

Your Gateway news



Welcome to the first edition of **your Gateway news**.



This is a newsletter with helpful information about programs, services and supports for people with disability.



Each newsletter will come out three or four times a year.



If you have any feedback for us about this newsletter, we want to hear from you.



Meet Grace!

This article is about a person with a disability called Grace.



She is blind and is an active part of Perth's arts community.



See how Grace uses the Disability Gateway.



Australian Government

Key Government actions on disability



Here is some information on how the government is helping people with disability.



Australia's Disability Strategy 2021 – 2031



When the government makes a plan to help people, it is called a Strategy.



The Disability Strategy will help make life better for people with disability.



There will be meetings until the year 2031 to talk about how the Disability Strategy can help people with disabilities.

[Read more about the Disability Strategy here.](#)

Disability Reform Ministerial Council



In Australia, ministers who work on disability policy meet regularly.

When they meet, it is done through the Disability Reform Ministerial Council (DRMC).



The DRMC aims to improve life for people with disability.

[Read more about the DRMC here.](#)

National Autism Strategy

Help shape the change.

National Autism Strategy

Here is some information about the National Autism Strategy.



Australian Government

A Strategy is a plan by the government to help people.



The National Autism Strategy is a plan to help Australians with autism by giving them services and support.



This Strategy is made with the help of people with autism.



You can be involved in the Strategy by going to community events and answering questions.

[Read more about the National Autism Strategy here.](#)



**Disability Advocacy
Support Helpline**

Do you need individual advocacy support?



Here is some information about support you might need to speak up for yourself.

Speaking up for yourself is called advocacy.



Australian Government



The government has a phone number you can call for help speaking up for yourself.



**Disability Advocacy
Support Helpline**

This number is called the [Disability Advocacy Helpline](#).



To receive help from the Disability Advocacy Helpline, call 1800 643 787 on Monday to Friday between 8am and 8pm.

[Contact the Disability Advocacy Support Helpline here.](#)



Meet Mark!

This video is about a person with a disability called Mark.

Mark was in an accident that changed his life.



Mark is from Gippsland in Victoria.



See how Mark uses the Disability Gateway.



Assistive Technology supports for NDIS participants

This article is about Assistive Technology.



Assistive Technology is technology that helps people with disability to live their lives.



The Government is working with the NDIS to make it easier for people with disability to get Assistive Technology.

[Read more about how to sign up for Assistive Technology and Supports here.](#)



Disability Worker COVID-19 Leave Grant

This article is about COVID-19 Leave Grant for disability workers.



A Grant is money that is given under special circumstances.



The NDIS can give money back to disability workers who could not go to work because of the COVID-19 illness.



This money is given through the Disability Worker COVID-19 Leave Grant.

[Read more about the Disability Worker COVID-19 Leave Grant here.](#)



Meet Sue!

This video is about a person with a disability called Sue.

Sue is deaf.



Sue is from Cairns in Queensland.



See how Sue uses the Disability Gateway.



International Day of People with Disability

This article is about the [International Day of People with Disability](#) (IDPwD).



IDPwD is a day that recognises and celebrates people and community groups with disability.



IDPwD is celebrated on the third of December every year. The day was started by the United Nations.

[Find out how you can get involved in International Day of People with Disability here.](#)