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## **Administration of reviews under the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013**

### **Report on the National Disability Insurance Agency's handling of reviews by the Commonwealth Ombudsman's Office**

Read the full Analysis & Policy Observatory article [here](#).

This report is based on information extracted from complaint investigations, stakeholder feedback, briefings provided by the NDIA, and the legislation, policy and procedural guidance relevant to the administration of reviews under the National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013.

Between July 2016 and January 2018, the Office of the Commonwealth Ombudsman received 400 complaints that were, at least in part, about the NDIA's administration of reviews. This represents 32.5 per cent of all complaints made to our Office about the NDIA during this period.

Of particular concern is the issue of delays in completing reviews. In February 2018, the NDIA advised our Office it had around 8,100 reviews on hand, and it was receiving around 620 new review requests each week. The NDIA has acknowledged some reviews are taking up to nine months to be completed.

While the NDIA implemented a new dedicated national team in November 2017 tasked with addressing the backlog, to date this approach has not been adequate to quickly and effectively work through the outstanding requests. As of 30 January 2018 (12 weeks after the commencement of the backlog team), the NDIA had triaged around 3,400 requests and completed around 1,500 reviews.

Without significant efforts to improve the timeliness of NDIA's administration of reviews and communication with participants, there remains a risk that participants' right to review will be undermined and review processes will continue to lack fairness and transparency and continue to drive a high volume of complaints.

Access the full report [here](#).

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## **Disability News**

### **NDIS Pricing Review Implementation Update**

The Agency have announced the nine recommendations from the McKinsey Pricing Review that they will be implementing in July 2018. Read the full Disability Services Consulting article [here](#).

## NDIS 2018-19 Price Guide

The 2018/19 Price Guide is effective from 1 July 2018.  
Price Guides and related resources

- [2018/19 Price Guide \(NSW/VIC/QLD/TAS\) \(DOCX 277KB\)](#)
- [2018/19 Price Guide \(NSW/VIC/QLD/TAS\) \(PDF 840KB\)](#)
- [2018/19 Price Guide \(WA/SA/ACT/NT\) \(DOCX 227KB\)](#)
- [2018/19 Price Guide \(WA/SA/ACT/NT\) \(PDF 840KB\)](#)
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- [2018/19 Very Remote Price Guide \(DOCX 226KB\)](#)
- [2018/19 Very Remote Price Guide \(PDF 839KB\)](#)
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## Disability News

### [Evaluation of the NDIS: final report](#)

The main objective of the evaluation of the NDIS by the National Institute of Labour Studies, Flinders University, Department of Social Services (Australia) has been to offer a well-informed and independent assessment of the many impacts of the NDIS trial. The trial has taken place in South Australia (SA), Tasmania (TAS), New South Wales (NSW), Victoria (VIC), the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) and the Barkly region in the Northern Territory (NT). This consolidated report contains findings based on all data collections undertaken over the course of the evaluation, including surveys and interviews with NDIS participants, their families and carers, disability support providers, and other stakeholders. Several main findings emerge from the evaluation of the NDIS. The first finding is that the Scheme has been designed and built on sound fundamentals. This is an important confirmation of the policy. The second finding is that the NDIS has been delivering the outcomes that it was designed to deliver. Access the Report from Analysis & Policy Observatory [here](#).

## Disability News

### NDIS Funding

**People with Disability Australia** (PWDA) welcomes the Federal Government's commitment to its share of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) so that people with disability have the services and supports they need and deserve. "We hope that this now ends the uncertainty for people with disability, the ongoing political debate and the cuts to social security and services as trade-offs for NDIS funding," said Therese Sands, Co-CEO of PWDA. "We will be holding all sides of government to account for the clear statement in the Budget papers that the NDIS is fully funded, now and into the future."

"Although we need to see the detail, we welcome the \$92 million over five years that will assist people with disability who are not eligible for the NDIS to continue to receive support under Commonwealth programs."

