

# 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.

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## From the Vic Budget 2016/2017

“Getting Ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme. The National Disability Insurance Scheme is the biggest social reform since Medicare. The Victorian Government is committed to the successful rollout of the Scheme for people with disability and their families. This funding will prepare for and facilitate the first stage of the rollout. This initiative provides funding to support the closure of Colanda Residential Services and will construct ten new dwellings and refurbish an existing property in Warrnambool. This initiative contributes to the Department of Health and Human Services’ Disability Services output.”

## From the ‘Herald Sun’ 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2016

“The Victorian Government has committed \$61 million to roll out the first stage of the National Disability Insurance Scheme, which commences on July 1.

Under the initial stages, Victoria’s last disability institution Colanda Residential Services will be shut, while almost \$11 million will be spent upgrading properties for individuals and groups with disabilities.”

### The AMIDA Committee for 2016:

Chair	-	Peter Waters
Assistant Chair	-	Norrie Blythman & Luke Stone
Treasurer	-	Brenda Lacey
Assistant Treasurer	-	James Teeken
Secretary	-	Norrie Blythman
Ordinary Member	-	Trudy Ryall, Simon Chong, Amanda Millear, Lincoln Humphries

### New AMIDA Committee members wanted

Are you interested in becoming involved in AMIDA's work? We are looking for people to join our Management Committee. You will need to be committed to our work, have experience and/or expertise in disability, housing, or committee management. We have meetings monthly on Tuesdays from 10.00am - 1.00pm. Please contact us to discuss what is involved, and what you can contribute - 9650 2722. **We support and encourage people with disabilities to be involved in our work.**

**If you would prefer to receive your AMIDA NEWS by email, please let us know.**

### Raising Our Voices Radio show on 3CR

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6.00 – 6.30pm

**Raising Our Voices is now podcast** - Go to: [www.3cr.org.au/raisingourvoices](http://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](http://www.amida.org.au)*



### NDIS

NDIS has released its Specialist Disability Accommodation Position Paper on Draft Pricing & Payment. AMIDA was pleased to see the approach particularly, "The NDIA has explicitly limited the maximum number of residents to five. The Agency is of the view that, in line with current industry practice, larger models than this are not optimal for long term participant outcomes and limit opportunities for inclusion".

AMIDA is supportive of this approach, however, we need to ensure swift progress occurs to close all existing institutions.

The other major feature of the position paper is the fact that housing and support provision are to be separately funded.

"The separation of funding for the actual accommodation and...support is important because it gives participants choice and control over the supports they receive. An individual is not tied to receiving support from a specific provider just because of the place they choose to live".

For more information on the Paper, please follow this link:

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/news/sda-news>

Banyule council has provided some information on the NDIS:

<http://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Services/Diverse-Communities-and-Social-Inclusion/People-with-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 9.30 - 5.00

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