



## Update from the Commissioner

Welcome to our August eNewsletter.

Not long now until we head up the highway to sunny (fingers crossed) Mildura. We have had a lot of registrations already and are looking forward to meeting with and hearing directly from the local voices to find out what issues they are seeing and how we can better support the disability community in Mildura. If you live or work in Mildura, we would love to see you there, more information can be found below.

Just a reminder renewal of disability worker registration is now open. If you are eligible to renew your registration, you will have received an email from our Registration team earlier this month. If you have any questions or need assistance, please give our friendly team a call on 1800 497 132 or email [registration@vdbc.vic.gov.au](mailto:registration@vdbc.vic.gov.au).

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

Please let friends and colleagues know that they can subscribe to receive this newsletter at [www.vdbc.vic.gov.au/subscribe](http://www.vdbc.vic.gov.au/subscribe).

## Commission takes action to stop unsafe workers practising

The Victorian Disability Worker Commission has charged a disability worker with contravening an Interim Prohibition Order under section 263 of the Disability Service Safeguards Act 2018 (the Act). The Commission has released a public statement about this. [Click here](#) to read the statement.

## Upcoming events



### Mildura public forum

Do you live, work or know people in the Mildura region?

Just a reminder the VDWC will be visiting Mildura to host our next public forum on Wednesday 11 September from 10am - 11:30am.

Commissioner Dan Stubbs will provide attendees with information on our functions: the code of conduct for disability workers; complaints and notifications about disability workers, and disability worker registration. Attendees will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for your free ticket.



### Virtual Disability Conference

The fourth biennial Virtual Disability Conference is coming up!

The Commission is pleased to be a Symposium sponsor for the event on 25 September 2024. This year's theme is "New Frontiers" and the program covers a wide range of topics looking at current challenges and also opportunities for the disability sector.

If you're attending, don't miss our Symposium at 4:15pm, where we discuss our learnings as

Victoria's disability workforce regulator and how choice and control can be advanced by good regulation.

To find out more information visit <https://vdc.arinex.one/>

## Opportunities & resources

### **Raising voices of diverse people with disability**

In partnership with the Migrant Resource Centre North West Region, the Ethnic Communities' Council of Victoria is delivering workshops to empower people with disability from migrant and refugee communities.

The Raise Our Voices program supports people with disability from multicultural backgrounds to understand what self-advocacy is, why it's important and how they can improve their self-advocacy skills.

To arrange a workshop click [here](#).

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### **HumanAbility has launched its first two workforce development projects for the aged care and disability sectors**

#### **Career Pathways: Aged, Disability & Veterans' Care**

The Career Pathways project aims to help people working in the aged, disability and veterans' care sectors find clear and rewarding career paths.

The project will identify career options and pathways, understand training needs and support workers with the skills they need for career progression.

The project will deliver a Careers Pathway Framework and a Best Practice Guide to help learners, job seekers and employers in making choices that will enhance the sectors, strengthen workforce and improve service delivery. For more information and to register [click here](#).

#### **Individual and Disability Support Qualifications: Implementation Review**

This project focuses on reviewing the implementation of two recently updated qualifications - CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support and CHC43121 Certificate IV in Disability Support.

The qualifications are recognised as critical pre-employment training pathways for the aged care and disability support sector.

The project aims to identify any current issues, challenges and barriers to implementing the two qualifications and will explore ways to enhance the delivery and uptake of the qualifications. It will also help to increase the workforce to address growing demand for services and enhance service delivery outcomes. For more information and to register [click here](#).

# Disability worker registration renewal

A reminder that applications to renew your registration for 2024-25 are now open. All registered workers would have received an email from our Registration team at the start of August with further information on renewing your registration to ensure it stays active.

## Don't forget your CPD requirements

To renew your registration you must have completed and recorded a minimum of 10 hours of continuing professional development (CPD) activities for the year.

If you need to top up your points, don't worry, there is still time. You have until 30 September 2024 to complete your CPD. Check out our [Training & Development Catalogue](#). It has a wide range of resources that can assist. Make sure to keep a record of your CPD in your [activity log](#) for easy reference at renewal time.

## Out and about

As part of our mission to raise awareness of the Disability Worker Regulation Scheme and inform disability workers of their obligations under the Act, Commissioner Dan Stubbs has been out and about engaging with disability workers. Recent highlights include presenting to new employees at Yooralla and students at Gordon TAFE.

### Yooralla staff induction

The Commissioner presented at a Yooralla induction for new starters where he spoke about the regulation of disability work and the key functions of the Commission – the Code of Conduct, mandatory notifications, our independent complaints service and disability worker registration.

There was some great discussion about the beginnings of the Commission and how registration recognises workers as professional and respectful, high-quality, and safe.

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### Gordon TAFE

Last week the Commissioner attended Gordon TAFE to present to students enrolled in Certificate III individual support and Certificate IV disability.

The Commissioner spoke to the students about the Disability Worker Regulation Scheme and the obligations of disability workers to adhere to the Code of Conduct and make mandatory notifications. They also learnt about registration and were encouraged to register as a disability worker when they have completed their qualifications including their 120 hours of work experience as part of their course.

We look forward to visiting other education providers in coming months. If you are an education provider and would like a presentation, please get in touch at [info@vdbc.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@vdbc.vic.gov.au)



Image 1 and 2: Commissioner Dan Stubbs presenting to students at Gordon TAFE.

## What would you like to see in our eNewsletter?

We want to make our eNewsletter as engaging and useful as possible, so we would like to hear your thoughts.

We invite you to complete a short survey to help us understand what topics you're most interested in. [Click here](#) to complete the survey.

## Information sessions

Don't forget our team can conduct information sessions on the regulation requirements of disability workers, both in-person and virtually. We can tailor the material to the needs of your organisation. If you are interested in finding out more or arranging a session, please reach out to [education@vdbc.vic.gov.au](mailto:education@vdbc.vic.gov.au)

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