**PRO BONO AUSTRALIA NDIS:** [Disability Sector Welcomes NDIS Funding Commitment](#)

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The disability sector has welcomed the federal government's commitment to fully fund the National Disability Insurance Scheme, and called for attention to now be turned to fixing the scheme's implementation issues. Treasurer Scott Morrison announced in his federal budget speech that the NDIS would be fully funded now and into the future. "Every dollar and every cent committed to delivering the National Disability Insurance Scheme remains in place and always will," Morrison said. "Any future treasurer should be clear that the NDIS is not a political football. It is a source of security for people with disability and their families who have enough uncertainty in their lives. Long-term certainty for the NDIS is imperative."

The budget also contained some other NDIS related funding measures.

This includes \$92.1 million to ensure continuity of support for those not eligible for the NDIS, \$9.9 million for Disability Employment Service (DES) providers to transition to a new reformed DES system and \$64.3 million to

establish an NDIS Jobs and Market Fund to expand the NDIS workforce and service providers. The government said the disability workforce would need to more than double from 73,000 full-time equivalent jobs in 2013 to about 162,000 jobs by 2020, when the scheme is expected to be fully rolled out.

Dr Ken Baker, CEO of **National Disability Services**, said he was pleased the government had revealed an alternative plan to ensure the NDIS's funding into the future was beyond doubt. "In budget the government has been true to its word in finding another way to fund the NDIS. This scheme is too important to hundreds of thousands of Australians not to be fully funded – and it's clear the government agrees," Baker said.

Read the full ProBono Australia article [here](#)

## Featured Conference - Expo

14 - 15 September 2018  
**Nepean Disability Expo.**  
Penrith Panthers, NSW.  
[Website.](#)

## Dementia & Aged Care News

### [Budget: Residential places to go to consumers, new bond levy for providers](#)

The government has backed the Tune Review recommendation to put residential aged care places in the hands of consumers, the 2018-19 Federal Budget shows

### [Budget: Additional home care packages, reablement trial for home support](#)

The Federal Government will release an extra 14,000 high-level home care packages over four years in a bid to address growing demand for home care.

### [Budget: Government to pilot service to help older people navigate aged care](#)

A system navigator, streamlined assessment and further improvements to My Aged Care are among measures announced in this week's budget to improve timely access to services.

### [Budget: Funding for providers to implement new quality standards](#)

Aged care providers will receive financial support over the next two years to implement new quality standards but will start paying a new levy for unannounced quality visits from July 2020

## Disability News

### [Hot Topic: Explainer - How Much Does the NDIS Cost and Where Does This Money Come From?](#)

In wake of the ongoing debate about how the National Disability Insurance Scheme will be funded, Associate Professor Helen Dickinson explains how much the NDIS costs and where the money will come from, in this piece which first appeared in The Conversation.

The Productivity Commission [now estimates](#) that around 475,000 people with disability will receive individualised support at a cost of around A\$22 billion per year. Last year's [Productivity Commission review of costs](#) found the NDIS was broadly coming in on budget. The NDIS budget is estimated to gradually increase over time to 1.3 per cent of GDP by 2044-45 as participants age. Estimates also suggest the scheme will produce benefits adding around 1 per cent to the GDP.

The way the NDIS is funded is complex, with revenue coming from a number of sources. The NDIS is funded via a pooled approach from Commonwealth and state and territory governments. The Commonwealth provides [just over half](#) of the funding for the NDIS and the rest comes from state and territories. At the creation of the scheme, all existing money spent by various governments was directed into the NDIS to cover costs. Any additional funding the NDIS needs has to come from general budget revenue or borrowings. The treasurer announced tax receipts were running [A\\$4.8 billion](#) higher than was estimated in December, meaning the levy was no longer needed.

Read the Full ProBono Australia article [here](#).

