

NDIS PLANNING

for people who are non verbal & have developmental disability

A WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES



The National Disability Insurance Scheme is all about having choice and control. However, you might be one of the many families who wonder how your family member who cannot speak can be included in planning for the NDIS.

DDWA are pleased to invite parents and family members to come along to this workshop which will explore how to include people with developmental disability and complex communication needs in their NDIS planning process.

We've developed some resources to share with you which explore:

- ♦ why we now believe that everyone can communicate, regardless of their disability
- ♦ how people with complex communication needs can understand and prepare to plan for the NDIS
- ♦ how to explore concepts relating to the NDIS with people who appear to be disinterested or have limited ability to pay attention
- ♦ what supporters can do to help people to understand the NDIS
- ♦ what supporters can do to help people with complex communication needs prepare for their NDIS plan
- ♦ how people with complex communication needs can explore having language relating to the NDIS in their communication systems and devices
- ♦ how to think about setting communication goals

The resources, which will be available online, have been co-designed and trialled successfully with a group of people with complex communication needs.



10AM—1.00PM 6 JUNE MANDURAH

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About the presenters:

Jaquie Mills — Jaquie is the parent of four children, two with disability. Her eldest son Eli has complex communication needs and Jaquie has worked extensively to find and promote good practice around communication, including the development of the Graduate Certificate of Education in Complex Communication Needs, at Edith Cowan University. Jaquie is a Project Co-ordinator at DDWA and was a West Australian finalist in the 2018 Australian of the Year Awards for her work developing microboards and supporting people with complex communication needs and challenging behaviour.

Bronwyn Pike — Bronwyn has worked for over 20 years within a variety of human services with her focus on supporting individuals and families to plan, develop and self-direct their supports. Her current role as Side by Side Coordinator at Developmental Disability WA has seen her working closely with families to co-design a family partnership model of support specifically targeted towards families who are living with challenging behavior.

Eli Dickenson — Eli is a young man with complex communication needs and the host of Merger of Minds, a group of adults with complex communication needs who have been meeting with their workers, friends and families members for the past three years to explore communication, literacy and decision making. Eli loves technology and as a teenager lead the process of Panasonic Toughbooks being used in WA for people who experience challenging behaviour to access technology. Eli won the ISAAC award for community service in 2016 for his work promoting Alternative and Augmentative Communication. His interests include presenting at workshops using his communication system, ska music, playing the drums, live music, travel, trains and train crossings.

Matt James — Matt is a former high school teacher specialising in assisting people with complex communication needs. Matt's focus is the essential foundation of communication that is needed for anyone to have real choice and control, and how families and social networks can support this communication. Matt has spent the last eight years working directly for people with complex communication needs and their families. Matt is currently employed by Eli Dickenson's microboard Blazing Condor Soul Explosions (Inc).

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Venue: Meadow Springs Sporting Facility: Meeting Room

Address: Oakmont Avenue, Meadow Springs, Mandurah

Online Registration: <https://ddwa.org.au/events/>

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Cost: (including GST)

DDWA members—\$10 Non members—\$15

Registration includes morning tea

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