

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM Updated Jan. 08

Note: Some sessions may change – you will get a Final Program in your Registration Bag at the Conference

# Having a Say Conference 2008

## *'Being the Change'*

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008

Deakin University, Waterfront Campus, Geelong, Victoria

**VALID**

Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability



More information about the Having a Say Conference is available from [www.valid.org.au](http://www.valid.org.au)

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**Wednesday 6th February 2008**

9 - 9.45am	<b>Registration</b>	Grab your Registration Package, get a Coffee & start planning your day!						
		<i>Foyer</i>						
9.45am – 10.45am	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	<p align="center"><b>Official Welcome &amp; Opening</b></p> <p align="center">'Welcome to Country' performed by Wathaurong; Opening by the Mayor of City of Greater Geelong , performance &amp; 'Open Mike'</p>						
		<i>Costa Hall (Auditorium)</i>						
10.45am - 11.15am	<b>Break</b>	Morning Tea break						
		<i>Foyer</i>						
11.15am - 12.15pm	<b>Choice of Sessions</b>	<p>Come &amp; Try / Performance</p> <p>Singing – songs by request</p> <p>Auditorium</p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>'Club Wild' <i>Club Wild &amp; 'Wake Up to Awakenings' Awakenings Festival</i></p> <p>Red Room</p>	<p>Workshop</p> <p>'Rights at Work' <i>DEAC Legal Service</i></p> <p>Blue Room</p>	<p>NCID Workshop</p> <p>'Value of Self Advocacy' <i>Our Voice – Tasmania</i></p> <p>Yellow Room</p>	<p>Come &amp; Try</p> <p>Say it with Badges Drama - K Indigenous Workshop</p> <p>Courtyard</p>	<p>Come &amp; Try</p> <p>10 Pin Bowling (11.15am to 12.45pm) Drums Fishing</p> <p>Main Entrance</p>	<p><b>ADVOCACY</b></p> <p>'Planning Pathways for your Family Member' <i>Parents as Partners</i></p> <p><b>Green Room</b></p>
12.15pm - 1.30pm	<b>Lunch</b>	<p align="center">Have lunch with friends in town or on the waterfront.</p> <p align="center">Check out the Conference Expo.</p>						
1.30pm – 2.30pm	<b>Choice of Sessions</b>	<p>Performance</p> <p>'Shake Your Booty' <i>Encompass &amp; 'Deep End' ARBIAS</i></p> <p>Auditorium</p>	<p>Presentation</p> <p>'Making the Change' <i>Moe Life Skills &amp; 'Taking Control through Personal Development' ACL</i></p> <p>Red Room</p>	<p>Workshop</p> <p>'Housing Rights Today' <i>AMIDA</i></p> <p>Blue Room</p> <p>Dreams and Aspirations</p> <p>Pink Room</p>	<p>NCID Workshop</p> <p>'Social Inclusion' <i>Our Voice – Western Australia</i></p> <p>Yellow Room</p>	<p>Come &amp; Try</p> <p>Say it with Badges Belly Dancing Drama - K Gentle Exercise</p> <p>Courtyard</p>	<p>Come &amp; Try</p> <p>On your Bike Drums AFL Clinic Fishing</p> <p>Main Entrance</p>	<p><b>ADVOCACY</b></p> <p>'Making Life Good in the Community' <i>KRS Research Project Team</i></p> <p><b>Green Room</b></p>

