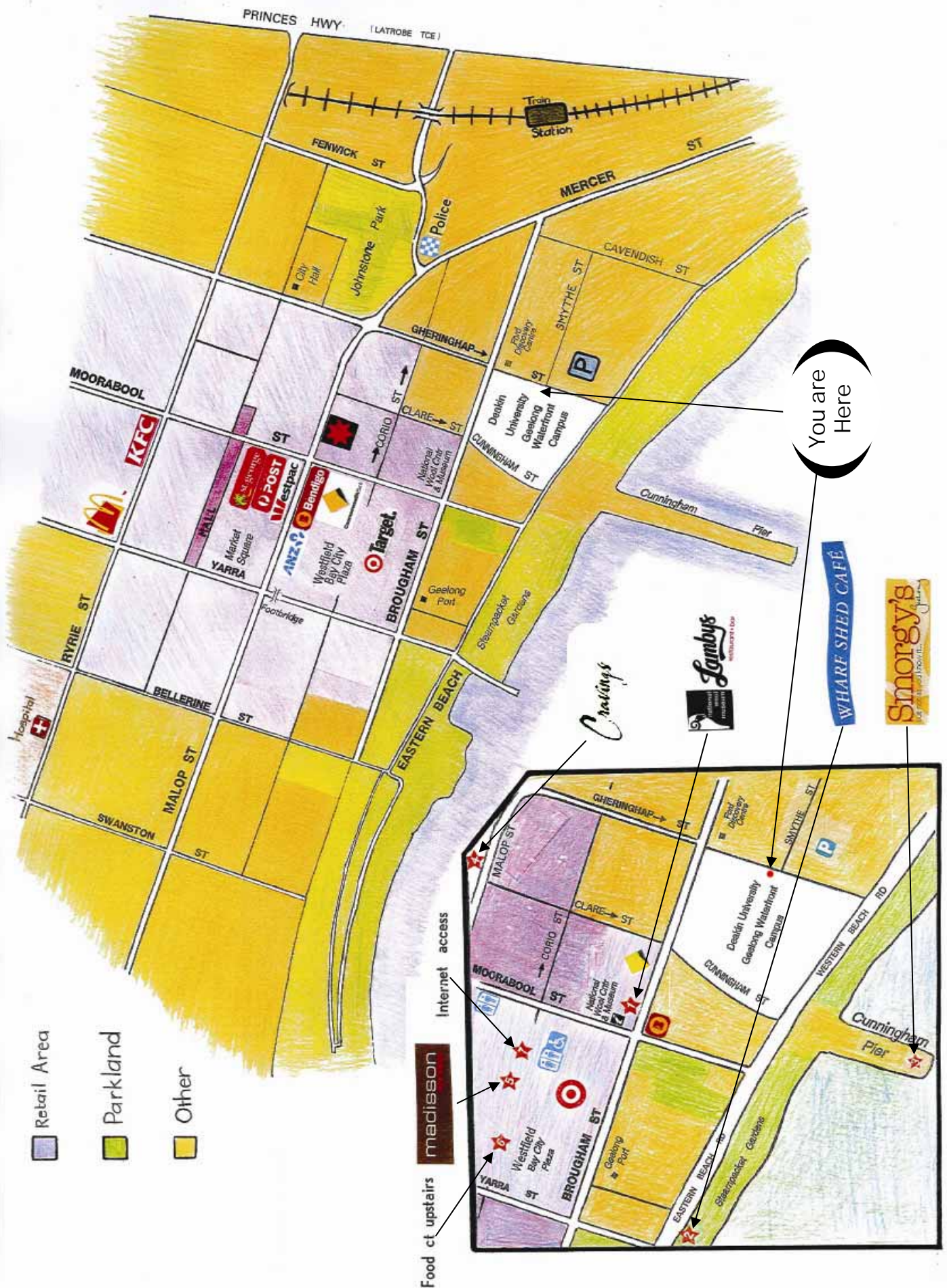
Lunch is not provided. Brunch is provided for all Friday delegates.

There is a Café at Deakin University - across the courtyard and down one level (level 1 from the Elevator).



There are a number of excellent restaurants throughout Geelong - over the page is a map showing the location of some popular restaurants and café's.

La Porchetta Pizza, pasta & more.... 29 –31 Malop Street	Wharf Shed Cafe A restaurant by the bay 15 Eastern Beach Road	dal Gourmet Café Tasty treats! 6 Little Ryrie Street
Black Sheep Cafe In the Wool Museum Building Cnr Brougham & Moorabool St	Madisson Xpress Shop 1189 Westfield Shopping Centre Malop Street	A Touch of Thai Good lunch menu 35 Malop Street
Bay City Plaza Variety of take away foods Cnr Moorabool & Brougham St	Cravings Shop 1 24 Malop Street	The Max Hotel Right across the road 2 Gheringhap Street
Pancakes at 48 Stacks of pancakes! 48 Moorabool Street	The Courthouse Café Great food – great prices! Cnr Little Malop & Gheringhap	





What's on at the conference??



The Opening Ceremony will kick off our twelfth conference. Self advocacy is a part of the Victorian Disability State Plan and speaking up about your life is a foundation of the Disability Act.

Highlights of the Opening Ceremony includes:

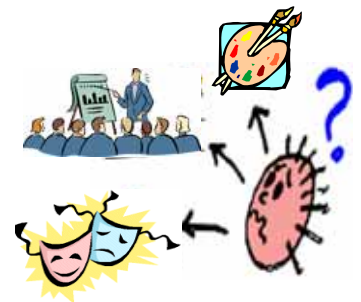
The Cam Can video, see blurb on page 15

'Open Mike' – Self Advocates will be encouraged to get up on the stage and 'have a say'!

The Conference Program

The program features a large range of sessions – something for everyone!

Over the 3 days expect to be inspired, informed and to have a lot of fun!



You can choose from :

Presentations



Information Sessions



Performances



Workshops



Come & Try Activities



Social Activities



Closing Ceremony

The Closing Ceremony will start with a Brunch and then feature:

The Red Faces Finals!



Keynote speaker



Presentation of awards and winners of the art contest.

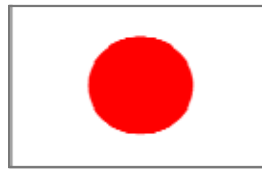


A final 'Open Mike' session.





SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING



Inclusion
international



*Linking Local Voices
to Global Change*

INCLUSION INTERNATIONAL

Inclusion International is the peak international organisation representing people with intellectual disability and their families to the United Nations and to countries around the world.

The United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities talks about making sure that people with disabilities are supported to make their own decisions rather than other people always decisions on their behalf. Inclusion International is advocating to governments all around the world on the need to properly support people with cognitive impairment in their decision making.

Klaus Lachwitz

President, Inclusion International



Klaus has been working as a Disability Lawyer in Germany since 1981.

In 2004 Klaus helped represent Inclusion International on the United Nations Working Group to draft a Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability. Together with Robert Martin, Klaus helped influence the draft Convention by successfully arguing that all persons with disability are, irrespective of their kind and degree of disability, equal before the law and that it should not be allowed any longer to incapacitate a person due to her/his disability.

Klaus is very involved with the transfer of the UN Convention into national German law, monitoring the implementation of the Convention's human rights concept into the German legal system, and working to make the UN Convention a reality in all regions of the world.

Klaus has co-authored the following publications: *Human Rights and Intellectual Disability, A Guide to International Human Rights Instruments for Persons with Intellectual Disability and International 2002, Ferney – Voltaire, France English / French / Spanish / Arabic / Russian*

Connie Laurin-Bowie,

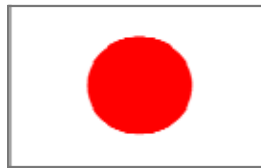
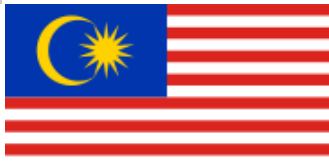
Executive Director, Inclusion International



Connie is the senior staff person of Inclusion International. Connie led Inclusion International's representations at the UN Ad Hoc Committee meetings that led to the new UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. She directed Inclusion International's global project on poverty and disability and produced the document *Hear Our Voices; A Global report on the situation of people with intellectual disabilities and their families in relation to the UN Millennium Development Goals* and she co-authored the recently released *Global Report on Education*. Connie has 18 years experience in public policy, government relations and international development.



