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Raising Our Voices 10.12.2014

This month we are LIVE from The National Disability Awards , which are held each year as part of the International Day of People with Disability celebrations. Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU) were finalists in Improving Advocacy and Rights Promotion Award. Jane and Pauline vox popped and spoke to other finalists from the ceremony. Congratulations! to the winners First Peoples Disability Network, from Redfern NSW
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Raising Our Voices 12.11.2014

Sue Smith, Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU) Coordinator live session from the Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference 2014 with Change with No Change: ideas for making change happen when you have little or no money. [Download](#)

Raising Our Voices 8.10.2014

Tim, James and Pauline from AMIDA. James tells us all about the Branching Out art show (<http://art.acso.org.au/>) and his new job selling the Big Issue. There's more lucky dips from self advocacy resources you might find useful, and discussion on transport and accessibility.

Raising Our Voices 10.09.2014

Sue Smith from the Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU) joins Tim and Pauline from AMIDA to explain how the self advocacy model works and why it matters. [Download](#)

Raising Our Voices 14.08.2014

Raising Our Voices celebrates 27 years on air this month. Pauline Williams and Luke Nelson take a look at the state of Victorian politics for housing and disability services in light of the NDIS. [Download](#)

Raising Our Voices 14.05.2014

Norrie, Tim and Maria speak with Kairsty Wilson from AED Legal Centre (Association of Employees with Disability) about wages for workers in Disability Enterprises. In December 2012, the Full Federal Court ruled that the Business Services Wage Assessment Tool (BSWAT) used to set wages for employees with intellectual disability in ADEs was unlawful under the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). In November 2013, the United Nations recommended Australia immediately stop using BSWAT. The fight for wage justice continues. [Download](#)

Raising Our Voices 09.04.2014

Norrie, Tim, Luke and Pauline spoke with people at Flinders Street train station about Public Transport in Melbourne. Apparently Passenger satisfaction is at its highest level in five years, according to the results of the most recent quarterly telephone surveys of travellers using Melbourne's trains, trams, buses and taxis. Not sure who they surveyed but they weren't at Flinders St today! [Download](#)

Raising Our Voices 12.03.2014

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Raising Our Voices | Feb 2014

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Raising Our Voices | 13 February 2014

More highlights from Caloola 21 – a forum late last year which brought together ex-residents, staff, advocates, community visitors, friends and family to commemorate the closing down of this notorious institution. This month Kay Setches, the Minister for Community Services at the time and Brendan Marsh, Training Officer with the Office of the Public Advocate talk about the impact the closure had.

Raising Our Voices | 8 January 2014

On today's show we bring you highlights from Caloola 21 – a forum organised by the Office of the Public Advocate which brought together ex-residents, staff, advocates,

community visitors, friends and family to commemorate the closing down of this notorious institution. Graeme Williams, Chris Borthwick and Kate Kennedy were among many who spoke at the forum.

Raising Our Voices | 11 December 2013

Lisa and Peta discuss Acquired Brain Injury and the self advocacy group Brain Injury Matters (BIM). For more info on the group and events run by BIM visit www.bim.org.au

Raising Our Voices | 14 October 2013

It's 21 years since Melbourne institution Caloola closed down.

Ray and Terry join James and Pauline to talk about their experiences of living there. On Nov 7 there is a reunion to celebrate the closure of the Caloola Training Centre – Caloola21. For more info contact the Office of the Public Advocate 9603 9532 OR AMIDA 9650 2722

Raising Our Voices | September 2013

Susan and Andrew tell us about the issues parents with intellectual disabilities face in raising their children. They are both part of Powerful Parenting – a support group for parents with intellectual disabilities who have lost their children or at risk of losing their children to protective services.

Raising Our Voices | 14 August 2013

Amanda Hiscoe and Susan Arthur discuss the Carbon Tax Supplement, which is at risk with the latest rent rise for public housing tenants. James Teekan talks to Anna Hickey from the National Stroke Foundation about the organisation's support services and National Stroke Week (Sept 9-15) 2013

Raising Our Voices | 10 July 2013

Jane Rosengrave (formerly Houser) talks to Donna Watts, David Martin and Simon Gardiner from Open Place – an advocacy service that co-ordinates and provides direct assistance to people who grew up in Victorian orphanages and homes (Music: Nobodies Childs – Irene Ryder)

Raising Our Voices | 10 June 2013

Radiothon!!! THANKS a million to everyone who donated to keep us on air for another year. 3CR is still short of the overall \$210,000 target, so if you'd like to help us out, you can still donate online or call 03 94198377. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Raising Our Voices | May 2013

Jane Houser presents highlights from the 2012 SARU Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference. You'll hear all about how grassroots disability activists build networks and connections to strengthen self advocacy in the sector. <http://www.daru.org.au/strengthening-disability-advocacy-conference>

Raising Our Voices | 10 Apr 2013

Is Melbourne really the most liveable city for people with disabilities? Peter Waters speaks with Jodie Willmer from Travellers Aid Australia about what support services are available for everyday travel in and around Melbourne www.travellersaid.org.au

Raising Our Voices | 13 Mar 2013

Kate Kennedy talks to Pauline Williams from AMIDA about institutions. Kate was a volunteer at Caloola (Sunbury) and shares her experiences of the history and problems with some Victorian institutions. WARNING The content of this may be distressing to some listeners.

