

# 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.

**We invite members and interested organisations to the**

## **AMIDA AGM**

**Advocacy, Self-Advocacy, Rights, Accessibility,  
and Community Living for People with a Disability**

**9<sup>th</sup> October, 2018  
10:00am – 1.30pm**

**Hayden Raysmith Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Ross House  
247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne**

RSVP: 9650 2722 or [amida@amida.org.au](mailto:amida@amida.org.au)



## NDIS Appeals



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

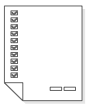
If so, the **NDIS Appeals** support service at AMIDA can help.



**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 Judy or Susan.



email: [appeals@amida.org.au](mailto: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/>

## STAFF Changes

We thank Gabrielle Dickinson for her 20 years dedicated to the work of AMIDA as a housing advocate, we were sad to see her retire and wish her well in her future endeavours.

We wish to welcome the following new staff –  
 Bronwyn Trickett – Housing Advocate & NDIS Appeals  
 Judy Bourke- NDIS Appeals  
 Susan Brunton – NDIS Appeals

If you receive a paper copy of the AMIDA NEWS, but would prefer to receive your AMIDA NEWS by email, please let us know: 9650 2722 or [amida@amida.org.au](mailto:amida@amida.org.au).

Of course, we are very happy to continue to post you the AMIDA NEWS if that is your preference.



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### Raising Our Voices Radio show on 3CR

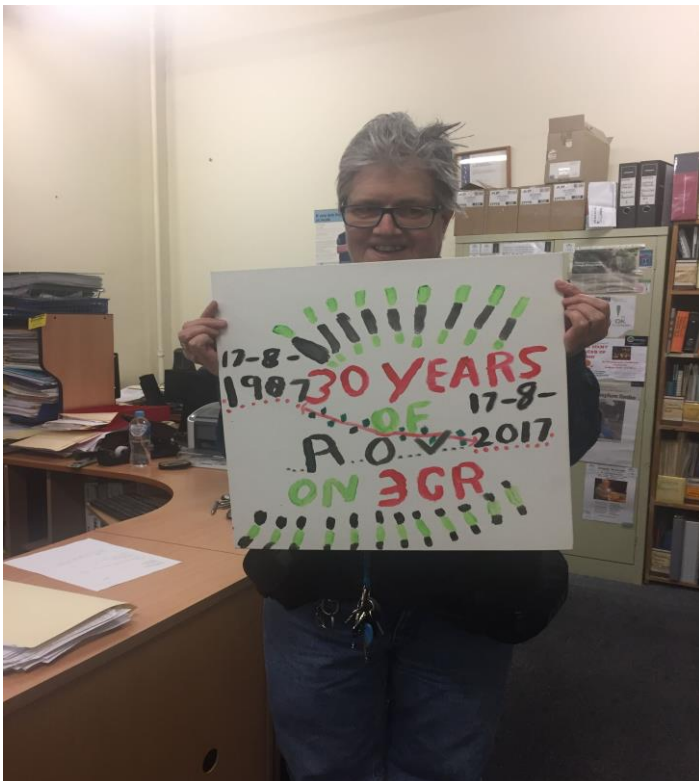
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6.00 – 6.30pm

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)

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The AMIDA office is usually open:

Monday - Thursday - 9.30 - 5.00  
Friday 9.30 - 3.00

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