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## **Women With Disabilities WA Inc**

### **Newsletter – July 2013**

Dear WWDWA Inc members and supporters,

Welcome to the second half of 2013 – I hope you all survived this very cold winter!

In May WWDWA Inc Management Committee members attended two workshops, one on governance training, to make sure that our committee has the skills and knowledge to run WWDWA Inc effectively and professionally, and a workshop where we developed our first Strategic Plan for the organisation. We will be introducing the Strategic Plan at this year's Annual General Meeting in October.

The last few months have been a busy one for the disability community in Perth. WA has finally agreed to sign up to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (now known as DisabilityCare Australia) and will have a launch site running in Perth from July 2014, as well as two launch sites running the Disability Services Commission's My Way program.

For details of how DisabilityCare Australia will operate in WA launch refer to [www.disabilitycareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.disabilitycareaustralia.gov.au)

For details of how the My Way sites will operate, refer to <http://www.disability.wa.gov.au/reform1/reform/my-way>

The Self-Advocacy and Peer Support group for all people with disabilities will be running two workshops on how to make effective complaints about disability discrimination in late September. See page 3 of the newsletter for more information. The second workshop will be running directly before WWDWA Inc's September forum in the same venue, so why not come along to both?

See you at the forums!

Rayna Lamb  
Coordinator

**Monthly Forums held for women with disabilities at Subiaco Arts Centre, 180 Hamersley Road, Subiaco. Wheelchair accessible with ACROD parking and close to accessible public transport. See page 4 of the newsletter for more information about the forums and a map to the venue.**

**25 August – 2-4 pm – Starting your own business, a conversation with WWDWA Inc member and former Another Angle owner Kerry Allan-Zinner**  
**29 September – 2-4 pm – Topic/speaker to be advised**

**RSVP to Rayna on 9244 7463 or 9388 7455 or email [rayna@wwdwa.org.au](mailto:rayna@wwdwa.org.au) by Friday prior to forum.**



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### **Starting your own business!**

Over the last few months WWDWA Inc has had a number of enquiries from members asking us how to set up their own businesses. Starting your own business and working from home is often a great option for women with disabilities, especially if you have kids or have changing pain or energy levels.

Kerry Allan-Zinner, WWDWA Inc member and mother, started her disability consultation and training organisation Another Angle 10 years ago, and developed it into a highly respected small business that gave her full-time employment and a way to get off the disability pension. She will be at the August forum to share her experiences.

Funding and assistance for starting small businesses:

<http://www.australiangovernmentgrants.org/low-interest-no-interest-loans.php>  
[http://www.nab.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/nab/nab/home/about\\_us/7/4/3/2/6](http://www.nab.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/nab/nab/home/about_us/7/4/3/2/6)  
<http://deewr.gov.au/new-enterprise-incentive-scheme-neis>

### **Getting Places**

Getting affordable and accessible transport to WWDWA Inc forums, medical appointments, shopping or social outings is often very difficult when you can't drive or take public transport. Here are two services that may be helpful:

#### **Volunteer Task Force**

Volunteer Task Force (VTF) transport service delivers clients to:

- medical and specialists appointments
- shopping
- social appointments
- the whole metro region including Mandurah.

This service is supplied through Home and Community Care funding, so you will need to be assessed before being eligible to use it.

To arrange for an assessment contact the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre on 1800 052 222.

Contact Volunteer Task Force on 9318 5700 <http://www.volunteertaskforce.org.au>

#### **Taxi Users Subsidy Scheme**

The Taxi Users' Subsidy Scheme (TUSS) provides taxi travel at a reduced rate for people who have a severe permanent disability that will always prevent them from using conventional public transport services.

1300 660 147

<http://www.transport.wa.gov.au/taxis/15155.asp>



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### **VOTING FOR WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES**

[This information was taken from the following website:  
<http://womenvote.org.au/profiles/i-am-a-woman-with-a-disability.html>]

We now have a date for the next Federal Election – 7 September 2013

As you know, disability can make voting hard. When disability is compounded by accessibility issues, voting can become at best frustrating and distressing and at worst impossible.