SELF ADVOCACY IN MALAYSIA AND JAPAN



United Voice Malaysia

Costa Hall, Thursday Keynote 9:30 am
Green Room, Thursday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

United Voice is a network of self advocacy groups that have developed across Malaysia and have become a strong voice for people with disabilities.

The three self advocates from Malaysia will be speaking at the conference about the work of their organisation. They are looking forward to meeting lots of new friends and sharing email and Facebook contacts!



Wendy Yeong



Johari Bin Jamali



Felicity Fang

Inclusion Japan

Costa Hall, Thursday Keynote 9:30 am
Green Room, Wednesday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Speaking Up In Japan

My name is Tetsuya Sugisawa. I am from Japan. I am a representative of the self-advocate group called "Tomorrow KUSHIRO" in Hokkaido, Japan.

There are more than 200 self-advocacy groups in Japan. There used to be a self-advocacy representative council in Inclusion Japan. I became one of the members of this council in 2004 and became a chairperson in 2006.

In 2005 we talked about making the network of the self-advocacy groups all over Japan. And in September 2007 we started the networking group called "Self-Advocacy Japan".

Our members attended the Asian Conference on Intellectual Disabilities in Singapore and Inclusion International World Congress in Berlin. We enjoyed the exchange among self-advocates from all over the world. We hope to keep in touch with as many self-advocates as possible.



Tetsuya Sugisawa



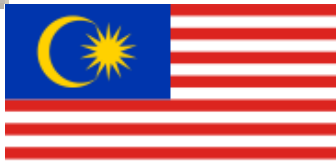
Mayumi Narazaki



Yuta Mitsusuka



PRESENTATIONS FROM NEW ZEALAND



TAKE A MOMENT TO CONNECT

Green Room, Wednesday 11:15 am - 12:15

People with Intellectual Disabilities consistently report that one of the biggest issues they face is isolation and loneliness, even within their own neighbourhoods and communities. When a person dreams of their personal future and what this might look like, it includes friends but what happens when it is difficult to meet people?



Waata Houia

This presentation will detail two very different stories about how two young people with intellectual disabilities have become "Face book stars" and have promoted their personalities and strengths to become friends with many.

Friends can take many forms of connections and their presentation "Take a Moment to Connect" will tell a powerful story and give you some ideas about how you can get out there and "Make it Happen".

Presented by IHC-NZ Waata Houia and Sue Wei Lee



Sue Wei

OUR HEALTH, OUR VOICE

Green Room, Thursday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

The Self Advocacy Team IHC New Zealand responded to the voices of self advocates, who had presented the challenges they face in speaking up for themselves where their health and wellness is concerned. Our response was to work in partnership with our services, adapting a programme on health self advocacy from The Westchester Institute of Human Development. This programme brought service users and staff together in a learning partnership, where everyone took responsibility for their health, supporting each other along the way.

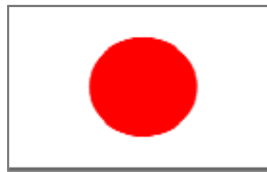
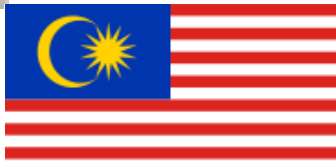
Presented by IHC-NZ Alyssa Dimock and Carolyn Stobbs



Alyssa Dimock



PRESENTATIONS FROM NEW ZEALAND



WE ARE THE VOICE

Green Room, Wednesday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

*We have a voice in New Zealand and we make sure it is heard!
We will tell you how we speak up for ourselves and others at every opportunity we make!*

We speak up for ourselves and others on a daily basis, and we will tell you how practicing these skills have led us to be heard at a national level where we feel we really make a difference.



Rebekah McKenzie

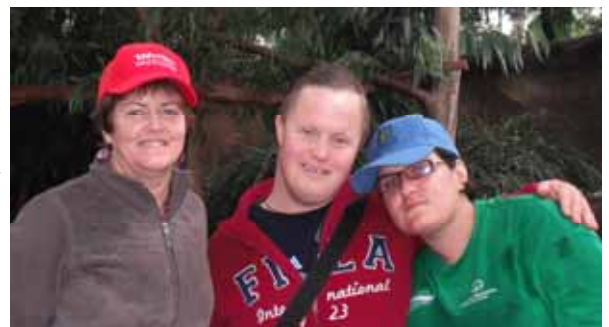
Presented by IHC-NZ Waata Houia, Sue Wei Lee, Alyssa Dimock and Rebekah McKenzie

DIFFERENT STROKES FOR DIFFERENT FOLKS

Green Room, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

This presentation will talk about residential support, how different things work for different people, what is not working for them and what they need from residential providers.

Presented by A Supported Life, NZ
Cushla Taylor, Miranda Mills, Jonathon Green



"WHO ARE PEOPLE FIRST NEW ZEALAND AND WHAT DO WE DO?"

Green Room, Wednesday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

The People First NZ motto is: 'Nothing about us without us'. People First members are committed to speaking up, being heard and earning respect in our communities. They also teach others how to speak up for themselves.



Presented by: People First New Zealand with Chairpersons of Regional Branches



Rachel
Trubnick



Stephen
Hallett



David
Hughes



Michael
Aldridge



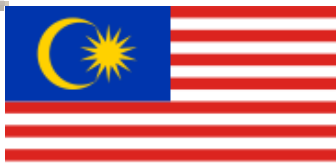
Rosemary
Scully



Graeme
Parish



Employment First Forum “Get a Job, Get a Life”



Pink Room, Wednesday 9:00am - 4:00pm Real Jobs - It's Everyone's Business

For people with intellectual disability, “real jobs” mean wages to afford housing, food, clothing and the supports necessary to live and work in the communities of their choice. “Real jobs” will support people to live out their dreams and aspirations.

This one day forum provides an opportunity to meet with Dr Christy Lynch from Ireland while launching the ‘*Employment First Alliance*’. The forum will also showcase leading employment support providers, those whose support produces rates of pay approximately equal to the Federal Minimum Wage of \$15.00. In particular for employees who have a moderate intellectual disability.



The Employment First Alliance will begin lobbying the Commonwealth Government for the development, funding and contracting of leading practice in employment support for people with intellectual disability.

The Employment First Alliance campaign, Real Jobs—It’s Everyone’s Business is aiming to see the current 16% national employment rate in the open labour market for people with intellectual disability double by 2015.

Important Note:

This forum requires a separate registration from the Having a Say conference. Only people registered for it may attend.

Dr Christy Lynch is nationally and internationally recognised for his pioneering work in achieving integrated employment for individuals with a disability. He has worked tirelessly in the pursuit of equal employment opportunities, not only in Ireland, but also throughout Europe, the Far East and South America

Christy set up and managed the first Supported Employment Programme for people with severe intellectual disabilities in Ireland. Is Chief Executive Officer for KARE which has one of the most progressive Supported Employment Programmes for individuals with intellectual disabilities in Ireland today.



Christy has also previously served as President of the European Union of Supported Employment and as Chairperson of CNEASTA - The Irish Council for Training Development and Employment of People with Disabilities. He is a Founder Member of the Irish Union of Supported Employment and a member of the Board of the World Association of Supported Employment.



MAKING INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT WORK - THE CAM CAN STORY

Costa Hall Opening, Wednesday

Cameron Whitelaw's disability excluded him from supported employment but his parents felt that the option of a sheltered workshop was not an option that Cameron was happy with.

