

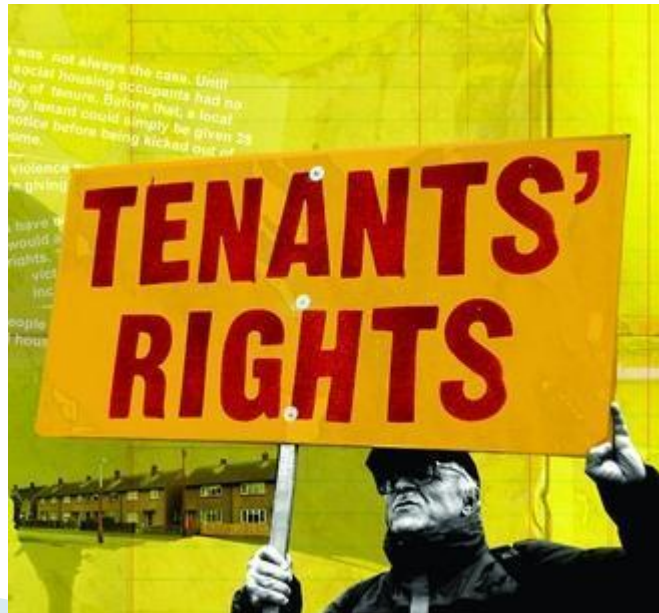
**AMIDA**

**Action for More Independence  
and Dignity in Accommodation**  
**Pauline Williams**



# Intro

- ▶ About AMIDA
- ▶ About Advocacy and Rights Info
- ▶ Useful Services and Links



# AMIDA

[www.amida.org.au/](http://www.amida.org.au/)

- ▶ AMIDA is a disability advocacy group.
- ▶ AMIDA has a strong focus on self advocacy.
- ▶ How can you be a good advocate?

**Step 1**  
**Know Your Rights**

# What does AMIDA do?

- ▶ AMIDA's core advocacy funding is federal
- ▶ Systemic Advocacy
- ▶ Individual Advocacy
- ▶ Self Advocacy
- ▶ Family Advocacy



# Self advocacy groups

Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU)

<http://www.saru.net.au>

You can call 9639 6856 email

[saru@rosshouse.org.au](mailto:saru@rosshouse.org.au)



# Rights information

- ▶ **Getting into the Act DVD**
- ▶ **Getting into the Act Book**



# Rights information continued

ACT resources group

<http://www.actresources.com.au>

There is a free iphone/ipad app . Go to the apple store and search Be the Boss to download





# Residents Rights training

- ▶ AMIDA's Systemic Campaigning has led to recognition of residential rights under the Disability Act but residents need to be informed they have rights and how to use them





# Housing; Know Your Rights

- ▶ DVD and Booklet

[www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=Wtpu480E9zI](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=Wtpu480E9zI)

- ▶ Any enquiries about the project or the FREE Training Session, interested people should contact the Project Worker by phoning: 9650 6810 or emailing: [cmay@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cmay@bigpond.net.au)



# United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability

This project is producing posters , DVD, quiz books on the UN rights such as;

- ▶ Equality
- ▶ Go Where You Want
- ▶ Live Independently in the Community



# The Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission

- ▶ In Victoria it is against the law for a landlord or owner to deny you a rental property because you have a disability.
- ▶ [www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/index.php?option=com\\_k2&view=item&id=1535:discrimination-and-renting-know-your-rights-oct-2011&Itemid=688](http://www.humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=1535:discrimination-and-renting-know-your-rights-oct-2011&Itemid=688)
- ▶ 1300 292 153 9am–5pm Monday– Friday
- ▶ [enquiries@veohrc.vic.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@veohrc.vic.gov.au)
- ▶ [humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/](http://humanrightscommission.vic.gov.au/)



# Consumer Affairs Victoria

- ▶ Tenants rights are outlined in the Residential Tenancies Act.

[www.consumer.vic.gov.au/housing-and-accommodation](http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/housing-and-accommodation)

- ▶ Text and audio versions of “Renting a Home: A guide for tenants”



# Consumer Affairs continued

- ▶ [www.consumer.vic.gov.au/resources-and-education/consumers-with-a-disability/how-we-can-assist-you](http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/resources-and-education/consumers-with-a-disability/how-we-can-assist-you)
- ▶ CAV provide free one-to-one advocacy for people with a disability who need extra help with a consumer issue.



# Tenants Union of Victoria

- ▶ [www.tuv.org.au/](http://www.tuv.org.au/)
- ▶ The Tenants Handbook
- ▶ [www.tuv.org.au/articles/files/resources/Tenants\\_Handbook\\_April\\_2012.pdf](http://www.tuv.org.au/articles/files/resources/Tenants_Handbook_April_2012.pdf)



# Tenants Union of Victoria

- ▶ provide advice, assistance and advocacy for tenants
- ▶ Free and confidential telephone, drop-in and email advice service to tenants and residents renting in Victoria.
- ▶ (03) 9416 2577

## Phone advice hours

- ▶ 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday  
1.00pm to 8.00pm Wednesday

## Drop-in advice hours

- ▶ 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- ▶ 1.00pm to 8.00pm Wednesday
- ▶ No appointment necessary. Ground floor  
55 Johnston Street  
Fitzroy Victoria
- ▶ [admin@tuv.org.au](mailto:admin@tuv.org.au)





# Other services

- ▶ Social Housing Advocacy Support Program SHASP  
<http://www.housing.vic.gov.au/living-in-housing/support-services/social-housing-advocacy-and-support-program>
- ▶ Council to Homeless Persons – Homelessness Advocacy Service (HAS)
- ▶ 2 Stanley St, Collingwood 3066  
Ph: 9419 8699  
Freecall: 1800 066 256
- ▶ <http://www.chp.org.au/>



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