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2.30 - 3pm	<b>Break</b>	Foyer							Afternoon Tea break
3.00 - 4.00pm	<b>Choice of Sessions</b>	Presentation Individual Achievements Auditorium	Presentation 'Living with ABI' <i>Chris &amp; Jane</i> & 'Making Dreams a Reality' <i>ARBIAS</i> Red Room	Workshop 'Steps to Self Advocacy' <i>DRAS</i> Blue Room	NCID Workshop 'Employment' <i>Our Voice – New South Wales</i> Yellow Room	Come & Try Relaxation Belly Dancing Singing Bocce Gentle Exercise Courtyard	Come & Try Art Unlimited Music Jam (3.30 – 4.30) Sea Kayaking (3.30 – 4.30) Fishing Main Entrance	<b>ADVOCACY</b> 'When is a House a Home' <i>Alan Robertson &amp; 'Create Access Accommodation' CREATE Geelong</i> Green Room	
7.00pm	<b>Social Activities (optional)</b>	<b>Red Faces Competition</b> Watch the contestants & enjoy a fun night <i>(Note: meals for purchase, but MUST book a table before the day)</i> <i>Lamby's Bar &amp; Tavern</i>				<b>Social Gathering</b> Get to know others by having a meal & a chat <i>(Note: no formal activity / variety meals for purchase)</i> <i>Wharf Shed cafe</i>			

**ACRONYMS:**

ABI - Acquired Brain Injury  
 ACL - Action for Community Living  
 AMIDA - Action for More Independence & Dignity in Accommodation  
 ARBIAS - Alcohol Related Brain Injury Australian Service  
 BSW - Barwon South West:  
 Comm - Communication  
 DEAC - Disability Employment Access Centre  
 DHS - Department of Human Services  
 Dis - Disability  
 DO - Distinctive Options  
 DOV - Disability Opportunities Victoria  
 DRAS - Disability Rights and Advocacy Service

KRS - Kew Residential Services  
 MLA - Member of the Legislative Assembly  
 NCID - National Council on Intellectual Disability  
 PAST - Peninsula Access Support & Training  
 QA - Quality Assurance  
 Servs - Services  
 TBC - To be confirmed  
 VALID - Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability  
 VICDEAF - The Victorian Deaf Society  
 DO - Distinctive Options  
 VICNORD - The Victorian Network on Recreation and Disability  
 WRDNSB - Western Region Disability Network Speakers Bank

**Thursday 7th February 2008**

8.45am - 9.30am	<b>Registration</b>	Grab your Registration Package if its your first day .....get a Coffee & start planning your day!						
		<i>Foyer</i>						
9.30am - 10.30am	<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	Key Note Presentation: Simon Duffy, from 'In Control', United Kingdom Performance: 'Encore Theatre' (Karingal) & Open Mike						
		<i>Auditorium</i>						
10.30 – 11.00am	<b>Break</b>	Morning Tea						
		<i>Foyer</i>						
11.00am – 12 noon	<b>Choice of Sessions</b>	Performance 'The Line Up' & 'Anti Different People' <i>Noweyung</i> 'Singing Our Songs' <i>DOV</i> <i>Auditorium</i>	Presentation 'Out of the Box' <i>SCOPE</i> & 'Changing My World' <i>Karingal</i> <i>Red Room</i>	Presentation 'Our Story Should be Told' <i>WRDNSB</i> & Talking 'bout Disability' <i>PAST</i> <i>Blue Room</i>	NCID Workshop 'Our Voice Committee Meeting' <i>Our Voice</i> <i>Yellow Room</i>	Come & Try Say it with Badges DO Art Karaoke Latin Dance <i>Courtyard</i>	Come & Try 10 Pin Bowling (11 – 12.30pm) Soccer Harley Rides <i>Main Entrance</i>	<b>ADVOCACY</b> 'In Control' – individualised Funding approaches <i>Simon Duffy</i> <b>Green Room</b>
12pm – 1.30pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Have lunch with friends on the waterfront or at a café nearby <i>Harley Rides (for people who have booked it as a Come &amp; Try Activity)</i>						