## **Federal Government ups pressure on states to uphold funding arrangements**

Social Services Minister Christian Porter is warning the states they cannot "wriggle out" of their National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) funding agreements, ahead of the release of a major report on the scheme's future costs. The states and territories have agreed to increase their funding by 3.5 per cent each year after 2019/20, but the Productivity Commission's final report on the cost and design of the NDIS, due in October, could recommend an increase. The states and territories have agreed to increase their funding by 3.5 per cent each year after 2019/20, but the Productivity Commission's final report on the cost and design of the NDIS, due in October, could recommend an increase. [here](#)

## **In NSW the State Government Transfer to the NDIS is as follows:-**

National Disability Insurance Scheme - payments to National Disability Insurance Agency in 2016 \$91,450,000 and in 2017 **\$757,089,000** (Source FACS NSW 2016-17 Annual Report [here.](#))

## **Disability Issues In The Media**

### **[NDIS Turns Five and Welcomes WA to the Scheme](#)**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) on its fifth birthday has welcomed Western Australia, the final state to officially join the federally administered scheme. Read the ProBono Australia article [here.](#)

### **[Is the NDIS Failing People with Complex Behaviour Support Needs?](#)**

For people with complex behaviour support needs, being let down by the NDIS can have devastating consequences. Sara explores how design flaws in the Scheme are failing some of the people who need it most. Read the full Disability Services Consulting article [here.](#)

### **[Housing the Other 94% of NDIS Recipients](#)**

The community housing sector has the opportunity to provide greater housing support for the 94 per cent of National Disability Insurance Scheme recipients not eligible for Specialist Disability Accommodation, a housing conference has heard. Read the ProBono Australia article [here.](#)

### **[Providers back compulsory flu vaccination program](#)**

The federal government is ordering all residential care providers to supply their staff with a flu vaccine to curb aged care influenza. Read the full Australian Ageing Agenda article [here.](#)

### **[Fears NDIA Will Force People into Shared Accommodation Settings](#)**

Disability groups have expressed concerns that the National Disability Insurance Agency will force most people seeking Specialist Disability Accommodation into a group home situation, regardless of personal preference. Read the ProBono Australia article [here.](#)

### **[Government Announces Mental Health Funding Boost](#)**

The government has announced a significant funding boost for mental health services in Australia, pledging \$34 million to Lifeline and \$4 million for tailored mental health support for Australians from multicultural backgrounds. Read the ProBono Australia article [here.](#)

### **[Staff vaccination programs widespread, but uptake low](#)**

Aged care facilities with at least three-quarters of staff vaccinated against the flu have fewer influenza outbreaks, however only 15 per cent of facilities have achieved this, according to a national review. Read the full Australian Ageing Agenda article [here.](#)

### **[AMA Calls For "Bipartisan Commitment" to Fund NDIS](#)**

The Australian Medical Association has called on Labor to support a Medicare levy rise to fund the National Disability Insurance Scheme, but the opposition said they had a "better and fairer" way to fund the scheme. Read the full ProBono Australia article [here.](#)

### **[National Disability Insurance Scheme \(NDIS\) funding in Budget 2018 - The Australia Institute](#)**

Leading up to the budget there has been a good deal of concern over the status of the NDIS, also known as DisabilityCare Australia. It is important to understand just what is going on and how secure the funding might be. Read the Analysis & Policy Observatory article [here.](#)

## [Mental Health a Budget Winner](#)

The federal government had made significant investments in mental health in this year's budget, focused on suicide prevention, protecting older Australians and providing continuity of support for those ineligible for the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Read the full ProBono Australia article [here](#)

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## Featured Organisation

### **Deafblind Australia** <https://www.deafblind.org.au/>

An important role of DBA is to help empower people who are deafblind and support them to be self-determined and to advocate for themselves. People who are deafblind **can** and **do** achieve their goals, given effective supports and services. We represent and advocate for people with deafblindness to work to improve these supports and services in Australia.

**Deafblind Association (NSW) Inc** is an NDIS registered organisation, ID: 4050022433. We can support people with deafblindness within their NDIS plans. DBANSW organises monthly social outings. As well as our work with individuals with Deafblindness we provide Volunteer and Support Worker Training and Community Education. We can:

- Advocate at planning meetings
- Organise interpreters where necessary
- Link people to other services that will support them.
- Do capacity building with individuals.

