

Update from the Commissioner

Welcome to our mid-year update. It's hard to believe we are already more than halfway through the year, but at the Commission, we are busier than ever.

First, I am pleased to congratulate the Commission's Finance & Human Resources Manager, Anaab Rooble, who was the recipient of a 2022 Leadership Award at the [Victorian Refugee Awards](#). The Award recognises those who demonstrate outstanding leadership within the community through study, work or volunteering. I am proud that Anaab has brought this leadership to bear at the Commission to continue to promote diversity and inclusion in our staff, team and work with the community.

With the second year of registration coming up, we're encouraging even more disability workers to register and show they have the right skills to deliver quality services. Registration recognises you for the crucial work you do as a disability worker. The good news is that registration continues to be free in this 2nd year and your skills, experience and track record are all taken into account. You can find out how to register at our [registration page](#).

For those already registered, your chance to renew your registration will open soon. We will provide more information about how you can renew on our website and via email shortly.

You might have had the chance to see or hear our new campaign featuring Victorians with disability and disability workers talking about disability worker registration. We encourage you to take a look at the videos in the [disability worker registration news article](#). You can also read more on our [media release page](#).

With NAIDOC week kicking off this week (3-10 July 2022), we celebrate the launch of culturally meaningful artwork, which Aboriginal artist, Gary Saunders, has developed for the Commission. You can see and read about the story of the artwork and artist via [our news page](#).

Please follow us this week on social media as we celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. You can also follow along using #VDWCNAIDOC. This year's theme is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

Do you or your organisation want to know more about how to make a complaint, lodge a notification or register as a disability worker?

We can help with that. We provide free, accessible, and tailored education sessions for your organisation, community group, advocacy group or network about any aspects of the Commission's work. If you're interested, please get in touch with our education team at education@vdbc.vic.gov.au.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming webinar about disability worker registration. We will have more information across our social media platforms, website and our next newsletter soon.

If you have any concerns about a disability worker, our team is here to listen, help and guide you as we understand it can be difficult to take the step of contacting us on 1800 497 132. You can also make a complaint via our [online form](#).

As always, we encourage you to follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

Please let friends and colleagues know that they can subscribe to receive updates at www.vdbc.vic.gov.au/subscribe.

Events



Victorian Multicultural Commission's Capturing Culture Photography Exhibition

The Victorian Multicultural Commission warmly invites you to their photography exhibition,

Capturing Culture, now on at the Immigration Museum in Melbourne.

Capturing Culture recognises the resilience and lived experiences of multicultural communities during the COVID-19 pandemic and creates a visual record of a unique time in Victoria's history. It captures the vibrancy, significance and connectedness of multicultural communities that existed before the pandemic, and which will prevail long afterwards.

The exhibition showcases shortlisted entries from our photography competition held earlier this year. The exhibition will conclude August 2022.

Find out more at the [Capturing Culture webpage](#).

News and updates

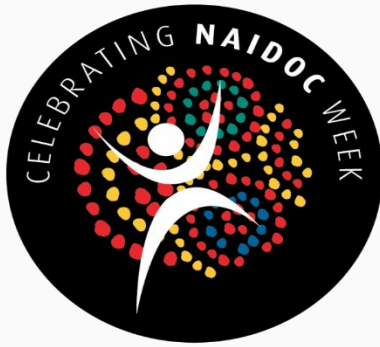


Authentic Leadership Podcast Series

For those interested in podcasts, our very own Victorian Disability Worker Commissioner, Dan Stubbs, was recently interviewed about his role and leadership style as part of the Authentic Leadership Podcast Series.

Dan offers some great insights into leadership. He also discusses how his management style has changed over the decades.

You can stream Episode 41 of the series via Apple Podcasts or on the [Episode 41 of Authentic Leadership Podcast webpage](#).



GET UP!
STAND UP!
SHOW UP!

3-10 JULY 2022

National NAIDOC Week (3-10 July 2022)

National NAIDOC Week celebrations are being held across Australia on 3 – 10 July 2022, to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. This year's theme is Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!

[NAIDOC Week](#) is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country.

Don't forget to show us how you're choosing to celebrate using #VDWCNAIDOC.

Sensible winter rules to keep Victorians safe

The Victorian Government has announced small changes to COVID-19 restrictions to allow Victorians to live safely with COVID-19.

On Friday 24 June, the following changes came into effect:

- The requirement for specified workers to have two doses of COVID-19 vaccinations was removed. This is relevant to workers in these settings: [Second dose vaccination requirements](#).
- The visitor cap restriction for care facilities was removed.
- Positive cases can now leave isolation to drive someone they live with to or from education or work. The positive case must not leave the vehicle.
- Visitors to care facilities are no longer required to take a rapid antigen test at the **facility**, however visitors are required to confirm that they have had a negative result from a rapid antigen test **taken on the same day of the visit**. Care facilities staff do not need to sight this negative result.

- Employers now need to notify workers of a symptomatic **worker** on premises, rather than a symptomatic **person** on the premises.

More information can be found on the [Community Services Sector – COVID 19 website](#).

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