

AMIDA NEWS

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AMIDA (Action for More Independence & Dignity in Accommodation) is a disability advocacy group that works on housing issues. This means we speak up for people with a disability or help them to speak up for themselves about problems they have with their housing.

NDIS Appeals



Are you unhappy with your **ndis plan, or a decision made by the **ndia**?**

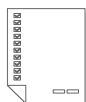
If so, the **NDIS Appeals** support service at AMIDA can help.



What could you be unhappy about?

The NDIA said you can't get support from them (you're **not eligible**)

Your plan isn't right (you need more or different **supports**)



How does the service work?

It's **free**!

It is for **anybody** who has received an NDIS decision that they are unhappy with. Helps you request a **review**, make an **appeal** and apply for legal aid (if needed).

What can I do if I'm not happy with my **ndis plan?**

Get in touch with Kathryn.



email: appeals@amida.org.au or phone: **03 9650 2722**

The NDIS Appeals Support service is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. For more information visit: <https://www.dss.gov.au/>

National Disability Insurance Scheme

Melbourne City Mission has developed a planning tool for preparing for your NDIS plan. People from trial sites report that it sometimes took a few goes and it's easy to forget things. There is a lot to consider and it is important you have time to talk to family and friends, to think and to plan. This tool is designed to help you do that.

NDIS Planning Tool - <http://www.daru.org.au/resource/12097>

For more information about this resource, contact ABI & Disability Intake Services at Melbourne City Mission: T: 1800 343 287

AMIDA AGM

10th October, 2017

**10:00am - 2.00pm
Hayden Raysmith Room
4th Floor, Ross House
247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne**

RSVP: 9650 2722 or amida@amida.org.au

Resolution to be put to the AGM:

After investigating our financial options the Committee of AMIDA proposes

'that AMIDA appoints Collins & Co as the Financial Auditor from the 2017/18 financial year'

Moved - Carmel Laragy

Seconded - Lincoln Humphreys

Daisy Serong - 1942 - 2017



AMIDA says good-bye to one of its long-time members and supporters, as Daisy Serong died on 9th July.

Daisy's story began in 1942, and after being removed from her family at 2 years of age, she spent time with the nuns at Abbotsford Convent, before moving between several orphanages and convents. She also lived for a time at Royal Park Hospital, and was then sent

to Sunbury Asylum which became known as Caloola Training Centre.

After 30 years Daisy was reunited with her brother John at a dance. He was also living at Sunbury, and although he looked familiar she had not realised he was her brother.

In 1983 Daisy moved into the community with the support of her great friend Mary Day from Citizen Advocacy Sunbury.

Daisy began to learn about her rights outside the institution, and along with her brother John, became a self-advocate and an advocate for people with intellectual disability. She was determined that everyone should learn about their rights and this is where Daisy's connection with AMIDA started. Daisy participated in many aspects of AMIDA's work, and she was particularly enthusiastic about the AMIDA/Reinforce radio show Raising Our Voices.

Although Daisy had retired from active advocacy work, her legacy is widespread, as are memories of her gentle determination. Her efforts for other people will not be forgotten, and her work has seen institutions closed and treatment of people with intellectual disability improved. Her work remains the basis for self advocacy and the closure of institutions. We will all miss Daisy, but she will never be forgotten.



My Tribute to Daisy

I first met Daisy in 1990.

I first started working for People First of Victoria in February, 1990 and Daisy was on the committee. Our very first conference we went on together was in Sydney in June 1990.

We were in videos and we did 'home of the brave' and many more.

In 1990 we worked on 2 projects together with Women's Health West in Footscray. The projects were called 'Paps I Should' and 'Breast for me' to give women information about how to stay healthy. We have become great friends and I am going to miss you on the phone and in person, and I am going to miss our friendship we shared over the years. You have become a very special part of my life through the good times and the bad.

You are at peace with your brother John and we will meet again one day

Goodbye my friend I will never forget you.

Janice Slattery

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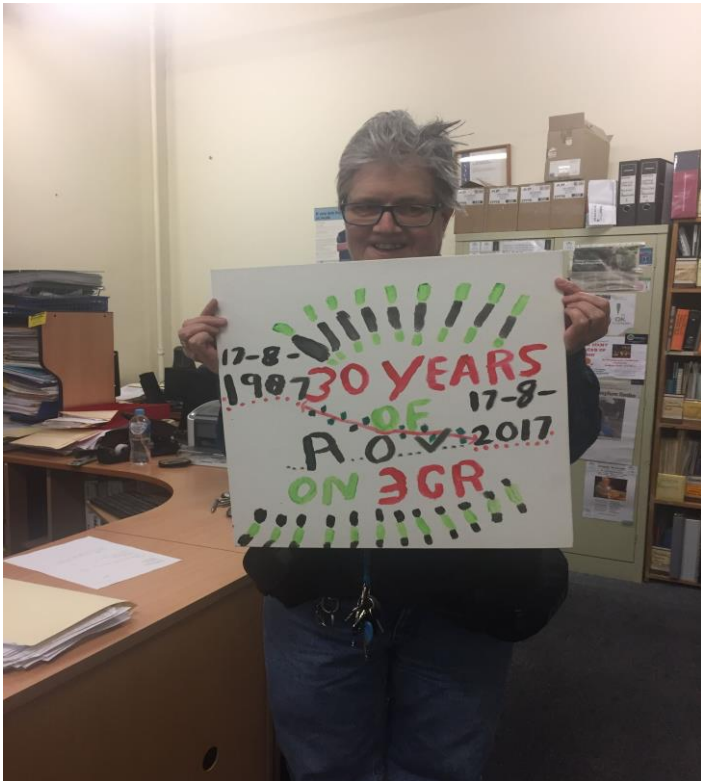
Raising Our Voices Radio show on 3CR

2nd Wednesday of each month at 6.00 – 6.30pm

Raising Our Voices is now podcast - Go to: www.3cr.org.au/raisingourvoices and download Raising Our Voices to your computer.



Copies of the radio shows are available from AMIDA on CD or audio tape, website www.amida.org.au



Painted by Amanda Millear

July, 2017

Celebration for Raising Our Voices
&

Through the Eyes of a Friend

In August, 2017 Raising Our Voices will have been on the air for 30 years. Back in 1987 a dedicated group of people with an intellectual disability who were passionate about their rights decided they needed a voice on Melbourne's airwaves. They got support from Reinforce, a self-advocacy group, AMIDA, a housing rights group and community radio 3CR 855am.

Raising Our Voices has been raising the issues that people with a disability face in their own words and voices. The half hour show has covered issues about housing, abuse in institutions, and the goal of community living for all people with a disability.

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The AMIDA office is usually open:

Monday 9.30 - 5.00
 Tuesday 9.30 – 5.00
 Wednesday 9.30 - 5.00
 Thursday & Friday 9.30 - 5.00

Please phone AMIDA for an appointment: 9650 2722

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