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Raising Our Voices | Jan 2013

We're turning 25! So this month we're bringing highlights from our first 25 years on air. Make sure you stay tuned for the next 25! Thanks to everyone who has been involved over the years. Contact amida.org.au for more info about the program

Raising Our Voices | 13 Dec 2012

Returning from his Whacky Scooter Bash, Peter 'Muddy' Waters catches up again with Ray and Pauline about his 13 day long fundraising effort where he rode by scooter from Sydney to Melbourne to raise money for The Lions Children.

<http://www.variety.org.au/VIC/Events/Muddys-Whacky-Scooter-Bash/>.

Raising Our Voices | 14 Nov 2012

Brain Injury Matters – Laura and Lisa were interviewed about Brain Injury Matters the organisation

Raising Our Voices 10.10.2012

October 12, 2012 - 1:04pm

Ray Groves and Pauline Williams talk to Peter "Muddy" Waters about Muddy's Whacky Scooter Bash. A 13 day long fundraising effort where Peter rides by scooter from Sydney to Melbourne. to raise money for The Lions Children Mobility Foundation and Variety

Children's Charity. For info or to donate <http://www.variety.org.au/VIC/Events/Muddys-Whacky-Scooter-Bash/>

[Raising Our Voices 12.09.2012](#)

September 12, 2012 - 5:00pm

Luke Stone, Susan Arthur and Tim Eson are joined by Bernie Carolan from the Transport Ticketing Authority (TTA) to have chat about all things MYKI www.amida.org.au

[Raising Our Voices 08.08.12](#)

August 8, 2012 - 6:01pm

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[Raising Our Voices 11.07.12](#)

July 12, 2012 - 11:55am

Norrie Blythman and Pauline Williams speak to James Teeken about his experiences of moving into independent living. After 15 years living in a community residential unit (a CRU) James recently moved out into a flat sharing with one other. www.amida.org.au

[Raising Our Voices 06.06.12](#)

June 7, 2012 - 2:32pm

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[Raising Our Voices 09.05.12](#)

May 10, 2012 - 11:00am

Do you know about People First in New Zealand? Tune in to hear all about it. The team from Raising Our Voices is coming to you live again from the 2012 Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference, "You Be the Judge: Disability Advocacy and the Legal System" Hosted by DARU, SARU and VDAN. For more info <http://www.daru.org.au> / and <http://www.peoplefirst.org.nz>

[Raising Our Voices 11.04.2012](#)

April 12, 2012 - 1:28pm

This month we're coming to you live from the 2012 Strengthening Disability Advocacy Conference. This year's theme is "You Be the Judge: Disability Advocacy and the legal system." Hosted by DARU, SARU and VDAN. For more info <http://www.daru.org.au/>

[Raising Our Voices 14.03.2012](#)

March 13, 2012 - 2:53pm

Amanda Hiscoe talks with Leah Hobson from AFDO about changes to the Disability Support Pension coming in 2012. These include changes to the impairment tables, hours you can work and involvement in participation meetings for under 35 year olds. Contact AFDO if you have any questions about how these changes may affect you (03) 9662 3324

Raising Our Voices 08.02.12

February 9, 2012 - 12:00pm

In the last of our Summer Highlights Series Des and Kaye speak with Gareth and Christine from Club Wild and Peter and James O'Brien from Every Australian Counts Campaign discuss the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Raising Our Voices 11.01.2012

January 12, 2012 - 12:00pm

Highlights from our 2011 International Day of Disability live broadcast from Federation Square. Peter Waters spoke with Jane Hauser from Reinforce and Brenda Lacey from Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) and Norrie Blythman from AMIDA about their campaign work.

Raising Our Voices 14.12.11

December 15, 2011 - 2:15pm

Peter Waters catches up with James O'Brien from the Every Australian Counts Campaign, with a wrap up of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) what's happening in 2011 and what can we expect in 2012.

<http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au>

Raising Our Voices 09.11.2011

November 10, 2011 - 12:55pm

This month we revisit Every Australian Counts, the campaign for the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). <http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/>. Peter Waters and Kay Forster catch up with James O'Brien from Every Australian Counts

Raising Our Voices 12.10.2011

October 13, 2011 - 2:22pm

Des and Kay are joined by Gareth and Christina from Club Wild: participation and creative expression of people with a disability through music, video and performance. The next fully accessible, all abilities friendly disco event is Don't Dis My Disco Dance at North Melbourne Town Hall Saturday 5 November 6pm -10pm <http://www.clubwild.net>
Get down!

