



# DIVISION REPORT

## MARCH 2020

### Victoria

Following from our recent annual divisional meeting, our committee members have been appointed and business plan completed for the year 2020. Chris Bigby and Angela Dew are our newly elected Board Representatives. Coral Farr is continuing in the role of Vic Divisional chair. Richard Zylan is our new Treasurer. Jo Watson, Hilary Johnson, Brent Hayward and Helen Killmier will be helping out with various general tasks on the committee including minute taking. As the year progresses, we hope to recruit some more members to the committee so that we can continue to develop our projects and foster new talents.

We held a very successful half day workshop on Oral Health and intellectual disability on Wednesday 19th February 2020. The workshop is a collaboration between ASSCID (Australian Society for Special Care in Dentistry), ASID (Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability) and Deakin University. We had a total of 22 attendees from a variety of backgrounds including oral health professionals, allied health sector, parents and the intellectual disability sector. We were especially pleased to welcome to our workshop, a representative from the current Disability Royal Commission. Hopefully he has gained some useful insights into this much overlooked area of health for people who have an intellectual disability.

We received really good feedback from most of the attendees. We had some very helpful suggestions including organising more collaborative events with the Oral Health profession and the intellectual disability sector. Our attendees from the oral health sector have asked for more information about the workings of the National Disability Insurance scheme and the informed consent requirements in relation to supporting participants with chronic oral health issues. Special thanks to Jo Watson and Richard Zylan for putting this workshop together. Thank you also to our presenters and discussion panel. There was a lot of lively discussion around this area of interest.

We received some requests from some of our interstate members for a webinar presentation. Plans to bring this together are currently underway between ASSCID and ASID.

It is hoped that this seminar brings about an enduring and productive collaboration between ASSCID and ASID so we can lobby for better oral health care and services for people with intellectual disabilities. This edition of IDA has some articles and photos resulting from our workshop.

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## Western Australia

Meetings are now alternating between in person and virtual (Zoom). While all members are appreciating the travel time-savings this affords, it's also helping us appreciate the value of meeting in person. Recognising that many Perth members were not able to attend the Adelaide conference, we are holding a 'Conference Lite' at Identity WA on April 28. Local presenters will be giving summary presentations of their research, covering topics including family, mental health, quality of life, the NDIS, and community access for people with intellectual disability.

An event for August/September is also being planned. Presenters/theme are to be confirmed, but likely topics include clients with complex needs, safeguarding and the new NDIS regulatory environment. Details to follow as they are available.

With our eye on financial sustainability and sector engagement, we are exploring offering sponsorships packages to local disability organisations.

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## Queensland

### *Employment Futures: A forum on employment and people with intellectual disabilities*

**Date & Time:** 6 pm, Tuesday 21 April 2020

**Venue:** WWILD-SVP Association Meeting Room 211 Hudson Road Woolloowin QLD 4030

**Cost:** \$10 (ASID Members), \$20 (Non-Members)

[Register Here](#)

This forum will be a blend of academic paper and academic projection on employment futures, and examples of people with disability attempts to open up new employment opportunities for themselves.

### Speakers

- **Dr Katherine Moore** – Lecturer, School of Management, QUT Business School  
Katherine will speak to her research article 'Emerging Trends affecting the Future Employment Opportunities for People with Intellectual Disabilities' The Case of a Large Retail Organisation. (Katherine received a research award from ASID for this article at ASID National Conference 2019).
- **Elly Desmarchelier, Queenslanders with Disability Network and QDeNgage consultants with lived experience.** Shaping the future of inclusive businesses and organisations. QDN Consultants will speak on their role as paid consultants in QDeNgage Consultancy.
- **An Employment Journey – Craig McAllister will share his employment story.** Ten years of knockbacks and rejection, participation in creation and growth of Nundah Co-op, and now developing new horizons and his own business.