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1.30pm – 2.30pm	<b>Choice of Sessions</b>	Performance 'Round the Bend and Back again' <i>Antz Pantz Arts</i>	Presentation 'Speaking up for yourself' VALID Self Advocacy Forum & Client Networks	Presentation 'Look, Stop & Listen' <i>Karingal Training</i>	NCID Workshop 'My Story' <i>Our Voice – Queensland</i>	Come & Try Say it with Badges Hair & Make Up Jewellery Latin Dance	Come & Try On your Bike Bollard Walk Harley Rides	<b>ADVOCACY</b> 'Direct Payments' <i>DHS Southern Region</i>
		Auditorium	Red Room	Blue Room	Yellow Room	Courtyard	Main Entrance	Green Room
2.30 – 3pm	<b>Break</b>	Afternoon Tea break <i>Foyer</i>						
3.00pm - 4.00pm	<b>Choice of Sessions</b>	Presentation Individual Achievements	Presentation 'Getting Active - Inclusive Leisure' <i>VICNORD</i> & 'Your Legal Rights workshop' <i>Villamanta</i>	Presentation 'No BS Planning' <i>EW Tipping</i> & 'Skills based Training' <i>VICDEAF</i>	NCID Workshop 'Keeping your Disability Support Pension' <i>Our Voice - Victoria</i>  Yellow Room  'Dreams & Aspirations' Workshop	Come & Try Hair & Make Up Jewellery Relaxation Bocce	Come & Try Music Jam (3.30 – 4.30) Sea Kayaking (3.30 – 4.30)	<b>ADVOCACY</b> Disability Services Commissioner <b>Green Room</b>  'Empowering People through Communication' <i>SCOPE BSW</i>
		Auditorium	Red Room	Blue Room	Pink Room	Courtyard	Main Entrance	Orange Room
7.00pm – 10.30pm	<b>Dinner &amp; Dance</b>	<b>Conference Dinner &amp; Disco bought to you by Hot Goss Dance Parties</b> Featuring the 'Alkira Bandits' & 'Ball and Chain' <i>Kardinia Heights Centre</i>						<b>Advocacy Stream</b> Dinner & Speaker

**Friday 8th February 2008**

8.45 – 9.30am	<b>Registration</b>	Grab your Registration Package if its your first day .....get a Coffee & start planning your day! <i>Foyer</i>						
9.30am – 10.30am	<b>Choice of Sessions</b>	Presentation Individual Achievements Auditorium	Presentation ‘Consumer Participation’ <i>Care Connect &amp; ‘Participant Reference Group’ Impact Leisure Service</i> Red Room	Presentation ‘Bungy Jumping lawyers & love’ <i>SCOPE &amp; TBC</i> Blue Room	Workshop Dreams & Aspirations Yellow Room	Come & Try Art Jewellery Break dancing Bocce Courtyard	Come & Try Cricket Surfing (9-11.30) Fishing 10 Pin Bowling Theatre Games Main Entrance	<b>ADVOCACY</b> Launch of the Post-School Options Resource Guide – ‘Explore the Possibilities’ VALID Green Room
10.30am - 11.00am	<b>Break</b>	Morning Tea Have your say about the conference or about issues on AMIDA’s Radio Show ‘Raising our Voices’ <i>Foyer</i>						
11.00am – 12noon	<b>Choice of Sessions</b>	Performance ‘Thumbs Up’ <i>The Meeting Place</i> Auditorium	Presentation ‘The All Abilities Events Team’ <i>Maribyrnong City Council &amp; ‘Living the Change’ Curt Gouma</i> Red Room	Workshop ‘Community Inclusion in a Country Town’ <i>Mulleraterong &amp; ‘Get Ready’ Cooinda Hill</i> Blue Room	Workshop ‘Being Part of Your Person Centred Plan’ VALID Yellow Room	Come & Try Art Break dancing Bocce Courtyard	Come & Try Cricket Fishing Bollard Walk Theatre Games Main Entrance	<b>ADVOCACY</b> The Senior Practitioner’s role - <i>Senior Practitioner</i> Green Room
12.15pm – 1.00pm	<b>Combined (all together)</b>	Closing Ceremony Featuring: Red Faces Competition Final; presentation of the NCID ‘Our Voice’ Award & Open Mike Auditorium						
1.00pm – 2.00pm	<b>Lunch</b>	BBQ lunch Steampacket Gardens – Waterfront Geelong						