



Welcome to the October DEAI

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[International Day of People with Disability](#) - 3 December each year. To celebrate the day you can host an event in your club, school, community group, workplace, business or organisation. Or use the event calendar to find a public event near you.

Social get-to-gether for DE's and disability studies students

Please join us for this great opportunity to catch up, reconnect and develop new networks with other DE's, over a relaxed dinner. You will strengthen your own networks, which is great for your professional practice, and support the profession and each other by fostering our identity and profile as Developmental Educators.

When: **19th October 2018**—RSVP to contact@deai.com.au

Time: 6.00-8.30ish pm

Where: MyBar, Hilton Hotel, 264 South Rd, Hilton

If you would like to preview the menu, check out the [Hilton's website](#).



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Notes from the DEAI Chair

Welcome to this final newsletter for the year. I am sure most of you think “Where has this year gone!”.

It has continued to be a busy time for the Committee since our last newsletter. Much like everyone else, we have been researching the new NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission, which commenced in SA and NSW from 1st July, and what this may mean for our profession. As we understand it the draft Behaviour Support Competency Framework is still being finalised. Part of a brief update on the [Commissions website](#) states:

“It is intended that the framework reflect the diversity and variation of the sector's capability in delivering behaviour support. The NDIS Commission will aim to raise the bar through the competency framework, with a view to strengthen the safeguards for the person receiving behaviour support. In doing so, the NDIS Commission is committed to supporting providers to achieving higher standards of behaviour support practice”.

The DEAI is participating in the PBS Community of Practice forum, headed up by Dr Alinka Fisher, Flinders University, and will continue to represent Developmental Educators to ensure we are recognised for our skill set in this area.

Furthermore, Ms Kylie Hutchinson, Senior Project Officer with National Disability Services (SA branch) will attend our upcoming AGM (19th November) to present the latest information available about the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission (SA).

We continue to offer professional development events. Unfortunately, our recent workshop on Person Centred Active Support was cancelled due to a low number of registrations. This was disappointing as person centred active support is highly relevant to the core skills and practice of Developmental Educators. Many of us employ person centred active support practices when working either directly or indirectly with families and/or support workers and we need to continuously update our skills and knowledge. We hope to revisit this next year.

Our last professional development session this year is planned for 31st October: [Rights on Show: Explaining your rights with police. A community legal education video package](#), delivered by Melanie Robinson from the Legal Services Commission (SA). We will also hear from Cheryl Rosales from Uniting Communities about [The Communication Partner Service](#) they offer for adults and children with complex communication needs in the criminal justice system. Follow the links for further details and registration. We look forward to seeing you (see page 9 for further details).



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The DEAI continues to attend expos and conferences where we can to promote our profession. We will be at the [KYD-X Expo](#) on 13th October, and are collaborating with Flinders University on a trade table at the [asid conference](#) at the Gold Coast 14/11 – 16/11. If you happen to be at this conference, please come by for a chat.

Other activities the DEAI has been working on include:

- ◆ Ongoing work on the course accreditation review which we hope to complete by the end of this year
- ◆ A [submission](#) (#64) to the Productivity Commission which is undertaking a Review of the National Disability Agreement
- ◆ Collaboration with National Disability Services and Cara to explore developing allied health networks and other ways to collaborate in the disability sector
- ◆ Setting up networks interstate (see p8 of this newsletter)
- ◆ Setting up a network for Developmental Educators in private practice (p8)
- ◆ Organising an informal get together on 19th October (p1)
- ◆ Business Planning for 2018 and beyond
- ◆ Preparation for our 9th AGM and the launch of the 2nd National Developmental Educators' Week 2018 (p9+10)

Regards

Jose Koppelman-Guthrie

DEAI Chairperson



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NDIS participant booklets

The NDIS has released [three participant booklets](#) to support people with disability throughout their NDIS journey.

The booklets are a practical tool to help people with disability, participants, their families, carers and the wider community learn more about the NDIS, prepare for a planning meeting and to implement their plan.

Easy English versions are available. The booklets are intended for use throughout a person's NDIS journey and can be used to record key information, write questions and collect thoughts.

Booklet 1 – Understanding the NDIS:

- Learning about the NDIS
- Deciding whether to apply for the NDIS
- Accessing the NDIS

Booklet 2 – Planning:

- Understanding your current supports
- Creating an NDIS plan to achieve your goals
- Receiving an approved NDIS plan

Booklet 3 – Using your NDIS Plan:

- Understanding what's in your plan
- Learning how to use your plan
- Choosing and managing supports and services
- Reviewing your plan and progress

For more information visit the [NDIS website](#).