Raising Our Voices 12.10.2011

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[Raising Our Voices 14.09.2011](#)

September 14, 2011 - 5:30pm

David Banfield and Luke Stone talk about the longest running self advocacy group in Victoria, Reinforce. Based in Melbourne, Reinforce provides training, resources, lobbies government, holds forums, and promotes socialising and networking. Reinforce is run almost entirely by volunteers. <http://reinforce.org.au/>

[Raising Our Voices 10.08.2011](#)

August 10, 2011 - 11:00pm

Peter Waters is joined by Pauline Williams from Action for More Independence & Dignity in Accommodation (AMIDA) with an update on AMIDA's advocacy work and some issues we are fighting on. We discussed our new website www.amida.org.au and www.actresources.com.au

[Raising Our Voices 13.07.11](#)

July 14, 2011 - 3:07pm

This month Peter speaks with James O'Brien (Every Australian Counts) about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Every Australian Counts is the campaign for the introduction of a NDIS. <http://everyaustraliancounts.com.au/>. With Kay Forster and Peter Waters.

[Raising Our Voices 08 Jun 2011](#)

June 9, 2011 - 4:03pm

Radiothon!!! We are still short of our target by \$350. If you would like to help us out, you can SMS a donation to 0488 930 855 anytime OR donate online or call 03 94198377. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. THANKS a million to everyone who has donated already. Help us keep Our Voices Raised.

[Raising Our Voices 11.05.2011](#)

May 12, 2011 - 3:42pm

Paul, Jane and Sue recently attended The Pacific Disability Forum in NZ. They speak with Kay about what they learnt from participating in the conference. <http://www.pacificdisability.org/>

[Raising Our Voices 13.04.2011](#)

April 14, 2011 - 4:07pm

Ray and Pauline talk to Allan and Des about their experiences of living in hostels. After recently moving into new facilities Allan talks about some of the issues for residents and Des introduces us to some of the people who work and volunteer at his.

Raising Our Voices 13.10.2010

October 14, 2010 - 2:23pm

Did you know that if you are a Disability Support Pensioner you are eligible to receive a Myki Sunday Pass to get free travel on a Sunday and from 1st January 2011 on a Saturday as well? This month Norrie Blythman and Luke Stone speak to Suzanne Stephenson from the Transport Ticketing Authority who demystifies the ticketing system for people with disabilities.

Raising Our Voices 08.09. 2010

September 9, 2010 - 3:37pm

Norrie Blythman talks to Mary Reid about Housing : Know Your Rights in a Community Residential Unit, a DVD about housing rights. For more info contact AMIDA 9650-2722. Email: amida@amida.org.au

Raising Our Voices 11.08.2010

August 12, 2010 - 9:41am

Ray Groves talks to Pauline Williams from AMIDA about housing and support issues for people with disability in light of the upcoming federal and state elections.

Raising Our Voices 14.07.2010

July 14, 2010 - 6:24pm

Disability advocate and activist Peter Waters talks to Kay Forstner about his new book Wobbly Old Road. All profits from the book are being donated to the Lions Children Mobility Foundation. For more info call AMIDA on 9650 2722 <http://www.amida.org.au>

Raising Our Voices 12.05.2010

May 13, 2010 - 5:03pm

Did you know that under the new MYKI ticketing system you can travel for free on a Sunday if you are on a disability support payment or in receipt of a full carer payment ...? Suzanne Stephenson from the Transport Ticketing Authority joins Des and Luke to tell us all about it... More info <http://www.doi.vic.gov.au/tta>

Raising Our Voices 14.04.2010

April 15, 2010 - 4:02pm

This month Ray catches up with Pauline Williams from AMIDA about a new DVD they have made called Housing: Know your Rights. We also catch up with people at the 11th Annual "Having A Say" Conference (10th to 12th Feb) The theme for the 2010 conference was 'Making it Happen' organised by VALID, The Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with Disability. <http://www.valid.org.au/>

Raising Our Voices 10.03.2010

March 11, 2010 - 3:36pm

Jane Houser catches up with a group of disability activists from the Solomon Islands (PWDSI) People with Disability Solomon Islands and (CBR) The Community Based Rehabilitation. Visiting Melbourne as part of an Australian Leadership Awards Fellowships training. Featuring Joel, Savina, Melody, Allan, Grace, Davis, Job, Cathy, Naomi, Dutton and Cate. More info: <http://www.pacificdisability.org>

Raising Our Voices 13.01.2010

January 14, 2010 - 1:44pm

Shut In – a campaign to close all institutions in Victoria and replace them with support and housing in the community. As part of 3CR's 2009 International Day of People with Disabilities Broadcast people with an intellectual disability talk about the campaign. Featuring Ray Groves, Jane Houser, Des McIntosh and Luke Stone from AMIDA and Reinforce Self Advocacy groups.