[Deafblind Association New South Wales DBANSW](http://www.dbansw.org.au) <http://www.dbansw.org.au>.

[Deafblind Western Australia DBWA](https://dbwa.org.au) <https://dbwa.org.au>

[Deafblind Victoria DBV](https://deafblindadvocacy.wordpress.com) <https://deafblindadvocacy.wordpress.com>.

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### **Help for carers to be ready for an emergency**

A new guide has been developed for carers of people with dementia to help them prepare and stay safe during a natural disaster.

The resource from the Queensland University of Technology's Dementia Collaborative Research Centre: Carers and Consumers was developed in partnership with Red Cross and with input from carers.

The guide takes into account the specific challenges carers of people with dementia face when a natural disaster strikes.

Read the full Community Care Review article and access the Guide [here](#).

## [Unfair NDIS Transport Funding Causing Chaos for Participants](#)

**Unfair and inconsistent transport funding under the National Disability Insurance Scheme is causing chaos for participants**, a community transport peak body has warned.

“People aren’t really aware that there is an ability to discuss transport associated with any core supports and also additional access to transport money to achieve core support [listed activities],” TDSA’s business manager Jennifer Leigh said.

“I think the National Disability Insurance Agency has their way of handling it, but it’s a policy area for them that’s inconsistent in terms of its decision making and it’s inconsistent in terms of how assessors deal with it on an individual by individual basis.

Read the full ProBono Australia article [here](#).

## **Breakthrough in autism spectrum disorders**

People living with autism spectrum disorder are one step closer to receiving personalised genetic diagnosis and treatment, according to University of Queensland (UQ) research. New approaches in genomic technologies, computational models and experimental systems could potentially lead to personalised treatment based on an individual’s genetic composition, UQ Diamantina Institute biologist, Dr Alex Cristino said. “Researchers were making significant progress in understanding the molecular mechanisms of complex genetic disorders such as autism.”

Autism is caused by a ‘perfect storm’ of complex combinations of common and rare genetic variations and the disorder forms from unique combinations of both inherited DNA variations and spontaneously generated genetic errors, also known as de novo mutations. “Genetically speaking, there are many ways to develop autism. In most cases, no single genetic alteration or arrangement causes the disorder,” Dr. Alex Cristino said.

Read the full Freedom2Live article [here](#).

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### **NDIS SDA: What are they thinking?**

The long awaited SDA Provider and Investor Brief has finally been released and there is not much good news, writes Brent Woolgar. You can [read it here](#).

Read the FULL Disability Services Consulting article [here](#). *Below are a few extracts.*

Firstly, there is this section about SDA Prices and the introduction of the term “Price Limits”. Wait a minute, what? Price Limits?

On choice and control – the document states *“It is important for providers to note that an SDA budget to support a single resident dwelling is only likely to be provided to a very small number of SDA eligible participants (a small percentage of NDIS participants overall), even when the dwelling is in a configuration that makes shared supports possible.”* It outlines that most people will be assessed to live with 1 to 4 others with shared supports.

There is no information on who has SDA in their plans, where are they and against what criteria they were assessed. Now with this document, there are so many new contradictions, new terminology, new risks, new uncertainties that have been introduced. This seems to be in direct conflict with what this ‘briefing’ was supposed to offer.

Read the full **Disability Services Consulting** article [here](#).

## Books & Publications

### **[Investing to save: the economic benefits for Australia of investment in mental health reform](#)**

This KPMG/ Mental Health Australia report presents the economic case for continued mental health reform. It highlights opportunities for governments and employers to generate more significant returns on their investment in mental health, focusing on a small number of targeted, practical interventions where the evidence base on 'what works' is strong. Read the Analysis & Policy Observatory article and access report [here](#).