Quality and Safeguarding - The New Restrictive Practices Rule

[Disability Services Consulting](#) provides useful information about the NDIS. Visit their website for further detail but here is a snapshot of what you may find:

The new [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(NDIS\) \(Restrictive Practice and Behaviour Support\) Rules 2018](#) detail how the Quality and Safeguarding Commission plans to regulate and monitor the use of restrictive practices. The NDIA Restrictive Practice and Behaviour Support Rules 2018 set out conditions that apply to all registered NDIS providers who are using regulated restrictive practices or who are working with participants with complex behaviour support needs.

These rules are based on the [Quality and Safeguarding Framework and the National Framework for Reducing and Eliminating the Use of Restrictive Practices in the Disability Service Sector \(the Restrictive Practices Framework\)](#).

The new rules commenced in July 2018. However, until the NDIS rollout across the country, transitional arrangements for each state apply. They aim to ensure that restrictive practices are only used in circumstances where complex behaviours place the participant or others at risk of harm. The requirement will be for the use of all regulated restrictive practices to be authorised and evidence of this authorisation must be lodged with the Commissioner.

Behaviour support plans and restrictive practice

Stanley and Kulkens from Disability Services Consulting draw out some key points and stated that Regulated restrictive practices must only be used in accordance with a participant's Behaviour Support Plan (BSP) ([Source](#)). The BSP will need to be developed by a registered specialist behaviour support provider and these providers must be Registered and Certified by the Quality and Safeguarding Commission. They are also the only individuals that can review a BSP.

If there is no BSP the NDIS provider is required to take "reasonable steps" to assist the development of an interim BSP. The requirement is that this is completed within 1 month of a restrictive practice being used or proposed. A comprehensive BSP is required within 6 months.

If a restrictive practice occurs without a BSP or State Authorisation, the provider must obtain the appropriate authorisation within that jurisdiction as soon as possible.

Providers are required to provide monthly reports to the Commissioner on their use of restrictive practices. If they have only been granted short-term approval to use restrictive practices, then they must report every 2 weeks.

In addition, providers are obliged to take all reasonable steps to facilitate the development of a BSP when working with individuals with complex behaviour support needs that requires a restrictive practice necessary to prevent harm.



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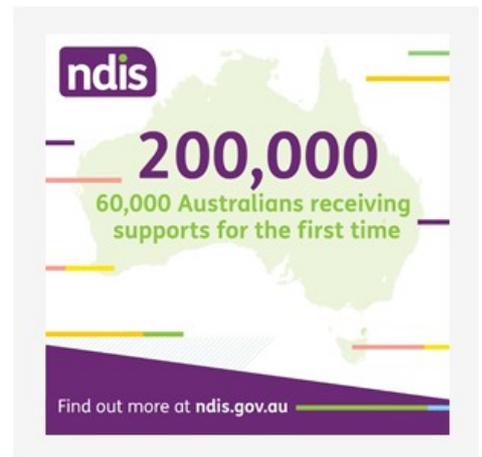
Major milestone as NDIS marks 200,000 Australians receiving support

Posted on 26 September 2018

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has reached a major milestone with the announcement welcoming its 200,000th Australian receiving support through the Scheme.

The NDIS is fully operational in New South Wales, Australian Capital Territory and South Australia with ongoing roll-out in remaining States and Territories, including the first regions of Western Australia joining the Scheme on 1 July 2018 and the Southern Melbourne Region joining on 1 September 2018.

Minister for Families and Social Services, Paul Fletcher, said the roll-out of the NDIS was having a positive impact on Australians with disability, their families and carers, as well as bringing jobs and economic growth.



"Since launching in 2013 at four trial sites, the NDIS has grown to supporting more than 200,000 Australians, including around 60,000 people who are now receiving support for the very first time," Mr Fletcher said.

[\(Source\)](#)

Supported Independent Living (SIL)

Information about the [Supported Independent Living package \(SIL\)](#) can be found on the NDIS website. Through SIL assistance with and/or supervision of daily tasks is provided to develop the skills of an individual to live as independently as possible. These are the supports provided to a participant in their home, regardless of property ownership, and can be in a shared or individual arrangement.



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Providers working with participants who require SIL supports in their plans can use the Provider SIL Pack to assist them in developing the necessary quote and supporting documentation. The Provider SIL Pack contains a calculation tool and submission templates that help providers to detail and cost supports to help people build their capacity to live more independently.

All providers will be required to use the new SIL pack and quoting tool when submitting quotes for these services. The previous version of the template will be accepted up until 18 December 2018 as part of a transitional period.

The Provider SIL Pack, including the quoting tool and template, ensures an efficient and nationally consistent process and is intended to result in provider quotes being assessed in a timely and responsive manner.

