

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 individuals and organisations to

**The AMIDA Annual General Meeting
Featuring a**

Special Presentation of our latest Project

OPENING DOORS



RENTING FOR ALL

Tuesday 1st October 2019. 10:30am – 1.30pm. Lunch Provided

Hayden Raysmith Room

4th Floor, Ross House

247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

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

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OPENING DOORS is a project of
ACTION FOR MORE INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY IN ACCOMMODATION

AMIDA acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government.

OPENING DOORS - Renting for All is a website resource for people with a disability lead by people with a disability that will guide you through the process of renting and connect you to information about the world of Real Estate. You will hear personal stories in our easy to access videos, which will inspire and inform you as you embark on looking for your new home, whether is it in the city, the suburbs or the country.

In the coming months we will be rolling out this project in a number of ways.

**The first stage is the special Presentation at our Annual General meeting.
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amida@amida.org.au**

**The 2nd stage is a photographic exhibition “Opening Doors at No Vacancy”
Queen Victoria (QV) Building: 34-40 Jane Bell Lane, Melbourne VIC 3000
November 4th-10th, 2019, for details amida@amida.org.au**

**The 3rd stage is a catered website launch at Foys Arcade. Level 6/ 246 Bourke
street, Melbourne on International Day of People with a Disability, Tuesday 3rd
December 2019, 11am. RSVP amida@amida.org.au**

Raising Our Voices Radio show on 3CR

In our latest show, Jane Rosengrave met with the Disability Services Commissioner, Arthur Rogers to find out about your rights to complain and much more.



Listen on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 6.00 – 6.30pm or podcast www.3cr.org.au/raisingourvoices or at www.amida.org.au

Thanks you to all our supporters who gave so generously to the 3CR radiothon. All donations appreciated and it is not too late.

How can Supporters Pay a pledge?

You can make your tax-deductible donation by:

Paying online at: www.3cr.org.au; CLICK DONATE

By calling (03) 9419 8377 OR Text **0448 809 855**

Drop into the station at 21 Smith St, Collingwood, Monday-Friday 9-5pm

Post a cheque or money order made out to 3CR - PO Box 1277 Collingwood Vic 3066

Deposit the money in the 3CR Bank Account

Name: Community Radio Federations Donations Account: BSB: 313 140

Account Number: 1205 9465

If paying directly into account, notify us of your payment via email admin@3cr.org.au so we can send you a receipt and allocate your donation to the correct show.

Housing Advocacy

AMIDA continues to assist people with a disability with our Housing Advocacy Service.

We provide individual advocacy, self-advocacy support and systemic advocacy. Jane Rosengrave, an indigenous woman with a disability, was supported to provide input into 2 different consultation workshops on the establishment of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with a Disability.

NDIS Appeals Advocacy



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

If so, NDIS Appeals Advocacy 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**. Contact us to request our assistance.



email: appeals@amida.org.au or phone: **9654 2103**

Self-Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU)

The SARU continues to do fantastic work resourcing self advocacy groups. Recently the Voices Together website was launched.

<https://www.voicestogether.com.au/>



Voice at the Table



Voice At The Table (VATT) is a finalist in the **Excellence in Creating Inclusive communities** section of the **2019 Victorian Disability Awards**. Well done to all the team.

We currently recruiting people with a disability to participate in the **Voices for Justice VATT** project. Free training will be provided to people with a disability who have been involved in the criminal justice system to be involved in boards, committees and research groups who seek the involvement of people with this lived experience.

<https://voiceatthetable.com.au/>

Partnerships

One of our partners, **All Abilities Advocacy**, are a key part of the **Find Your Voice All Abilities Choir** who performed on Australia's Got Talent in August 2019. The choir are also finalists in two categories of the Victorian Disability Awards 2019.



WANTED - New Committee members

AMIDA is looking for people with a commitment to human rights and an interest in improving the lives of people with a disability to support us by joining our committee of management.

Our committee has a majority of members who have a disability but we have a number of vacancies for anyone who shares our aims and can contribute to governance of our organisation. This involves helping with our policy and practice, monitoring finances and budgets, receiving worker reports and contributing to the planning of the group so that we work best to meet our aims. We hold inclusive meetings and encourage people with a disability to participate. Check out the diagram on the next page, which shows the benefits of participation from people with lived experience.



Committee meetings are at Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne on the first Tuesdays of every month from 10.30am to 1.30pm. You are welcome to attend a committee meeting or phone AMIDA on 9650 2722 to find out more. We also have a website www.amida.org.au.

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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.

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



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Don't miss the Special Presentation of the Opening Doors Project at the AMIDA AGM Tuesday, 1st October, 2019 10.30-1.30 Lunch Provided. Hayden Raysmith Room, 4th Floor Ross House. 247 Flinders Lane Melbourne. Let us know if you're coming 9650 2722 or amida@amida.org.au

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The AMIDA office is usually open:

Monday - Thursday - 9.30 - 5.00
Friday 9.30 - 3.00

Please phone AMIDA for an appointment: 9650 2722

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