### **[Medical Aspects of Autism and Asperger Syndrome](#)**

Mohammad Ghaziuddin. Autism as a diagnosis rarely occurs in isolation and around 10-25% of people with autism have an additional medical condition, such as learning disabilities or epilepsy. This authoritative yet easy to use book provides both parents and professionals with the information they need to diagnose, and then manage these further conditions. 2018. ISBN: 978-1-84310-818-4 [Publisher link](#).

### **[Government health expenditure and tax revenue 2015–16](#)**

This report looks at how health expenditure is paid for by Australian, state and territory and local governments through taxation revenue. This includes an overview of: how services are funded, what types of health care governments fund, how much of governments' taxation revenue is spent on health care, changes in health expenditure and taxation revenue over the past decade. Read the Analysis & Policy Observatory article [here](#).

### **[A Pocket Guide to Understanding Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias](#)**

**Dr James Warner and Dr Nori Graham.** Written by leading dementia experts, this book provides clear and concise information on symptoms, diagnosis and treatments, how to seek help and support as well as tips for people living with dementia and advice for carers. [Purchasing link](#).

### Out-of-home care support for children with disability

Support arrangements for children with severe disability who are unable to live at home will be provided through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). It follows an agreement between the Commonwealth and NSW Governments who, with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), will work on the operational details of the agreement.

Minister for Social Services, Dan Tehan, said the government is committed to working with all state and territory governments to ensure that families and children with disability receive the support they need.

Read the full **Freedom2Live** article [here](#).

## Policies & Guidelines

### New NDIS Practice Standards

The [National Disability Insurance Scheme \(Provider Registration and Practice Standards\) Rules 2018](#) outline the registration requirements for providers under the NDIS. They also cover the new NDIS Practice Standards and the Quality Indicators that must be met in order to provide services. There is a huge amount of detail in these [Rules](#) released by Commissioner Designate of the NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission, Mr Graeme Head and the Minister for Social Services, the Hon. Dan Tehan.

#### What are the New Practice Standards and Quality Indicators?

The standards and indicators are underpinned by a rights based approach, choice and control and person centred practice. Yay! They also emphasise strong governance and risk management. Organisations delivering support will need to develop these processes and systems, and for higher risk services, staff will be interviewed to ensure they are imbedded in the organisation. The good news for most existing providers is that many will already be familiar with a lot of the quality indicators as they already have to meet similar existing State based quality standards.

Read the full **Disability Services Consulting** article by Bronwyn Stanley [here](#).

### STAFF SCREENING Changes to the Crime Act Implications for Providers

The [Crimes Amendment \(National Disability Insurance Scheme – Worker Screening\) Bill 2018](#) passed both houses of Parliament on 10 May. Consistent with the changes being rolled out under the Quality and Safeguarding Framework, this amendment is an important change for providers to be aware of. A person engaged by a registered NDIS provider to deliver NDIS supports that entail more than incidental contact with a person with disability, or in a key executive, management and operational position, such as a Chief Executive Officer, Chairman or Board Member, will be required to obtain an NDIS Worker Screening Check. Read the full **Disability Services Consulting** article [here](#).

### [NDIS Eligibility for People With Autism Under Review](#)

It has been confirmed that eligibility rules for people with autism under the National Disability Insurance Scheme are under review, after a document outlining changes to direct eligibility for autism cases was accidentally published online. Read the full **ProBono Australia** article [here](#).



## NDIS Health Toolkit (NDIS Health Interface Project) website

<https://www.ndishealthtoolkit.com/>

The main project goals were to:

1. identify key issues at the health/NDIS interface; and
2. develop tools for people working in the health sector and improve the interface with the NDIS for optimal experience and outcomes for people with a disability

### Health Professionals Tip Sheet - Writing Reports to help with NDIS eligibility decisions

A health professional may be requested to provide a report to help the NDIA make a decision about whether or not a person is eligible for funding. Access Tip Sheet [here](#).

### Health Professionals Tip Sheet - Report Writing for NDIS Planning Meetings

Health professionals may be asked by a NDIS participant to provide a report to help them prepare for a planning meeting. They will often take reports from their general practitioner and allied health professionals with them to a planning meeting. This tip sheet provides some basic information about key elements to keep in mind. Access Tip Sheet [here](#).