The SIL Provider Pack includes:

[Provider SIL Tool \(XLSX 473 KB\)](#) – an automated Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that allows providers to accurately quote on a participant's support needs

[Provider SIL Tool example \(XLS 482 KB\)](#) – a sample SIL tool that shows providers how to complete the spreadsheet

[Guide to using the Provider SIL Pac \(DOCX 2MB\)](#) – information to help providers use the tool and answer any questions they might have

[SIL Quoting Template \(DOCX 778 KB\)](#) – for use when submitting a quote to the NDIA

[SIL Quoting Template example \(DOCX\)](#) – a sample

SIL quote that shows providers how a SIL quote should be developed, prior to submitting to the NDIA

[Subsequent SIL Quote Template \(DOCX\)](#) – enables providers to re-submit the same quote as the previous year, when a participant's circumstances are unchanged.



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Networking groups for DEAI members interstate

In an effort to provide better supports, strengthen our connections and further promote our profession across Australia, the DEAI is looking to develop networks among our members interstate. It is very exciting to let you know that, so far, three of our members interstate have agreed to be a representative for their state and will try to further a network within their state:

WA	<i>Verity Roennfeldt</i>
Tasmania	<i>Shaelene Craddock</i>
Queensland	<i>Adie Sinnamon</i>

We are following up with Victoria and New South Wales and hope to establish networks there too. Next year we hope to be able to feature short articles by each state in our newsletters, furthering our sense of a national profession. Below is a start!

News from DE's in Western Australia

"Hi everyone from the DEAI members in Western Australia. After a successful and fun meeting at our first 'brunch' in Fremantle a couple of months ago - we have just recently set up a Facebook group so we can all connect, share resources and organise future events. Our small group representing the DEAI here in the west has doubled in the past few months, with members based in Perth, Bunbury and as far north as Derby. We are an enthusiastic, creative, friendly and diverse group with skill and expertise across a range of work areas. We are keen to raise awareness of the Developmental Educator profession and we would love to hear from you if you live anywhere in WA, so we can continue to grow, support and encourage our professional development. If you are ever visiting or passing through our great state please get in touch!" - **Verity Roennfeldt**

Networking for Developmental Educators in private practice

The DEAI invited Developmental Educators in private practice, currently listed on our [Find a Developmental Educator](#) page, to a meet and greet with the intention of seeking interest in setting up a network of support. Being an individual practitioner can be very isolating and dealing with certain practice issues can become very difficult.

We were excited to have 8 DE's attend (plus 1 apology) on **9th October (6.00-7.30pm)** from across Adelaide. As always, there were some "long time no see" catch ups as well as meeting new DE's. It didn't take long for questions, issues, challenges, successes, resources and solutions to be shared. The group has agreed to meet again, with Christian Parente from Guiding Pathways kindly agreeing to host this meeting at his practice in Clarence Gardens. If you are a DE working in private practice and were not able to attend this time around, please let us know and we will let you know about the next meeting.



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Professional Development Opportunity

RIGHTS ON SHOW, explaining your rights with police. A community legal education video package, and **The Communication Partner Service**.

Presented by:

Melanie Robinson, Legal Education Officer Legal Services Commission of South Australia

Cheryll Rosales, Uniting Communities

Date: Wednesday 31st October Time: 6.30-8.30pm (6.15 registration)

Venue: Flinders University, Level 2, Room 2.3 182 Victoria Square, Adelaide SA 5000

Costs: DEAI Members: \$10 / Students : Free / Non Members: \$20 / Video Live Streaming (for regional and interstate DEAI Members only): Free

For more information and to register go to: <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/77270>

9th DEAI Annual General Meeting

Join us for dinner to listen to what the DEAI has achieved this year and what is being planned for next year. Perhaps you have some ideas yourself of what you would like the DEAI to focus on next year? Perhaps you would like to join the Committee? There is no pressure at all on the night; we are introducing nomination forms this year so you can give this some considered thought.

Guest presenter: Kylie Hutchinson, Senior Project Officer with National Disability Services (SA) who will update us with the latest information from the NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Commission (SA).

When: Monday 19th November

Where: Tonsley Hotel, 1124 South Road, Clovelly Park, Adelaide

Time: 6.15 registration for a 6.30 start – 9.00pm

DEAI members will receive \$5.00 off their meal; all will be in the running for a 'door prize'.

We will use the Sticky Tickets system for registration. You will be sent an email invitation for the AGM very shortly but for now **save the date**.



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Continuing Professional Development

There is still time to submit your professional development log for 2018, which is due by the end of October.

You will be in the running for a **\$50 voucher**.

Certificates will be awarded at the AGM (and posted out if you cannot attend in person).

Launch of National Developmental Educators' Week 2018

We are excited to launch our 2nd National Developmental Educators' Week 2018, which will occur at the AGM. As last year we will have a range of free items you can order to help you to celebrate and promote our profession.

This year's theme is "**Celebrate your diversity**".

There are lots of different ways for you to engage in this event during that week; more information will be available on our website soon.



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