



Disability Engagement Register

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From the Disability Engagement Register team

A new year is upon us and it's proving to be a busy time in and around matters of disability. Disability Policy Unit staff would like to wish you all a happy 2018. We look forward to bringing you many opportunities to participate in consultation and feedback throughout this year. Email DCSIDisabilityTalk@sa.gov.au or phone 1300 786 117 if you have any questions for us.

Register for the Changing Places Forum



Join us at the Changing Places Forum by [registering to attend](#).

Forum participants will expand their knowledge about the Changing Places concept – the new generation of accessible toilet facilities for people with disability. Changing Places

toilets are best practice facilities that enable people to participate in society with more independence and dignity. The toilets include a height-adjustable adult-sized change table, a tracking hoist system, non-slip flooring, and increased space to accommodate a person in a wheelchair and up to two carers.

Get more information on these facilities at the [Changing Places toilets](#) website.

When: Friday 16 February 2018, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm; registration from 9.00 am. Light morning tea at 10:40 am.

Where: Room 1, Level 1, Flinders University, 182 Victoria Square, Adelaide SA 5000.

Advise us by Friday 9 February if you need support to attend this forum, including special dietary requirements, by emailing DCSIDisabilityTalk@sa.gov.au or phoning 8272 5186.

Have your say at the coming State election

Are your details up-to-date?

We all have an opinion on what South Australia needs for the future and the State Election is your opportunity to make your opinion heard.

The electoral roll for the upcoming State Election will close at **12 noon on Friday 23 February 2018**. This time is the deadline for South Australians to update their address and/or name, or enrol for the first time.

If you have recently moved address or changed your name, the easiest way to update your details is on the website. If you don't have access to the internet, you can pick up a paper form at any Australia Post Outlet, or call 1300 655 232 and a form will be sent to you.

Visit the [Electoral Commission SA](#) (ECSA) to enrol or change your details.

Alternative voting services

The ECSA can offer an alternative voting service to people who find it difficult to go to a polling booth on polling day. You can apply to become a Registered Declaration Voter (more on this matter in the mid-February newsletter).

Postal voting applications open Monday 5 February 2018 and will be open for some weeks. These applications will be available at all Australia Post outlets or through the ECSA.

You can also apply to become a Registered Declaration Voter (RDV). RDV status means that ballot papers will be sent to your address automatically for all state and federal elections. Visit the [Electoral Commission SA](#) or call them on 1300 655 232 if you want more information on this option.

Seeing ourselves — developing the developer: A focus on diversity

A four-day workshop in Sydney is encouraging diversity in the film production world by opening up applications to 16 people from diverse backgrounds. For the purpose of the application guidelines, diversity encompasses cultural background, disability status, sexual orientation and identity. Successful applicants for the workshop from outside of Greater Sydney will have all their costs covered by the program.

Developing the Developer is run and organised by Screen Australia and aims to increase the diversity of people working in screen story development to create a pool of developers more broadly representative of Australian society. **Closing date for applications:** Friday 2 February 2018 with all [application information available online](#).

National Open Employment Forum 2018

A quick reminder to the Register membership that this [Forum is taking place](#) on Thursday 8 February 2018 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at Rydges Geelong, Myers Street, Geelong, Victoria 3220. Hosted by Inclusion Australia (National Council on Intellectual Disability).

Have your say on the National Alcohol Strategy

The [draft National Alcohol Strategy](#) will undergo a public consultation process to further inform the strategic direction and priorities. The Strategy will be revised after the consultation and considered by Ministers at their next meeting in 2018.

The strategy is overseen by the Commonwealth Ministerial Drug and Alcohol Forum. Lodge your online submissions by email to nationaldrugstrategy@health.gov.au.

Closing date for submissions: Sunday 11 February 2018.

ABC regional scholarship for people living with disability

The ABC is launching a new three-month scholarship to regional writers and content makers. The [ABC Regional Storyteller Scholarship](#), valued at more than \$20,000, gives regional Australians with disability the opportunity to enhance their storytelling skills and experience. The scholarship will be tailored to the recipient's content idea or project, professional goals and skills. **Closing date for applications:** Sunday 18 February 2018.

Liveable housing – your opinion counts

Australian Network for Universal Housing Design (ANUHD) advocates that all new homes be accessible. Their [quick survey on liveable standards](#) will help identify:

- the difficulties (if any) in finding liveable/universally designed housing

- the cost and benefit to Australian society in providing universally designed features in all new housing
- the features that should be in a Liveable Standard for all new housing to be accessible/universally designed.

Closing date for survey: Wednesday 28 February 2018.

ANUHD's advocacy will see the Australian Building Codes Board conducting a Regulatory Impact Assessment to see if access features should be included in the National Construction Code. Part of that process is to assess the need for accessibility. The information from the survey will help inform the discussion paper due out in early 2019.

Have your say on the future of supported employment for people with disability



Supported employment is vital to improve the social and economic participation of many people with disability in Australia. The Australian Government Department of Social Services has published [A Strong Future for Supported Employment – Discussion Paper](#) (including an audible PDF and an easy English version). The paper describes how supported employment might work in future.

What: The discussion paper is asking you how the sector can transition to the full scheme of the NDIS. You are invited to make a written submission on any or all of the questions raised in the [discussion paper](#). All submissions will be considered to develop future policy.

Who: People with disability, their families and carers, Australian Disability Enterprises, employers of people with disability, peak bodies and other interested stakeholders.

Closing date for submissions: Friday 9 March 2018.

Have your say on making public transport more accessible

You are invited to provide written submissions in response to the [Terms of Reference for the Third Review of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002 \(Transport Standards\)](#) – Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities (DIRD).

Closing date for submissions: Now (no end date provided but an Issues Paper is due at the end of February 2018)

How: Email the [Disabilities Transport Access Secretariat](#).

Watch this newsletter for information about the Issues Paper and news about public consultation sessions. Read more about [transport for people with disability](#) on DIRD's website.

Scholarships to attend national volunteering conference now open

The Department of Social Services (DSS) is providing assistance for people who are disadvantaged or are from regional, rural or remote areas to attend the [National Volunteering Conference 2018](#). Different scholarships (including registration, travel and accommodation) are available. **Closing date for applications:** Thursday 15 March 2018; successful applicants will be notified in April.

Have your say on volunteer management and support

Many people with disability use the services of volunteers. How will Federal funding cuts affect the future of volunteering in Australia? Volunteer Support Services, and Volunteering SA&NT, help to recruit, encourage, support and train volunteers, increasing volunteer participation in Australia. Their funding hinges on the outcome of an external review of the Volunteer Management Program (VMP).

You are invited to contribute to the review of the VMP and Volunteer Support Services. All responses will remain confidential.

Closing date for comments and feedback: Saturday 31 March 2018.

Email: [MP Consulting](#).

Watch this newsletter for news on the online survey that is expected to be available by the end of January 2018.

Visit the DCSI's [Disability Information Update](#) for more disability-related news.



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