### NDIS & Health Interface - Good Practice Guideline

The twelve points of action that you can influence to make a difference. Access [here](#).

## Directories Online

### NDIS [Finding and engaging providers](#)

Information about choosing your providers and support workers.

### NDIS Call Centre Opening Hours

The NDIA's National Call Centre opening hours are now 8am-8pm Monday to Friday. Call 1800 800 110 if you require a free-of-charge translator, interpreter or other assistance. If you are a Text telephone (TTY) user, phone 1800 555 677 then ask for 1800 800 110. If you are a Speak and Listen (speech-to-speech relay) user, phone 1800 555 727 then ask for 1800 800 110. If you are an internet relay user, visit the [National Relay Service](#) website and ask for 1800 800 110.

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### **Prisoners with Disability Subject to Harrowing Abuse, Report Finds**

People with disability in Australian prisons are subject to harrowing sexual and physical abuse, are disproportionately held in solitary confinement and face a severe lack of access to services, a new report has found. Human Rights Watch investigated 14 prisons in Queensland and Western Australia, revealing systemic abuse and neglect of prisoners with disabilities, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders. HRW interviewed 275 people for the [report](#), including 136 current or recently released prisoners with disabilities, and a range of other stakeholders like prison staff, health and mental health professionals, family members and government officials. Read the full Pro Bono Australia article [here](#).

## Charity, Grant & Fund Raising News

### **Report Reveals Disconnect Between Grantseekers and Grantmakers**

A new report has revealed a “surprising” disconnect between Australian grantseeker and grantmaker perceptions on the state of philanthropy. Read the full ProBono Australia article [here](#).

### **Research into the commission-based charity fundraising industry in Australia**

This Australian Competition and Consumer Commission report examines commission-based fundraising in the Australian charity sector. Commission-based charity fundraising is a channel that has long been used by charities to obtain donors. The practice typically involves an individual fundraiser approaching members of the public on the street or at a public location (shopping centre, railway station, etc.) or moving from door-to-door and knocking uninvited, then attempting to sign-up donors. A variant of this practice involves a member of the public being contacted by an unsolicited telephone call to agree to a donation to a charity. There is concern that street, door-to-door or telemarketing approaches are associated with higher levels of public detriment. This is because of the particular characteristics commonly associated with this marketing approach - for example, its unsolicited nature and the high-pressure tactics that may be employed by some individual fundraisers. For this reason, commission-based charity fundraising has generally been subject to a greater degree of media scrutiny than some other channels. Download the full report from APO Analysis & Policy Observatory [here](#).

### **Charities Secure ASIC Exemption**

Charities have secured an exemption from paying the new Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) levy, ensuring fee-free regulation for all charities. Read the full ProBono Australia article [here](#).

### **Links to Funding Information**

<https://www.grants.gov.au/>

<https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/>

<https://www.jobsforNSW.com.au/funding>

<http://www.environment.gov.au/about-us/grants-funding>

<https://www.clubsNSW.com.au/community/clubgrants/for-applicants>

<http://www.philanthropy.org.au/seek-funding/how-to-seek-funding/>

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

<https://www.telstrafoundation.com/>

<http://mazdafoundation.org.au/>

<https://www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/charitable-foundation>

<https://www.hccu.com.au/community/partnership-program>

## Participate in Feedback, Surveys and Research

### NDIA SURVEY

The NDIA is seeking feedback from service providers and their staff on their experiences in dealing with the NDIA. The online survey only takes a few minutes. Start [here](#).

### ASPECT AUTISM RESEARCH STUDY

Have you or one of your family members with autism had an interaction with the police in Australia in the last 5 years? You are invited to take part in a major Aspect Research study, through an anonymous online survey and interview. Contact Vicki Gibbs, National Manager, Aspect Research and Assessments at [vgibbs@autismspectrum.org.au](mailto:vgibbs@autismspectrum.org.au) or phone (02) 8977 8331.