At 19 years of age, Cameron's future posed a dilemma. Where would he go? What would he do? With his parents working, who will support him? It's a difficult decision for all parents of a son or daughter with a disability but one for which Cameron's family found an inspirational solution.



Come and hear their story



NDIS PUBLIC RALLY

In 21st century Australia, it is no longer enough for us to talk simply about people with disabilities having equal rights. We need to create a system where they have access to the resources and opportunities to achieve equality.

People with disabilities and their carers deserve a fair go. They need to be able to access the services and supports they need when they need them.

Please join us to **RAISE YOUR VOICE** in support of a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

When? Thursday, February 10th 2011 12.30pm
(Lunch time of Day 2 of the Having a Say conference)

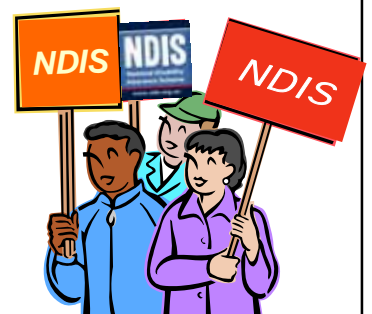
Where? Geelong Waterfront (near Gheringhap St)

Why? It's time....we need to improve disability services in Australia and we need your support to achieve this.

What? Please wear something red to show your support.

NDIS will **enable equality to become a reality rather than a dream.**

For further information regarding a National Disability Insurance Scheme visit www.ndis.org.au





Inaugural Doug Pentland Award

In honour of the life time contributions of Doug Pentland Reinforce and VALID will be presenting this annual award to the self advocate who has made a powerful contribution to the campaign for community inclusion and deinstitutionalisation.



Inaugural Robert Martin award

Robert will be presenting the inaugural annual "*Robert Martin Self Advocate Leader Award*".

Awarded by Robert to the person with a disability who impresses him the most at the conference as having a significant impact on behalf of others with a disability.



The Our Voice Award

Our Voice is the national self-advocacy sub-committee of National Council on Intellectual Disability (NCID).

This award acknowledges a self advocate who has raised awareness of intellectual disability in the community and has spoken up strongly for themselves.



Red Faces

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD ON

Wednesday, 9th February 2011

From 7pm

At Lamby's Bar & Tavern

Corner Moorabool & Brougham Streets, Geelong

If you are planning to eat tea there – please **BOOK a table**: ph. 5223 2392

To perform in the Auditions you must have signed up before the conference!!

Three finalists will be chosen from the Auditions.

They will perform at the **RED FACES Finals**, during the Conference Closing Ceremony at **11.30 - 12.30pm Friday 11th February 2011.**





Artwork Contest Having a Say Art Award

A display of artwork from budding artists
on the Human Rights theme of:
DIGNITY



The contest will be judged by the Office of the Senior Practitioner and the National Council on Intellectual Disability (NCID). The best 20 artworks will be displayed and prizes for the top 4 entries will be presented during the Closing Ceremony.

The winning artist must agree to the Office of the Senior Practitioner or NCID having exclusive rights to the use of the artwork in their publicity.

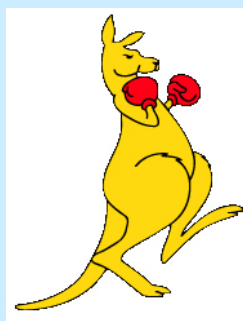
*Sponsored by the Office of the Senior Practitioner
and the National Council on Intellectual Disability*



Return of the Great Quiz

The Kiwis aren't satisfied with last year's draw and have challenged the Aussies to a rematch.

*Cheer on your favourites as they battle it out to determine,
once and for all, who the Quiz Masters are!*



VS.



Costa Hall, Friday 10:00 am - 11:00 am



Conference Dinner Disco

Tickets: Please present your 'Conference Dinner Ticket' at the door.



Music by:

**local band
'Ball & Chain'**



This year the disco has a
'Rock~n~Roll' theme

Come dressed in your best 50s outfit,
there is a door prize for the best
dressed with a Rock and Roll theme!



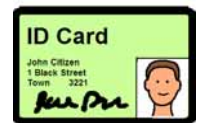
A delicious two course meal.
Starts at 7.00pm & meal will be served on time
- so don't be late - doors open 6.30pm.



A reminder that drinks are not provided. Soft drink & alcoholic
drinks will be available for you **to buy** from the bar.



If you look like a 'spring chicken' (under 25 years) it might be good
to bring some photo ID (identification) just in case the bar staff ask
you for it.



Dinner & Chat

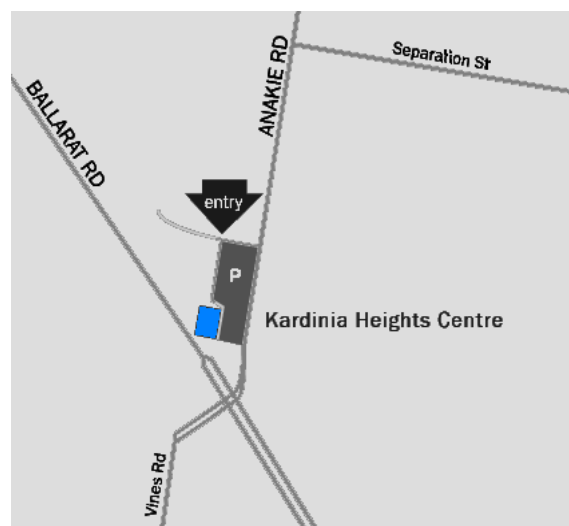
As an alternative to the action packed Dinner & Disco, a 'Dinner & Chat' will be
held upstairs at the Kardinia Heights Centre. The guest Speaker for the dinner will
be John Della Bosca from the NDIS.

Conference Dinner Venue

Kardinia Heights Centre
Corner of Anakie & Ballarat Roads
Bell Post Hill

Melways Ref: 441 E7

Free parking on site!





Thursday Dinner and Chat



John Della Bosca is the guest speaker for the Dinner and Chat on Thursday evening.

John has served on a range of portfolios in the NSW State Government from 1999, including Minister for Disability, until he stepped down as the NSW Minister for Health in 2009.

In August 2010 John was appointed as the campaign director for the establishment of a National Disability Insurance Scheme working with the National Disability and Carers Alliance.



"I believe that fundamental change is needed to ensure our disability service system continues to meet the needs of all people with disability, their families and carers. A National Disability Insurance Scheme is essential in creating a fair and sustainable system."

Check out the Expo displays by

- ⤴ AMIDA
- ⤴ ARCsupport
- ⤴ Best of Care
- ⤴ Consumer Affairs Victoria
- ⤴ Communication Service (Barwon) Scope
- ⤴ DHS Barwon Region
- ⤴ Down Syndrome Victoria
- ⤴ EDAR
- ⤴ Impact Support Services Inc
- ⤴ Independent Living Skills
- ⤴ Leisure Options
- ⤴ Office of the Disability Services Commissioner
- ⤴ Oz Mates
- ⤴ SARU and Reinforce
- ⤴ Special Olympics Victoria
- ⤴ Villamanta Disability Rights Advocacy Service





Come & Try Activities



Come & Try Activities (C&T) are a popular part of the Conference. They give delegates a chance to relax and try something new.

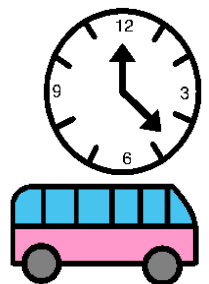
Some people think they are what the conference is about, but they are really 'an added extra'. C&T activities **should ONLY be seen as:**

- ✧ an alternative to workshops and presentations for people who have not attended conferences before &/or who find participating in sessions difficult
- ✧ an opportunity for social interaction and networking
- ✧ an opportunity to try new activities and learn new skills.

When and where do I go for Come & Try Activities?

Where & what time to meet for your Come & Try (C&T) Activities was sent to you in a letter. Your Come and Try Activities are also printed on the back of your name badge. If you are unsure you can also enquire at the Come and Try desk.

