

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

Check out the new web site

www.openingdoors.net.au

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RENTING FOR ALL

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Website Launch
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OPENING DOORS - Renting for All website was launched on the International Day for People with disability, December 3rd 2019. The resource is for people with a disability and the wider community, particularly Real Estate Agents and Landlords. The launch was attended by many including people with a disability who had participated in making the films and resources.

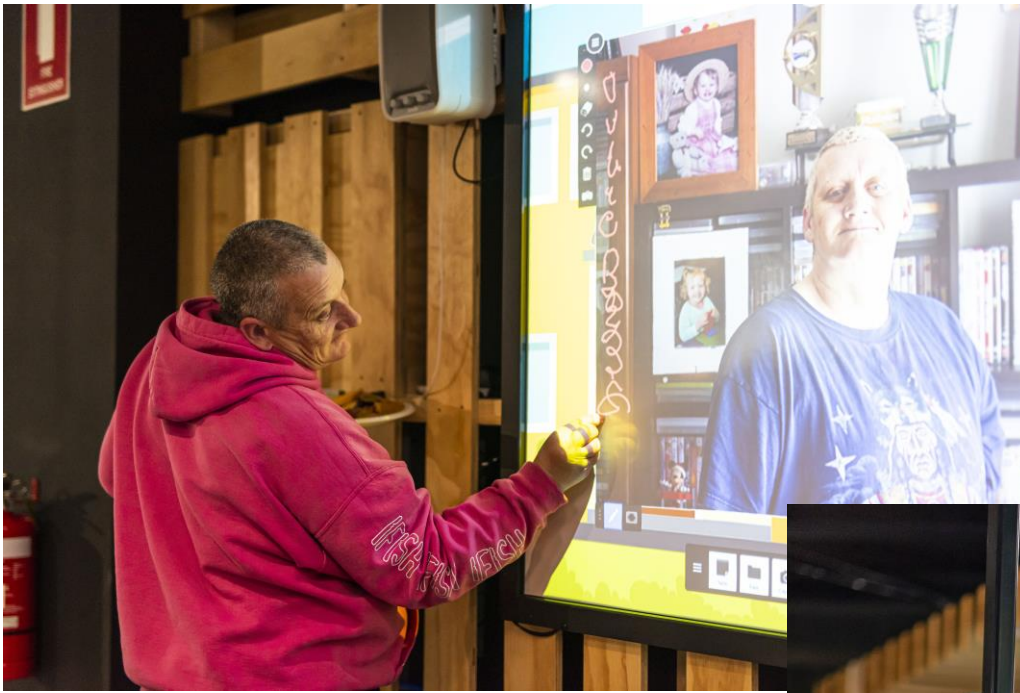
Our aim is to share the experience of disabled people that will guide you through the process of renting and connect you to information about the world of Real Estate.



Lawrence Johnson, project manager presents a selection of films on the website.

Colin Hiscoe shows the booklet and DVD of the films on the website.





Interactive screens and networking at Foy's Arcade where the launch took place



Disability Royal Commission

AMIDA representative, Pauline Williams, and Reinforce representative, Colin Hiscoe, participated in a panel discussion on group homes and advocacy at the Disability Royal Commission hearings in Melbourne on Thursday 5th December.

To view our presentation and all others go to the Disability Royal Commission website.

<https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>



Raising Our Voices Radio show on 3CR

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

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.

Recently we received funding to support people to have their say to the **Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with a Disability**. In January 2020 we will begin assisting people with a disability to find out about the Royal Commission and think about whether they would like to share their story.

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**

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.

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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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