### CARERS NSW 2018 CARER SURVEY

Do you care for a family member or friend who has a disability, mental illness or health condition? Do you live in New South Wales? Help speak up for carers by sharing your experiences and getting involved in the Carers NSW 2018 Carer Survey. Information collected helps Carers NSW advocate for better support for carers across NSW and raise awareness about issues in caring that matter the most. The online version of the Carers NSW 2018 Carer Survey is available until 30 June 2018, have your say today! For more information, visit the Carers NSW website: [www.carersnsw.org.au/research/survey](http://www.carersnsw.org.au/research/survey)

## Research & Demographic Reports

### Spinal cord injury, Australia 2014-15

In 2014-15, 264 newly incident cases of traumatic spinal cord injury (SCI) due to external causes were reported to the Australian Spinal Cord Injury Register. Males accounted for 4 in 5 (80%) of traumatic SCI cases. Land transport crashes (42%) were the leading mechanism of injury for cases of traumatic SCI sustained in 2014-15, followed by falls (40%). Around one-third (35%) were sustained during sports or leisure activities. Access the report here [Spinal cord injury, Australia 2014-15](#)

### [Study highlights home care workers' role in preventing falls](#)

Trained community care workers can safely incorporate a falls prevention exercise program into their existing services for older clients, new research by Curtin University has found. Read the full Community Care Review article [here](#).

### [Autism: How Much Do We Really Know About It?](#)

Most of us know the word but how much do we really understand about autism? Pro Bono News spoke with members of the community about their experiences in light of new research highlighting general awareness, knowledge and understanding of autism. Read the full ProBono Australia article [here](#).

### Scientists Have Identified The Physical Source of Anxiety in The Brain

A recent study investigating the neurological basis of anxiety in the brain has identified 'anxiety cells (ventral CA1 (vCA1)' located in the hippocampus. The findings, so far demonstrated in experiments with lab mice, could offer a ray of hope for the millions of people worldwide who experience anxiety disorders, by leading to new drugs that silence these anxiety-controlling neurons. Read the full Next Generation article [here](#). (*Anxiety can be a significant antecedent to behavioural outbursts, especially for people on the Autism Spectrum - could this be an important development.* - Ed) Also see the Science Alert article [here](#). and read the source Neuron abstract "**Anxiety Cells in a Hippocampal-Hypothalamic Circuit**" [here](#).

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## Education Resources

### **Talking End of Life...with people with intellectual disability (TEL)**

This **new online resource** was launched on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2018. TEL is a **free toolkit** designed to help disability staff and caregivers teach people with intellectual disability about end of life. TEL is available at <https://www.caresearch.com.au/TEL/>

Watch the 1-minute TEL [trailer](#) . Listen to an interview of Professor Roger Stancliffe (University of Sydney) and Gail Jettes (Unison Disability) discussing TEL and end of life on ABC Radio National's [Life Matters](#) program. This project is supported by funding from the Australian Government Department of Health under the Public Health and Chronic Disease Grant Program.

### **Update to the First Aid Companion Volume (National Training Packages)**

The First Aid Companion Volume has been updated to incorporate clarifications in respect to the control of bleeding (p13), the clarification of the use of adrenalin auto injectors, including no disassembly (page 14), and the removal of the Anapen reference on p41 (now p45). This document is available for download [here](#).