Important: To help activities run on time, **please** be at the meeting place for your C&T activity **on time!** This is usually 15 minutes before the starting time for on-site activities and 20 minutes for off site activities - a MUST for those catching buses to off-site activities from the Gheringhap Street entrance.



Come and Try desk

All Come and Try enquiries shall be at this desk. If you have not yet booked into any Come and Try's activities you can still book activities at this desk during the conference.

Note: The Come and Try desk will not open until after morning tea on the Weds.



Remember to always bring a hat and sunscreen for all outdoor activities.



DISCLAIMER – The Organisers would like participants to note that these activities are offered as optional extras to the main conference program. While every precaution has been taken to ensure that all participants will be safe, individuals choose to undertake the activities at their own risk. Therefore the organisers take no responsibility for any injury that may arise from participation in these activities.












Please note: Activities may be cancelled by the Organisers due to unforeseen circumstances

THE MARINE DISCOVERY VAN



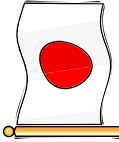





Wednesday and Thursday in the Courtyard

The Marine Discovery Van is a special activity available to all delegates.



9 am – 9.45am	Registra- tion	<div> Grab your Registration Package, get a Coffee & start planning your day!</div> <div>Foyer</div>							
9.45am – 10.45am	Opening Ceremony	<div><div><div></div><div>Official Welcome & Opening ‘Welcome to Country’ Opening and Welcome Making Individual Support Work - Cam Can Video, ‘ Open Mike’</div></div><div></div></div> <div>Costa Hall (Auditorium)</div>							
10.45am - 11.15am	Break	<div> Morning Tea break</div> <div>Foyer</div>							
11.15am - 12.15pm	Choice of Sessions	<div>ADVOCACY Making Individual Support work - the Cam Can story</div>	<div>Presentation ‘Take a moment to connect’ (IHC- NZ) & ‘Communities in Partnership’ (Yooralla)</div>	<div>Presentation ‘Your Voice in the Community’ SCOPE Geelong & ‘All about Me’ (EDAR)</div>	<div>Workshop ‘What Cheeses me off’ & ‘Human Rights who wants to be a millionaire (SARU)</div>	<div>Come & Try Art Belly Dancing Drama Floristry</div> 	<div>Come & Try Banner Art Fishing Harley Rides-(10:30am) Harley Rides-(11:30am)</div> 	<div>ADVOCACY Advocacy stream in main Costa Hall</div>	
12.15pm - 1.30pm	Lunch	<div> Have lunch with friends in town or on the waterfront. Check out the Conference Expo.</div> <div><i>NOTE: Harley Rides (for people who have booked as a Come & Try Activity continue through lunchtime)</i></div> <div></div>							
1.30pm – 2.30pm	Choice of Sessions	<div>Performance ‘Pilots of the Airways’ Dame Pattie Menzies Centre</div> 	<div>Presentation ‘We are the Voice’ (IHC - NZ) & Who are People First Midsouth NZ & what we do</div>	<div>Presentation ‘The Way’ (Dream Theatre) & ‘Being a Leader’ (Down Syndrome Vic)</div>	<div>Workshop Speaking up about your Dreams and Aspirations (VALID)</div> 	<div>Workshop Peer Education - Living Safer Sexual Lives (Latrobe Uni Respectful Relationship Team)</div>	<div>Come & Try Belly Dancing Drama Drums Gentle Exercise Gymnastics Karaoke Yoga</div>	<div>Come & Try Ten Pin Bowling Banner Art Bike Riding Fishing Gym Swimming Harley Rides-(1:00pm)</div> 	<div>ADVOCACY Families as Planning Partners panel presentation (VALID)</div>
		Costa Hall	Green Room	Blue Room	Yellow Room	White Room	Meet in Courtyard	Meet main Entrance	Grey Room

NOTE: Harley Rides (for people who have booked as a Come & Try Activity continue through lunchtime)

Afternoon Tea break								
2.30 – 3pm	Break	<div></div> <div>Foyer</div>						
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Choice of Sessions	<div>Performance</div> <div>'Notre Voie' Stawell Intertwine & </div> <div>'Women in Song: a way to under-stand advocacy (WWDA)</div> <div>Costa Hall</div>	<div>Presentation</div> <div>'Speaking Up in Japan' (Inclusion Japan)</div> <div></div> <div>Green Room</div>	<div>Presentation</div> <div>Individual Achievement - six speakers from Marriot Services talking about their lives</div> <div></div> <div>Blue Room</div>	<div>Workshop</div> <div>'Let's talk around the table' (Minda - South Australia)</div> <div></div> <div>Yellow Room</div>	<div>Come & Try</div> <div>Belly Dancing Bocce Drums Gentle Exercise Karaoke Kites Scrapbooking Zumba </div> <div>Meet in Courtyard</div>	<div>Come & Try</div> <div>Bike Riding Fishing Walking</div> <div></div> <div>Meet main Entrance</div>	<div>ADVOCACY</div> <div>VALID 'My Rights Training Program' (VALID)</div> <div>Grey Room</div>
7.00pm	Social Activities (optional)	<div><div><div></div><div><div>Having a Go Talent Show (Red Faces)</div><div>Contestants will sing, dance & entertain you</div><div>Lamby's Bar & Tavern</div></div></div><div><div>Social Gathering</div><div>Get to know others by having a meal & a chat (Note: no formal activity / variety meals for purchase)</div><div>Wharf Shed cafe</div></div></div>						

Acronyms:

ABI - Acquired Brain Injury

AMIDA - Action for More Independence & Dignity in Accommodation

ARBIAS - Alcohol Related Brain Injury Australian Service

CHC - Community Health Centre

CRC - Communication Resource Centre

DHS - Department of Human Services

DPMC - Dame Pattie Menzies Centre

MCM - Melbourne City Mission

NCID - National Council on Intellectual Disability

NZ - New Zealand

PDSN - Physical Disability Support Network

SARU - Self-Advocacy Resource Unit

TBC – To be confirmed

VALID - Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability

WUC - Wimmera Uniting Care

WWDA - Women with Disabilities Australia












Some Come and Try activities start at different times!



Be sure to check the starting time for your C & T activities and aim to be at your meeting area 15 minutes before it starts for on

Thursday 10th February 2011

8.45am – 9.30am	Registration	Foyer	Grab your Registration Package if its your first dayget a Coffee & start planning your day!								
9.30am – 10.30am	Keynote Speaker	Costa Hall		Key Note Presentations: Supported Decision Making Inclusion International International Self-Advocacy: United Voice Malaysia & Inclusion Japan Performance: TBC & Open Mike					 		
10.30am - 11 am	Break	Foyer	Morning Tea 								
11.00am - 12.00pm	Choice of Sessions	Costa Hall	Performance 'The Resolution Hour' (Northern Support Services) 	Presentation 'Who wants to make a complaint' (Disability Servs Commissioner) & Your Legal Rights (Villamanta)	Workshop 'Our Stories' - Adrian Kooistra - Ian Pendlebury - Eliza Allsworth (P2P Queensland)	Workshop Speaking up about your Dreams & Aspirations (VALID) 	Presentation 'Getting the Life You Want - Successful Partnerships' (Karingal)	Come & Try Art Drama Disco Dance Floristry Gymnastics Karaoke Scrapbooking 	Come & Try Bowling Canoeing (10am) Fishing Netball Harley Ride- (10:30am) Harley Ride- (11:30am)	ADVOCACY Supported Decision Making & UN CRPD (Inclusion International) 	
12.00pm - 1.30pm	Lunch		Have lunch with friends down on the waterfront at the Rally to support the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) campaign NOTE: Harley Rides (for people who have booked as a Come & Try Activity)								

KEY:

Performance



Off site Come & Try (C&T) activities



C&T activities at Deakin Uni



Inclusion International



New Zealand presentations


















Individual presentations



Campaigns (lobbying)












