

BULLETIN BOARD

June 2022

Dear Members, friends, and supporters of Post-Polio Victoria.

HELP US TO CONTINUE OUR WORK BY MAKING A DONATION!

We would like to thank you for your support over the past year we are reaching out to you at this time of year for financial assistance in our work of advocating for those living with polio and the late of polio/Post-Polio syndrome.

As a not-for-profit organisation we rely on your support to help us achieve our mission. All donations over \$2 is tax deductible.

To support people with polio to live as full lives in the community as possible. There are an estimated 40,000 plus people with polio in Australia. It seeks to do so by:

- Engagement and collaboration with communities we will advocate for best outcomes and equal and equitable access for people with polio to enable all to thrive
- Advocating on behalf of people with polio to levels of government, health institutions and health providers
- Providing of information to people with polio concerning provision of health services, government support and self help
- Educating and raising awareness amongst health service providers and government about the health and support needs of people with polio

Some of our achievements include

- Partnering with St Vincent's Hospital to produce protocols for the hospital to guide their staff and consultants in working with people with polio
- Providing information to our members
- Advocating to Federal and State Ministers and parliamentarians on issues affecting people with polio
- AFTA Alliance for equal access to assistive technology
- WWDA – Women with Disability Australia “Endorsement statement ‘everybody with a disability is at risk of 2nd class treatment, and children, especially can be denied”
- Submission to the Royal Commission ‘Against the Exclusion of Polio Survivors from the NDIS
- Response to the Regulation Impact Statement Consultation Proposal to include minimum accessibility standards for housing in the National Construction Code
- Endorsement PWDA Leave no Australian behind in disasters and emergencies

A we approach the end of the year – Please support PPV

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Thank you, from President Shirley Glance OAM

Breaking News: Bill Shorten to be the new Minister for the

NDIS It's finally confirmed, the new Minister for the NDIS and Government Services will be none other than the former prime ministerial candidate himself- Bill Shorten.

Please click on the link to access the full article

https://teamdsc.com.au/resources/breaking-news-shorten?_kx=ZyKWS0JyjNvDb01awc_PKyHbGI1hEtq9F9RdZq_tg_1fCdJrUEkds_r-hxVAC8LMp.X8eRsJ

PPV looks forward to supporting/assisting and co designing the NDIS scheme with Minister for NDIS – Bill Shorten

NDIS & Disability News from Australia:

NDIS case management system provider breached

31 May 2022

IT News

A security breach of a cloud-based client management system used by National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) service providers has exposed a “large volume” of health and other sensitive data.

Leak of NDIS data involves ‘extremely volatile information’

2 June 2022

Innovation Australia

The “large volume” of data leaked onto the dark web following a breach of a third party NDIS client management system includes “extremely volatile information” that is as sensitive as it gets, according to cybersecurity expert Troy Hunt.

NDIS agency to spend \$50m on lawyers to fight people with disability who appealed funding cuts

1 June 2022

The Guardian

Critics argue national disability insurance scheme participants are increasingly being pitted against solicitors from top firms.

With a return to Labor government, it's time for an NDIS ‘reset’

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The Conversation

Labor's election win sees a return of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) to the control of the party that first passed legislation for it.

Defend our NDIS rally on Thursday 19th of May 2022



2 days before the Federal election Every Australian Counts (which organised the impetus and design of the NDIS, again came to the fore to make Defend our NDIS, an election issue.

It called a rally outside the “unmarked “Melbourne office of the NDIS, with representatives of Disabled Community groups like Women with Disabilities Australia, MND Australia (Motor Neurone Disease Australia), and Autism Spectrum Australia attending, and speaking. People attending in person and online were protesting the Morrison Government altering the plans of NDIS participants, slashing funding to NDIS plans, and hiring a bunch of

The Federal Government continued claiming the NDIS “unsustainable without cuts to Plans; worse “that people’s plans were not value for money.”

However, rally speakers pointed out that there seemed to be unlimited money to pay for lawyers representing the NDIA at the AAT; also, that the full implementation of participant plans saved money for the Ministries of Health and Employment.

An estimated 150 people attended the rally in person. People in wheelchairs, on walkers; others waving walking sticks, lined up the length of Collins street between Elizabeth and Williams streets. Red “Defend our NDIS” t-shirts were put on, people chanting about NDIS representatives refusing to meet with them.

In addition to the rally calling on the next government to restore Disabled people planning the NDIS, “we want our people selected as chief executives of the NDIA” ensuring high levels of Governance and Accountability; thus restoring “Nothing About Us Without Us.”

Although, rally organisers invited politicians of all parties to attend, only the Greens, the ALP, and Zoe Daniel running as an independent for Goldstein, accepted.

Senator Janet Rice represented Green’s Disability spokesman Senator Jordan Steel-John. Senator Rice said the Greens are committed to restoring NDIS funding, supporting people’s plans, and ending the discrimination experienced by disabled people in employment and education.

Zoe Daniel said that about 1/3rd of the Goldstein electorate had a disabled family member. She supports restoration of NDIS funding, and the recommendations of the Interim report on the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability published on the 30th of October 2020.

Bill Shorten, the ALP’s Shadow Minister for the NDIS, spoke about his fight against “independent assessments,” designed to reduce the number of people qualifying for the NDIS, and the Morrison Government’s reduction in funds to each NDIS participant’s plan. He vowed upon that the ALP winning the election he would legislate to stop the rorts on the NDIS and restore the ability of disabled people to take control of their lives, by choosing and controlling a goal-oriented personal plan.

Thank you, PPV Member Susan Shaab

