

Update from the Commissioner

Welcome to our October newsletter.

I was delighted to be involved recently in the Virtual Disability Conference and to hear the insightful conversations and questions from various disability sector participants.

The Commission hosted a panel session on 'What are the expectations for disability workers? And how to help workers meet them?' It was great to be joined by experienced panellists offering their different perspectives including Maryanne Diamond (Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria), Phil Hayes-Brown (CEO, Wallara), Scott Sheppard (CEO, Cerebral Palsy Support Network), Karyn Aumont (registered disability worker) and Peter Scutt (CEO, Mable).

It is fantastic to see the steady stream of applications we are receiving from disability workers to become registered. I encourage you to join your many colleagues who are showing they are a quality disability worker by becoming registered.

If you're registered it demonstrates to clients and employers you are safe, skilled and professional and committed to undertaking continuing professional development.

Registration continues to be free in this second year and your skills, experience and track record are all taken into account. Be recognised for the crucial work you do and register today at the [registration page](#).

Events

Mandatory notifications - who, why, when and how? webinar

The Victorian Disability Worker Commission is hosting a webinar on everything you need to know about mandatory notifications. If you work in disability, or employ people who do, you are required by law to notify us about conduct from disability workers that may put the people they support at risk.

Date: Thursday 20th October

Time: 10-11am

Book: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mandatory-notifications-who-why-when-and-how-tickets-423839915597>

The webinar will feature an overview of why it is mandatory to notify, who is required to notify and what is considered notifiable conduct. The session will also outline the notifications process.

There will be a live presentation from the Commissioner and complaints team, followed by an interactive Q&A session. If you're interested in learning more about mandatory notifications, don't miss this important webinar.

This webinar will have Auslan interpreters and live captioning.

News and updates



Want to know more about what the Commission and Board have planned?

Introducing our Corporate Plan 2022 - 24

The Commission in conjunction with the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria is

pleased to present our corporate plan. The plan includes the joint strategic plan and sets out how the Board and the Commission will implement our priorities for 2022–23.

The corporate plan builds on our experience and early learnings of implementing the Disability Worker Regulation Scheme.

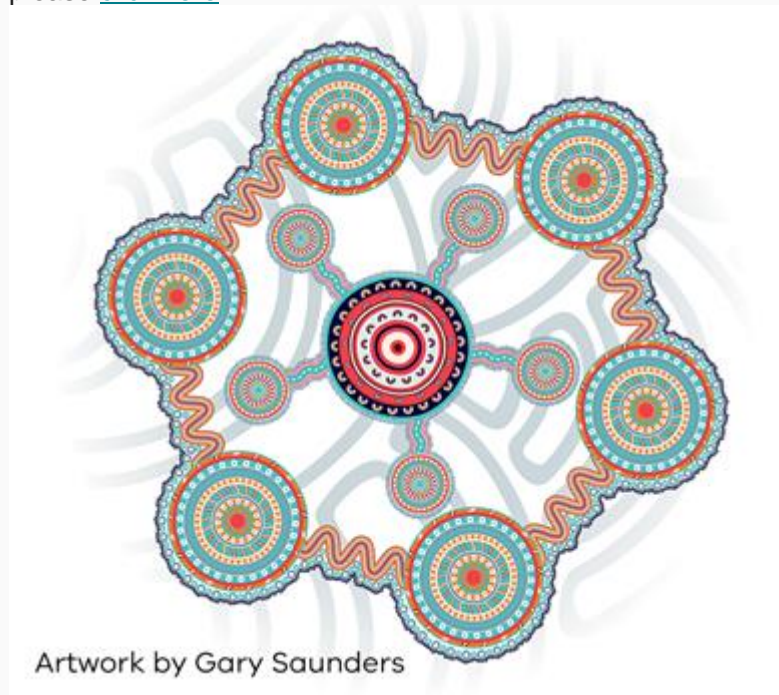
The Commission and Board look forward to continuing to engage with the disability sector in ensuring the Scheme delivers for the community and builds a safer, stronger sector.

To read the Corporate Plan please [click here](#).

Collaboration with Aboriginal artist, Gary Saunders

The Commission has collaborated with Aboriginal artist, Gary Saunders to create culturally meaningful artwork to feature in some new Commission materials and through our social media platforms.

To view our First Nations brochure about the Disability Worker Regulation Scheme please [click here](#).



The story of the artwork:

At the centre is the representation of the Victorian Disability Worker Commission, Commissioner and the Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria. Attached to this centre are the groups and people that are key to our organisation (people with disability, their families and community, disability workers, organisations in the disability sector and

other regulators) represented by the 5 surrounding circles.

Outside these circles, 5 larger circles represent the key functions of the Commission, Commissioner and Board. These functions are connected through lines representing communication between the Commission, people interacting with the services and other stakeholders.

Framing all of this are small circles of different sizes which represent people with disability, disability workers and the wider community. This is held together with a frame of small blue circles to represent the desire to bring the functions, people and groups together to achieve positive outcomes for people with disability, the disability sector and wider community.

Do you know of a multicultural community who might need more information about the Commission?

We are proud to now have a range of stakeholder packs designed to inform multicultural organisations about disability worker registration.

The packs contain a variety of resources translated into a variety of languages including Arabic, Chinese (Simplified), Chinese (Traditional), Filipino, Hindi, Punjabi, Sinhalese, and Vietnamese.

Download a pack today at: <https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/resources/CALD-stakeholder-packs>

In addition to these resources, the Commission can also come and talk to community groups and organisations about our work and take any questions. To arrange this please contact education@vdwc.vic.gov.au

Continuing professional development

Registered disability workers are required to undertake continuing professional development (CPD) activities as part of their registration.

The Disability Worker Registration Board of Victoria's approved registration standard for CPD (the CPD standard) requires registered disability workers complete at least 10 hours of continuing professional development for each registration period, starting from 1 October 2022.

To read more about CPD, including possible training and education sources, please visit our [CPD page](#).

Prohibition orders

The Victorian Disability Worker Commissioner has the power to issue prohibition orders regarding unregistered disability workers. Prohibition orders stop named people from working as a disability worker anywhere in Victoria or requires that they can only work if certain conditions are met. The Commissioner can make a prohibition order if they are satisfied that it is necessary to avoid a serious risk to the life, health, safety or welfare of a person or the health, safety or welfare of the public. These orders will be of particular interest to employers of disability workers and those who use disability workers.

There have been 6 prohibition orders issued over September and October.

You can sign up to receive alerts when there is an update to the Prohibition Orders page of the Commission website. By signing up, you will receive a direct email alert every time a new or updated order is posted. For more information on prohibition orders and to subscribe for updates, please visit <https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/prohibition-orders>

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