Thursday 10th February 2011

1.30pm – 2.30pm	Choice of Sessions	Performance 'Bowled Over' (Ants Pants Arts) 	Presentation Malaysia United Voice & 'Our Health, Our Voice' (IHC- NZ) 	Presentation Horsham Hurricanes at TriSate Games (WUC) & 'You are the Voice' (Special Olympics Vic)	Workshop Leading Your Plan Training Program (VALID Training Groups) & VALID Client Networks update	Workshop 'Facebook & Self Advocacy' (SARU)	Come & Try Bocce Bollywood Dance Break Dancing Card Making Hair & Make-up Jewellery Percussion 	Come & Try Bowling Cricket Fishing Netball Woodworking Harley Rides-1:00pm 	ADVOACACY Overview of the NDIS and why we need it. (NDIS Campaign Karingal) & Big Voices about Big Changes (Speak Out, Reach Out - NSW CID)
2.30 - 3pm	Break	Foyer  Afternoon Tea break							Pink Room
3.00pm - 4.00pm	Choice of Sessions	Performance 'The Funky Turtles' (Pinarc) &  'The Travoltas' (Kyeema)	Presentation 'Different strokes for different folks' (A Supported Life - NZ) & The Amicus have a say group' (Amicus) 	Workshop Communication for All (CRC) & 'Talking with our Hands' (Central Bayside CHC)	Presentation Individual Achievement - six speakers talking about their lives 	Presentation Rights for people with disability: what we learned in Europe' (Speak Out Tas) & Inclusion World Congress (VALID)	Come & Try Bollywood Dance Break Dancing Card Making Hair & Make-up Jewellery Kites Yoga Zumba	Come & Try Bike Riding Fishing Walking 	ADVOACACY  'Shut In' campaign Update across Australia with Institutional Dreaming (Reinforce)
7.00pm – 10.30pm	Dinner & Dance	Kardinia Heights Centre  With a <i>Rock & Roll</i> theme; Band - 'Ball and Chain'   							ADVOACACY STREAM Dinner & Speaker: John Della Bosca The NDIS Campaign! 

Don't forget: The theme for this years Dinner/Disco is *Rock ~n~ Roll*

Friday 11th February 2011

9.15 – 10am	Registration	Foyer <div> Grab your Registration Package if its your first dayget a Coffee & start planning your day!</div>					
10.00am – 11am	Choice of Sessions	Performance Who has the 'voice' to win.... the quiz..... the Aussies & New Zealand Kiwi's battle it out <div> vs. </div>	Workshop Being a Community Connector & Inclusiveness (Caboolture Physical Disability Support Network)	Workshop We know our housing rights, do you? AMIDA	Presentation 'Your Leisure Centre and you' (Action for Community Living)	Come & Try Surfing (9.30am) <div></div> Meet at Main Entrance	ADVOCACY Combined with main stream for the quiz between Aussies & Kiwis
11am – 11.25am	Break	Foyer <div> Brunch </div>					
11.30pm – 12.30pm	Combined (all together)	<div><div> CLOSING CEREMONY Starting with 'Let's Dance' performance Key Note address by Robert Martin, New Zealand self advocate.</div><div> Have a Go talent show (Red Faces) Competition Final</div></div> <div>Presentations of the inaugural 'Doug Pentland & Robert Martin self advocacy Awards' and the 'Our Voice' Award & <u>Art Competition Prizes</u></div> <div></div>					
		Costa Hall					



Session Outlines

Boxes shaded like this are
Advocacy Stream sessions

ALL ABOUT ME – A way of communicating who I am and what I want

EDAR clients & staff worked together to make an existing communication tool better so people have a greater opportunity/empowerment to lead the planning process to its greatest extent for successful life outcomes & goals. It also increases the opportunities for communication for people with disabilities & others.

Presenters: EDAR - Rebecca Pullin & clients

Blue room, Wednesday, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm



AMICUS HAVING A SAY GROUP

How to set up a group to Have a Say. Talks about the Amicus group and how to handle disputes and complaints.

Presenters Amicus - Nigell, Carroll, Matthew Tuckerman, Sally Lancaster, Norm Beams, Peter McDonald, Gary Thompson, Kimberley Flatman

Green Room, Thursday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm



BEING A COMMUNITY CONNECTOR AND INCLUSIVENESS

Queenslanders with Disability Network will talk about their programs and inclusiveness .

Presented by Matt McCracken, Fran Vickery & Nigel Webb

Blue Room, Friday 10:00 am - 11:00 am



BEING A LEADER

The Club 21 Leadership Group will explain what it means to be a leader in their community. The Leadership Group will explain how they act as role models and advocates for their peers and why this is important. The Leadership Group will work to inspire others with disability to be leaders in their community.

Presented by : Down Syndrome Victoria - Club21 Leadership Group - Stephanie Papaleo, Robyn Doherty, Brooke Pellissier, Keith Giles, Edward Allen and Chris McMahon

Blue Room, Wednesday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm



BIG VOICES ABOUT BIG CHANGES

Getting heard about big issues.

Presented by Speak Out, Reach Out (NSW CID)

Pink Room, Thursday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm





BOWLED OVER

Ants Pantz from Colac present a wacky original all-abilities drama production. It's a ball! You'll be rolling to the bowling alley, entertained by the hilarious managers, pricking up your ears at a rock band audition & dining at the Oscar Tosca Italian Restaurant. This play touches on issues like name calling, bullying, handling anger & discrimination & standing up for your rights.



Costa Hall, Thursday 1:30 - 2:30 pm

COMMUNICATION FOR ALL

How to make community services more communication accessible for people with communication difficulties. Communication for All gives people with disabilities an opportunity to provide feedback to community services/retailers regarding how communication accessible they are and how to improve their service.

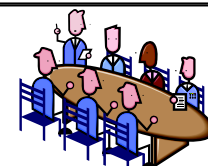


Presenters: Communication Resource Centre, Merrin Hurse, Ron Moray & Thomas Banks

Blue Room, Thursday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

COMMUNITIES IN PARTNERSHIP

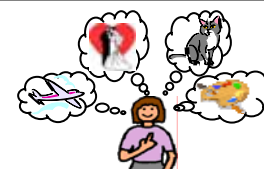
Disability Reference Group – their achievements, their direction, the changes made and the future direction. The role of the Disability Reference Group is to advise the City of Casey, Communities in Partnership, its' key stakeholders & extended community bodies on issues of access and inclusion, changes, choices & the associated problems & potential solutions to issues. *Presented by Yooralla*



Green Room, Wednesday, 11:15 -12:15pm

DREAMS AND ASPIRATIONS

Presented by VALID a workshop where your voice is heard as you get to tell people and/or write/draw your goals, dreams and aspirations.



Yellow Room, Weds. 1:30 - 2:30 pm & Thurs. 11 - 12noon

FACEBOOK & SELF ADVOCACY

Many people with disabilities are using facebook to have their voices heard – come along to this session to learn how self advocates are using facebook. We will look at self advocacy facebook pages around the world and learn how it can be used by self advocacy groups to connect with each other. Learn how to set up a facebook page and things you need to know about going onto facebook.



Presenters: SARU - Janice Slattery, Sue Smith, Jacqui Ward

Grey Room, Thursday 1:30 - 2:30 pm

FAMILIES AS PLANNING PARTNERS PANEL PRESENTATION

VALID has been developing the "Keys to Success" training program for families & supporters over the last couple of years & has now been funded to provide ongoing training & support. In this panel presentation members of the Families as Planning Partners team will be sharing their experiences & talking about ways for getting the word out.



Grey Room, Wednesday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm



FUNKY TURTLES

The Turtles (from *Pinaro*) hail from Ballarat and are a 14 piece musical ensemble. Our music is all original and is written by the band members, who have a disability. Our music is a mixture of all possible genres, and is reflective of each member's experience of life, feelings and thoughts.



Costa Hall, Thursday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

GETTING THE LIFE YOU WANT - SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS

Karingal presentation will focus upon the 'Getting the Life You Want' partnership model of self directed support. Come & find out about how people have become better self advocates & had more say in their plans and their lives as a result. Learn more about how to develop successful community partnerships.



