

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

Disability Advocacy Victoria Inc. would like to thank members for their continuing support and we look forward to a successful year ahead.

Consent and Sexting for Young People with the Murray Mallee Community Legal Service

After seeing a gap in legal information regarding sexual consent and sexting for teenagers with intellectual disabilities, the Murray Mallee Community Legal Service have launched a number of important resources available for public use. The aim of these resources is to help young people with intellectual disabilities achieve a greater understanding of the legal implications of both sexual consent and the sharing of intimate images. The project also promotes informed decisions, reduced legal intervention and presentation at sexual assault services.

These resources can be found at:
<http://www.murraymalleelegal.com.au/>

If members would like to further discuss or order the material, they are encouraged to contact the Murray Mallee Community Legal Service.

KEY DATES 2019

21st of March	General Meetings will be
20th of June	held on Thursdays at
19th of September	12:15pm, Ross House,
17th of October	1st floor, room 1.2, 247
(AGM)	Flinders Lane, Melbourne.
	Members are welcome to
	attend.

Leadership Plus Request for Referrals

Leadership Plus is seeking up to 20 participants to take part in a short pilot program testing the effectiveness of Decision Support provision to enable NDIS access and goal-shaping. To see whether you are eligible please see the attached flyer [here](#).

VCOSS consultation on the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality

In response to the recent announcement of a Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety, Victorian Council of Social Service (VCOSS) is inviting member representatives of related organisations to attend a consultation forum to help inform feedback and share knowledge with other members. The consultation will include an introduction from COTA Victoria. To register your attendance for the consultation please register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/vcoss-consultation-royal-commission-into-aged-care-quality-and-safety-tickets-55670936269>

Consultation Details

Friday 15th March 2019

10:00am – 12:00pm

VCOSS Boardroom, Level 8, 128 Exhibition St, Melbourne.

If you are unable to attend the consultation but wish to provide feedback, please contact Brin Paulsen at brin.paulsen@vcoss.org.au.

Organisations are invited to make a submission to be accepted by the Royal Commission until the end of June 2019. Submission can be made at:

<https://agedcare.royalcommission.gov.au/submissions/Pages/default.aspx>.

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VCOSS and YACVic submissions for the Review of the Child Safe Standards

A reminder that the closing date for submissions for the Victorian Governments Review of Child Safe Standards will be on the 22nd of February. Both VCOSS and YACVic will be making submissions to this review. To make a submission, click [**here**](#).

If you have any queries, please contact Charlotte Newbold from VCOSS at charlotte.newbold@vcoss.org.au or on 9235 1012, or Jessie Mitchell from YACVic at atpolicy@yacvic.org.au or 0418 413 518.