

BULLETIN BOARD

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Disability Updates - Dylan Alcott calls for free RATs, masks for people with a disability in first foray into politics

Australian of the Year Dylan Alcott wants rapid antigen tests and N95 masks to be free for all Australians living with a disability. In his first direct intervention into politics since winning the award, the Paralympic champion and tennis golden grand slam winner wrote to the Prime Minister and all state and territory leaders to place the two requests on the national agenda

“Forcing people to use their NDIS funding or DSP payments, that barely cover the necessities, to buy RATs and N95 masks is neither equitable nor fair. **Please click on the link below for the full report**

<https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/2022/jan/26/dylan-alcott-australian-of-the-year-calls-for-people-with-disability-to-be-given-free-rapid-antigen-tests>

Advocates say change to NDIS assistive technology rules not enough

Disability Support Guide

A change in the rules around funding for assistive technology under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is being labelled as cutting “red tape” by the Government, however, disability advocates believe these changes need to go further.

Long COVID leaves newly disabled people facing old barriers – a sociologist explains

The Conversation

Up to one-third of COVID-19 survivors will acquire the condition known as long or long-haul COVID-19. The American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation estimates that long COVID will add as many as 22 million individuals to the U.S. population of disabled people.

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Volunteer week 16 – 20 May 2022
Polio Awareness Month Oct 2022



Regional Clinic Update 2022

Plans for Polio Services Victoria (PSV) regional clinics during 2022. The team were planning to go to Warrnambool in Feb, however due to the current code brown status for healthcare in Victoria we are unable to go ahead with the clinic currently. PSV are however planning to go to Warrnambool but will need to defer this until April.

Details of plans for regional clinics in 2022 are detailed below. This is taken from the St Vincent's internet page, so the information is also available there.

The need to defer the February clinic has resulted in 5 clinics scheduled for 2022 instead of the usual 6 clinics. Hopefully, there will be no further changes!!

Regional clinic dates 2022

Polio Services Victoria delivers services to the whole of Victoria. Regional locations and dates for in person clinics are:

Warrnambool	27/4/22 & 28/4/22
Bendigo	8/6/22 & 9/6/22
Bairnsdale	3/8/22 & 4/8/22
Wangaratta	12/10/22 & 13/10/22
Ballarat	23/11/22 & 24/11/22

On the 8th of March it was international women's, here at PPV, we would like to acknowledge the women who have worked tirelessly for people with disability. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those in Queensland and now NSW who have suffered during the floods, particularly people with disability, we are thinking of you at this time!

As we all live our lives in this still unconventional COVID-19 country, our thoughts are also with the people of Ukraine. If you have family / friends or are simply affected, please reach out to someone to talk.

Thank you and stay safe – From PPV President Shirley Glance, OAM