Grey Room, Thursday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

HORSHAM HURRICANES AT TRI STATE GAMES

Our experience and success at the Tri State Games which was held in Ararat & Stawell in November. Our voices are heard as we support our team mates & show fair sportpersonship to the other teams and friends that we meet at the games.



Presented by Wimmera Uniting Care - Maureen Cameron, Tom Leemburgen & Marion Cameron

Blue Room, Thursday 1:30 - 2:30 pm

INCLUSION WORLD CONGRESS

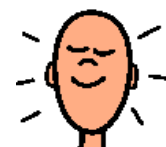
A delegation of VALID representatives attended the World Congress of Inclusion International in Berlin last year. Heather Forsyth, Chris Scott and Leslie O'Loughlin-Schultz will share with you some of their experiences and findings.



Grey Room, Thursday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT

Presenters will talk about their lives & what they have achieved. On Weds it will be 6 people who use Marriot Services & Thursday 7 people from across Victoria.



Blue Room, Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00 pm / Thurs. 3 - 4 pm in Yellow Room

LEADING YOUR PLAN TRAINING PROGRAM

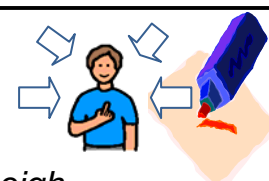
Over the past 12 months VALID has been working in partnership with people with disability to develop a program aimed at strengthening their participation in and leadership of, their own planning processes. This session will present an overview of the Leading Your Plan Course.



Yellow room, Thursday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

LET'S TALK AROUND THE TABLE

Create an "about me" poster that will tell everyone who we are, your right to speak up for yourself



Presented by Minda (South Australia) - Glenn Lynch, Cheryl Cox, Jason Leigh-Tamblyn supported by Felicity Brown & Fiona Rillotta

Yellow Room, Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00 pm



NOTRE VOIE DANCE GROUP

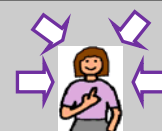
From the Stawell Intertwine Service (Judie Blake) the group will perform & get you having fun while expressing yourself through dance.

Costa Hall, Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00 pm



MAKING INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT WORK—THE CAM CAN STORY

Anthea and Marc will share Cameron's story, who throughout his life has experienced rejection but now at the age of 20, through the efforts of a group of committed family and friends, is a valued member of his local community, is the chief operator of his own business, lives in his own home and is surrounded by friends (more on page 15).



Costa Hall, Opening Ceremony for video of the 'Cam Can' story

Following the morning break, Mark and Anthea will share what they have learnt and answer questions.

Costa Hall, Wednesday 11:15 am - 12.15 pm

OUR STORIES

Three young people from Queensland will share their stories on how they choose to live their lives, planning their lives & have their voices heard.



Presented by Parent to Parent Q'ld - Adrian Kooistra, Ian Pendlebury, Eliza Allsworth

Blue Room, Thursday 11:00 - 12:00 pm

PEER EDUCATION – having a voice in a relationship and sexuality program

Peer educators in the Living Safer Sexual Lives: Respectful Relationships Program will talk about their experiences of being peer educators – why they got involved, what it was like doing the training & running the groups.



Presenters: Latrobe Uni Respectful Relationships Prog., Patsie Frawley & peer educators

White Room, Wednesday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

PILOTS OF THE AIRWAVES

The team from *Dame Pattie Menzies Centre* are back to entertain & inform you. We give you a voice by playing your requests, interviewing conference delegates & giving out information about the conference. Plus you can dance!!!



Costa Hall, Wednesday 1:30 - 2:30 pm

RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY - WHAT WE LEARNED IN EUROPE

What we learned about the UN Convention on the rights of people with disabilities at the Inclusion Congress in 2010 and educating people about the convention to strengthen their voice.



Presented by Speak Out Tas - Judy Hewitt, Peter Hewitt

Grey Room, Thursday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm



SHUT IN CAMPAIGN

VALID and Reinforce have been working in partnership to campaign for the closure of all large scale institutions for people with disabilities and the funding of quality community based services. NCID and People with Disabilities Australia are leading this campaign nationally. This session presents the work done to this point and will discuss the way forward. The session will also include the performance, *Institutional Dreamtime*, about a day in the life of a person in an institution.



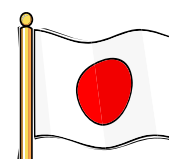
Presented by NCID with Reinforce

Thursday, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

SPEAKING UP IN JAPAN

Presented by Inclusion Japan See blurb on page 11

Green Room, Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00



SUPPORTED DECISION MAKING AND UN CRPD

Presented by Inclusion International—see blurb on page 10

Pink Room, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm



TALKING WITH OUR HANDS

Presentation describes a project in which a client with disability & a speech pathologist work together to increase the use of sign language & the opportunities for social communication at a day program.



Presented by: Central Bayside - Christina Barbarino, Andrea McQueen

Blue Room, Thursday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

THE RESOLUTION HOUR

A musical performance and visual footage depicting the journey of a young group of musicians in their endeavour to gain exposure in the music industry



Presented by: Northern Support Services - Johnathan Andrianopolous, Jack Clinton-Morgan, Katherine Doyle, Susan Dye, Serena Kahn, Jullaine Lavea, Jessica Parraga, Phillipa Swanwick, Jonathan Tham

Costa Hall, 11:00 - 12:00 pm

THE WAY

This DVD shows cases real life stories that attempts to demystify some of the terminology used about the way people with a disability can be supported using principles of a Self Directed Approach. *The film is produced by "Dream Theatre" and was commissioned by the Goulburn Valley Network as part of an Enhancing Capacity Project.*



Blue Room, Wednesday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm



THE TRAVOLTAS

A repertoire of songs written by the band with some cover titles

Performed by the Travoltas Rock Band from Kyeema Support Services

Costa Hall, Thursday 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm



VALID CLIENT NETWORKS UPDATE

Over three hundred people participate in the regular monthly client network meetings across metropolitan Melbourne. Come along to hear about the issues that have been tackled over the last 12 months.



Yellow Room, Thursday 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm

VALID MY RIGHTS TRAINING PROGRAM

Over the past 18 months VALID has been working in partnership with people with disability to develop a training program for people who are subject to restrictive practices. The program talks about human rights and the rights that are available to all Victorian citizens. This session will present an overview of the program and hear from some of the people who have been involved in developing it.



Grey Room, Wednesday, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

WE KNOW OUR HOUSING RIGHTS, DO YOU?

Talking about housing rights and empowering CRU residents to speak up

Presented by AMIDA

Yellow Room, Friday 10:00 am - 11:00 am



WHAT CHEESES ME OFF?

Raise your voice about what cheeses you off & learn what you can do about it.

The session presents top tips for lobbying, making complaints and more. This was a successful session in 2010 & it's back for an encore performance.

Presenters: SARU - Sue Smith & Jane Hauser

Yellow Room, Wednesday, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm



"WHO ARE PEOPLE FIRST NEW ZEALAND AND WHAT DO WE DO?"

See blurb on page 13



WHO HAS THE VOICE TO WIN THE QUIZ

Aussies and Kiwi's battle it out to determine the quiz masters.

See Page 17

Costa Hall, Friday 10:00 am - 11:00 am





WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

Come & play “Human Rights – Who wants to be a Millionaire”. A game show with a twist. Have fun & learn so you can become the voice about Human Rights.

Presenters: SARU - David Banfield, Paul Drew & Jacqui Ward



Yellow Room, Wednesday, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

WHO WANTS TO MAKE A COMPLAINT?

Giving people tips to help them speak up when they are not happy with their service. This will be presented through role play, discussions and games.