Those accessibility problems are symptomatic of a broader political ignorance about disability which makes it vital that women with disability are heard on election day. Disability (and specifically the particular needs of women with disability) will not be included in mainstream policy unless the electorate demands it. That means both voting on polling day, and also (where possible) participating in the campaigning period by asking candidates questions about the issues which matter to you and asking your friends and family to do the same.

You can interact with your local candidates in a number of formats. Most candidates will have a website with a form for online questions, an email address and a postal address. You can also phone a candidate's office with a question or attend a public meeting. Contact candidates who are holding meetings in advance to make sure they have chosen accessible venues.

There are several ways that voting has been made accessible for people with disabilities:

- Accessible Polling Places – not all polling places are physically accessible. The Australian Electoral Commission has a list of accessible polling places
- Postal Voting – if you can't get to a polling place on election day
- Voting over the phone – for people who are blind or have low vision
- Assisted Voting – if your disability prevents you from filling out ballot papers without assistance
- Safety – the electoral roll is a public document. If you are concerned about your privacy and safety, you can apply to be a silent voter, which will take your address off the electoral roll.

To get more information on accessible voting options contact the Australian Electoral Commission on 13 23 26 or on at <http://www.aec.gov.au/>

### **Peer Support and Self Advocacy WA Mobilising for Access and Inclusion: Making Complaints and Taking Action**

Come with your complaints about barriers to access and inclusion ready!

This workshop is hands on with the opportunity to make online complaints to the Human Rights Commission in real time and learn who you can make complaints to for the most impact.

Hear from people who have gone through the process and how together we can make complaints turn into action and change with support from our peers.

This is a workshop for people with disabilities. If you need support to attend such as interpreters, attendant care, transport support, Braille, hearing loop etc, just let us know and it will be provided. Come to one or both workshops and let's build an action plan.

Thursday September 26, 4.30pm to 7pm and/or Sunday September 29, 11am to 2pm  
Subiaco Arts Centre 180 Hamersley Rd Subiaco

RSVP [mermaid@bunyip.wheelycreek.net](mailto:mermaid@bunyip.wheelycreek.net) or call PWDWA on 9485 8900 or email [stuart@pwdwa.org](mailto:stuart@pwdwa.org) with any support needs OR via our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/375391525878376/>



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**Subiaco Arts Centre** 180 Hamersley Road, Subiaco WA 6008

The map shows the Subiaco Arts Centre at 180 Hamersley Road. Key landmarks include the King Edward Memorial Hospital For Women, Police Station, Community Centre, Theatre Gardens, Subiaco Primary School, Amphi theatre, Council Offices, War Memorial, Subiaco Library, Crossways Shopping Centre, and Subiaco Railway Station. Streets shown include Railway Rd., Douglas Ave., Lawler St., Hensman Rd., Bagot Rd., Rowland St., Rokeby Rd., Roberts Rd., Hay St., Forrest Walk, Churchill Ave, Barker St., Kings Park Rd., Thomas St., and Hamersley Rd. A north arrow is present.

**Route 25 Bus Stops**  
**P Parking**  
**Disabled Access Entrance**

**By Train**  
 Subiaco and Daglish Stations on Fremantle Line

**By Bus**  
 Route 25 (Wheelchair Accessible Service)  
 Claremont to East Perth via Kings Park Rd.  
 Departs  
 St. George's Terrace (near Barrack St.) stand 32  
 St. George's Terrace (opposite King St.) stand 32

Transperth Infoline - 13 62 13 [www.transperth.wa.gov.au](http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au)

## Volunteers

In order that forums and other events that we have can run smoothly, we rely on the support of volunteers.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the physical tasks of setting up venues and supporting women who need assistance during the forums.

If you know women who would be interested in helping out please let Rayna know.

## General Forum Information

The cost for attending the forums is a \$2 gold coin donation. This goes towards paying for speakers and other forum related expenses. Please bring a plate of nibbles/biscuits for afternoon tea. Tea/coffee and cold drinks are provided.