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**2 - 3 July 2018**

**New Zealand Society for Intellectual Disability 2018 Conference.** Wellington, New Zealand. [website.](#)

**4- 6 July 2018**

**icH&Hpsy International Conference on Health and Health Psychology.** Essv, Portugal. [website](#)

**4- 6 July 2018**

**6th CPSYC International Conference on Clinical and Counselling Psychology.** Essv, Portugal. [website](#)

**5 July 2018**

**Recognising and Responding to the Abuse of Older People.** Sydney. ACWA-CCWT. [Enrol.](#)

**5 July 2018**

**NDIS SIL: Introduction.** Webinar, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

**9 - 15 July 2018**

**National Diabetes Week.** [website](#)

**15 - 19 July 2018**

**International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development: Biennial Meeting.** Gold Coast, Qld. [Information](#)

**16 - 18 July 2018**

**National Disability Sports Conference.** Melbourne, Vic. [website](#)

**18 - 20 July 2018**

**5th IASSIDD European Congress.** Athens. [website](#)

**21 - 26 July 2018**

**ISAAC 2018 International Society for Augmentative & Alternative Communications.** Gold Coast, Australia. [web site](#)

**22 July 2018**

**Fragile X Awareness Day.** [website](#)

**23 July 2018**

**NDIS Practice Standards 'Making Sense, Moving Forward.** Sydney, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

24 July 2018

**NDIS SIL: Cutting Through The Chaos.** Sydney, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

24 July 2018

**NDIS & Running an Allied Health Business.** Sydney, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

25 July 2018

**NDIS SIL: Cutting Through The Chaos.** Brisbane, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

25 July 2018

**NDIS & Running an Allied Health Business.** Brisbane, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

25 - 26 July 2018

**Aged Care Reform National Conference.** Sydney. [Info](#)

25 - 27 July 2018

**World Down Syndrome Congress.** Glasgow, Scotland. [Information.](#)

25 - 27 July 2018

**Australian Institute Of Family Studies 2018 Conference.** Melbourne, Vic. [Information](#)

26 July 2018

**NDIS Practice Standards 'Making Sense, Moving Forward.** Brisbane, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

26 - 27 July 2018

**Health Metrics World Conference.** Crown Conference Centre, Southbank, Vic. [website](#)

30 July 2018

**Understanding and Responding to Domestic Violence.** Tamworth. ACWA-CCWT. [Enrol.](#)

30 July 2018

**NDIS & Running an Allied Health Business.** Melbourne, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

30 July - 3 August 2018

**P.A.R.T. Train The Trainer (Predict And Respond to Threats of Aggressive Behaviour).** Burwood, NSW.  
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31 July 2018

**NDIS Practice Standards 'Making Sense, Moving Forward.** Melbourne, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

31 July 2018

**NDIS SIL: Cutting Through The Chaos.** Melbourne, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

1 August 2018

**NDIS SIL: Cutting Through The Chaos.** Adelaide, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

1 August 2018

**NDIS & Running an Allied Health Business.** Adelaide, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

2 August 2018

**NDIS SIL: Cutting Through The Chaos.** Perth, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

**2 August 2018**

**NDIS & Running an Allied Health Business.** Perth, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

**2 August 2018**

**NDIS Practice Standards 'Making Sense, Moving Forward.** Adelaide, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

**3 August 2018**

**Interface of the NDIS and the Child Protection System.** Sydney. ACWA-CCWT. [Enrol.](#)

**3 August 2018**

**NDIS Practice Standards 'Making Sense, Moving Forward.** Perth, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

**7 August 2018**

**NDIS Practice Standards 'Making Sense, Moving Forward.** Canberra, Disability Services Consulting. [Info](#)

**9 - 12 August 2018**

**Better Boards Conference.** Adelaide. [website](#)

**13 August 2018**

**Neuro-Rehab Awareness Day.** [website](#)

**15 - 16 August 2018**

**I-Can v5 Facilitator Training.** Camperdown, NSW. Centre for Disability Studies. [Info](#)

**20 - 21 August 2018**

**Personality Disorders: Psychodynamic and Attachment Theory Perspective.** Sydney. ACWA-CCWT. [Enrol.](#)

**30 - 31 August 2018**

**Aspect Autism in Education Conference.** Brisbane. [Information.](#)

**1 - 30 September 2018**

**Dementia Awareness Month.** [website](#)

**4 - 5 September 2018**

**Universal Design Conference.** Brisbane. [website](#)

14 - 15 September 2018

**Nepean Disability Expo.** Penrith Panthers, NSW. [Website.](#)

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