Presented by Office of the Disability Services Commissioner ODSC - Anthony Kolmus, Sandra Myerscough



Green Room, Thursday 11:00 - 12:00 pm

WOMEN IN SONG: A WAY TO UNDERSTAND ADVOCACY

As women with disabilities, it is important that we understand our rights & know how to communicate them to others, making our voices heard. This workshop will explore creative ways to understand our rights & express our voices. *Lauren Hayes from Women with Disabilities Vic. are concerned about issues of access to health care, parenting & violence against women with disabilities.*



Costa Hall, Wednesday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

YOU ARE THE VOICE Presented by Special Olympics Victoria

Special Olympics Vic. (SOV) provides year-round sports training & competition for children & adults with an intellectual disability. Three SOV athletes, Jacqui Wischer, Brian Porter & Mark Hutton have all been athletes with SOV for many years & will talk about how Special Olympics has impacted on their lives & what they have done.



Blue Room, Thursday 1:30 - 2:30

YOUR LEISURE CENTRE AND YOU

An interactive workshop where participants are encouraged to bring their voice. *Presented by Action for Community Living Hanna Phillips, Marc Mazzeo and people with disabilities who use leisure centres*



Pink Room, Friday 11th 10:00 am - 11:00 am

YOUR VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY

People with little or no speech have the right to be able to access the community even when they use an alternative method of communication. Learn about different ways of communicating & some of the community based communication boards that have been developed, so that everyone can have communication access in the community.

Presented by Scope - Hank Wyllie & Jennifer Clarke



Blue Room, Wednesday, 11:15 -12:15 pm

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS, YOUR CHOICES

Legal rights of people who have a disability,

Presented by Villamanta Disability Rights Legal Service Inc.



Green Room, Thursday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm



Other stuff!!!!

Tourist Activities



Geelong is a popular tourist destination, with beautiful beaches and the Great Ocean Road on its doorstep. There are many great attractions around Geelong that make lovely afternoon or day trips.



For information on things to do and places to see, please contact Geelong Otway Tourism on 1800 620 888 or drop into their office across the road from the conference venue at 48 Brougham Street.

Websites: www.visitgeelong.org or www.greatoceanroad.org



Registration

If you haven't paid your registration yet please come to the Registration Desk to talk to us about how you will make your payment.



Want a discount on your registration?

Current paid members (individuals and agencies) of VALID can receive a 10% discount off their registration fee. To become a VALID member get a Membership Form from the VALID expo table or after the conference contact our office or download a *Membership Form* off our website.



Ways to pay your Registration (if you haven't already)

VALID accepts cheques, money orders and direct payments.

VALID does not have Credit Card or EFTPOS Payment facilities



To make a direct payment to the VALID account use:

Payee: Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability Inc
Bank: Commonwealth Bank Australia
BSB: 063165
Account: 1002 0977
Payer Reference: (invoice number or surname or organisation name)





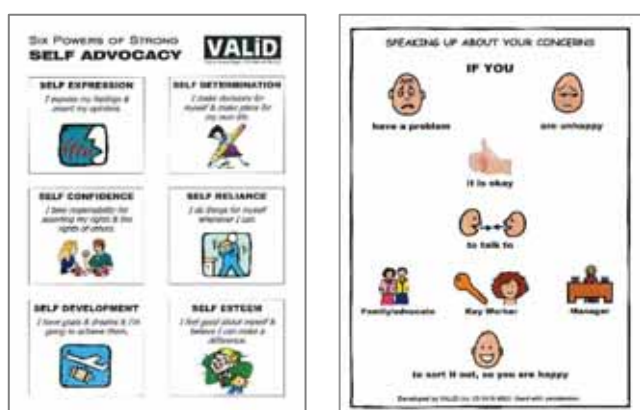
For Sale \$\$\$

Conference DVD

VALID members and groups of three or more who attend the conference will receive one **free copy** of the conference DVD.

An Order Form is in your Conference Bag.

The DVD has approximately 25 minutes of memorable footage from all the main conference events and activities including the Dinner Disco, Presentations & Workshops, Red Faces Competition, Opening Ceremony and Come & Try activities.



VALID Self-Advocacy Resources

Posters, Training Manuals & pictorial information on *rights & responsibilities*

Check out the website
www.valid.org.au/posters.htm

Catalogues are available at the Registration Desk

Souvenir Caps & T-Shirts
 are available to buy
to remember the
Having a Say conference

Caps (blue)
\$6.00 each

T-Shirts
\$15.00 each

Sizes from X Small to 4X Large.





Thank You!!

**For support in planning and
conducting of the conference to**

*All of the individual volunteers
All of the presenters, guest speakers, key note speakers & performers*

Ball & Chain – a great band to rock the Disco
Barb Donovan - Assistance with accessible accommodation
City of Greater Geelong – meeting room for the Organising Committee
dal – delicious morning and afternoon teas and amazing catering staff
DJ Vinnie – for a great 'mix' at the Red Faces Auditions
Sandra Hartkopf - food guide map for Geelong
Elaine Valentine & Team – decorations for the dinner & disco
Encompass Community Services – Volunteer Training & Hosting overseas delegates
Geelong Otway Tourism – conference bags, publicity brochure and donations for prizes
Hungry Hamper - great service & yummy food for the Conference Dinner
Karingal - support with venues, activities & other things!
Lamby's Bar & Tavern - venue for Red Faces Auditions
SOH - for providing bus for transport

... For support of the Come & Try Activities

Asha Prasad – Bollywood Dance
Bowlarama
Cherise Jettner - Drums & Disco Dance
Cricket Victoria
Fishcare Geelong & Districts
Geelong Men's Shed - Woodwork
Gringo's Harley Tours – Harley Rides
Jamie from Existdance – Break Dancing
Jenni Slingsby – Jewellery
Jilda – Yoga
Karingal – Canoeing & Netball
Karingallery – Banner Art
Lesia Dunn – Gentle Exercise
Leslie O' Loughlin-Schultz – Scrapbooking

Leisure Links – Gym & Swimming
Marie McWilliam – Bellyrline Bellydancers
Nat Townsend - Zumba
Seth Howell – Karaoke
Sandra Hartkopf – Kites
Scope BSW - Floristry
Special Olympics Victoria – Bocce & Gymnastics
St Laurence Community Services – Bike Riding & Surfing
 Target Head Office Staff – Hair & Make-up
Tony McDonald - Card Making
Trish Redmond – Drama
Tina Schepis - Art



Thank you to the Organising Committee



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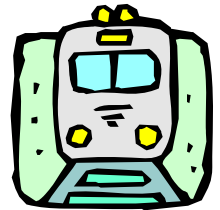




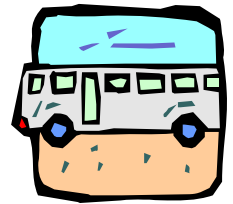
Transport

Trains

There are frequent train services between Melbourne & Geelong through V/line. The trip takes about an hour.



V/Line buses also run from other towns (e.g. Ballarat) directly to Geelong. People who require mobility assistance **need to book with V/Line** in advance.



Timetables & more details available at www.vlinepassenger.com.au or call 136 196.

