



ADDE Update

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Job levels for those with disabilities at three-year low

24/05/2013 - Employment participation levels of people with disabilities have hit a three-year low, a new national report finds. Lisa Martin

It paints a bleak picture about barriers to securing employment and social participation for people with disabilities.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Reform Council report, to be released on Friday, assesses progress on the national disability agreement using the latest available data from 2009 to 2012.

Council chairman John Brumby told reporters in Canberra there had been no improvement on the poor result of workforce participation from last year's report.

Brumby said carers looking after family members with disabilities were less likely to be employed.

Improved results are expected in the next three to five years as the national disability insurance scheme, DisabilityCare, rolls out.

Brumby declined to weigh in on Western Australia Premier Colin Barnett's refusal to sign up for the national scheme.

National Disability Services chief executive Ken Baker told reporters no one should dispute there's a lot of unmet need within the WA disability system.

"It may be a good system, but it doesn't have enough coverage," he said.

Baker said governments had to minimise the "perception of risk" among people with disabilities that if employment opportunities don't work out they'll be left without any money source.

A spokeswoman for Carers Australia said there was a need for carer-specific employment training to be introduced for former carers once the person they were looking after had died or moved to residential care.

The organisation also wants a review of the 25 hours rule that caps the amount of employment hours people receiving carers payments can work.

Source AAP

<http://www.medicalsearch.com.au/Job-levels-for-those-with-disabilities-at-three-year-low/n/67477>

NDIS Launch update

Prime Minister Gillard announced the increase in the Medicare levy to provide funds for the NDIS launch across Australia over the coming years. Read the full article on the link below

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/>

NDIS and Work forum in Barwon

A one hour forum is being held at the Buckley's entertainment centre on June 6th 2013 at 11.00am followed by a light lunch. Please see the flyer below with registration details



The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO), along with Australians for Disability and Diversity Employment (ADDE Inc. and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), proudly announce an upcoming forum:

‘NDIS and Work’

You are cordially invited to attend this forum, which will investigate the relationship between the NDIS and Employment. Is there one? If so what does it look like?

Chair: Lesley Hall, AFDO CEO

Speakers: Graeme Innes, Australian Disability Discrimination Commissioner
Liz Cairns, State Manager - Disability Care Services

Event Details

Date and time:	Thursday 6 June from 11.00 am to 12 noon.
Registration:	From 10.30 am
Venue:	Buckley's Entertainment Centre, 54 Fellmongers Road, Breakwater
Getting there:	Buses operate regularly from Geelong city centre. If coming by car, there is ample parking (including reserved disability parking)
A light lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the forum.	

RSVP: by 31st May to Cheryl at cheryl.gration@afdo.org.au . Please advise regarding any access requirements when registering to ensure you are able to participate fully in the forum.

About the Presenters



Lesley Hall has worked in disability advocacy organisations since 1980, including the Disability Resources Centre and Action for Community Living. In 1986 she was engaged as a consultant with the United Nations in Bangkok to develop a resource manual on training and funding opportunities for people with disability as well as to develop project proposals.

From 2007 to 2010 Lesley was a member of the Victorian Disability Advisory Council.

Lesley is presently employed as CEO of the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations. She is also a member of the National People with Disability and Carer Council, the National Disability and Carers Alliance, the Schools Disability Advisory Council. She has been on two expert groups for the National Disability Insurance Scheme. Lesley is also a trustee for the Australian People with Disability and Indigenous Education Fund.

Graeme Innes is a lawyer, mediator and company director, as well as a member of the NSW Administrative Decisions Tribunal, the NSW Consumer, Trader and Tenancy Tribunal and the Social Security Appeals Tribunal.

Most notably, Graeme has been Australia's Disability Discrimination Commissioner since December 2005. He has been a Human Rights Practitioner in NSW, WA and nationally. He has also served as one of Australia's Human Rights Commissioners, a Hearing Commissioner with the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, and Race Discrimination Commissioner.

Graeme was formally Chair of the Disability Advisory Council of Australia, and the first Chair of Vision Australia, Australia's national blindness agency.



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