Airport Transfers

Gull Buslines operates regular buses from Melbourne's *Tullamarine Airport* to Geelong & this currently costs about \$30 one way per person. **Bookings & info 03 5222 4966.**



Avalon Airport, where Jetstar flies to, is only 15 minutes from Geelong. The Avalon Airport Shuttle will take you door to door to any motel/hotel in Geelong & costs about \$17 one way per person. **Bookings & info 03 5278 8788.**

Queenscliff-Sorrento Ferry

Peninsula Searoad Transport operate the car/passenger ferry service 7 days a week, departing each hour on the hour between 7am & 7pm **Bookings & Info 03 5258 3244**



Taxi

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

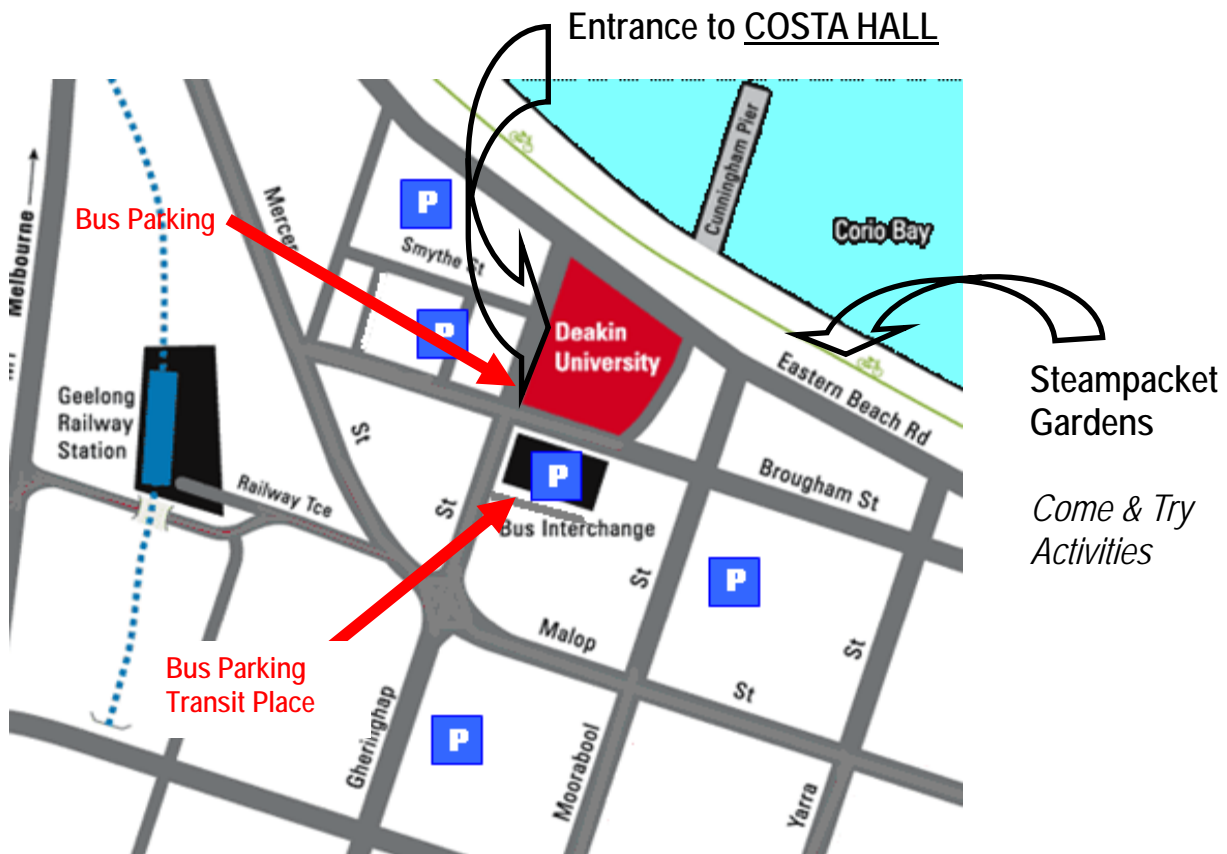
We would strongly advise that you book in advance for Maxi taxis (especially for the disco).

Ph: 131 008 Maxi Ph: 03 5278 5785





Venues & Parking Map



Parking

There are metered car parking spaces at the conference venue, as well as private car parks within walking distance, that cost from \$4 per day. The closest and cheapest is off Smythe Street, opposite Deakin University.

Vehicles displaying a disabled permit may park in Gheringhap Street, between Brougham and Western Beach Road, for the whole day if you pay for the first 3 hours parking.

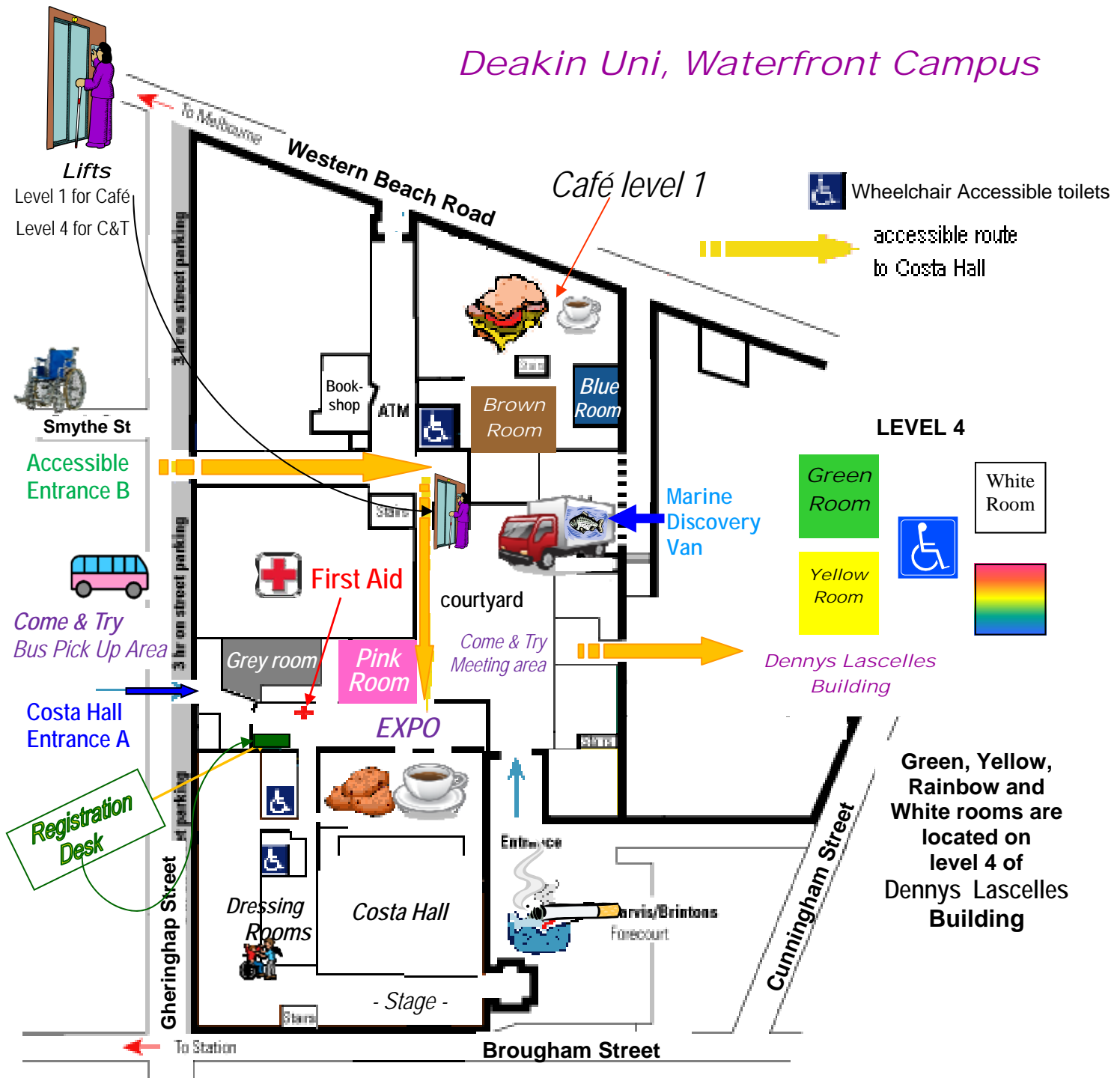
For registered buses there are bus zones in Brougham Street adjacent to Deakin, Gheringhap Street between Brougham and Corio Sts and in Transit place off Gheringhap Street. If the bus has a disabled sticker you can park for the whole day as long as you have paid for the first 3 hours (where applicable) in the designated Bus Parking in Transit Place.

For the Conference dinner the on-site parking is available free of charge at Kardinia Heights Centre.



Venue & Parking

Deakin Uni, Waterfront Campus



Level 4 Rooms

PLEASE NOTE

Please **DO NOT** go up to Level 4 unless you are booked into an activity up there.

*People **not booked** into a Come & Try will be turned away - ie. NO gatecrashing will be allowed.*

