In the ever shifting landscape reforming disability service delivery and support, it is imperative that disability advocates come together to keep abreast of the changes and understand the impact these have on the practice of disability advocacy.

**This forum series provides advocates with a space for gathering information, sharing knowledge and providing time to network.**

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| 11:00am-11:05am | **Welcome and Introductions- Melissa Hale, DARU Coordinator** |
| **11:05am-12:00pm** | **Disability Advocates working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities; Disability Advocacy Innovation Fund Initiatives**  – *Lance Yousten (RIAC) and Deb Verdon (GDA)*  Grampians disAbility Advocacy and Rights Information Advocacy Centre both have projects funded by the Disability Advocacy Innovation Grants round to engage with and reach out to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a disability and the communities they live in.  RIAC and GdA will provide a presentation that details the outcomes and learnings of their work over the past two years. It will include time for a discussion of the challenges presented by NDIA/Indigenous understandings of disability, and associated issues, as raised by Scott Avery from First Peoples Disability Network in his publication ‘Culture Is Inclusion’. Scott was a presenter at a previous DARU Sector Conversation |
| **12:00pm-1:00pm** | **Lunch** |
| **1:00pm-2:00pm** | **Sexual Lives and Respectful Relationships –***Dr Amie O’Shea, Monica Wellington and SL&RR Peer Educators*  Sexuality is often overlooked, or left until last in the practice of supporting people with disability.  With a focus on sexuality for people with cognitive impairment (intellectual disability and acquired brain injury) and drawing on our work with LGBTIQ people with disability, this presentation will introduce the rights-based program *Sexual Lives & Respectful Relationships* as told by Peer Educators experienced in the program. We will also reflect on the broader themes in research and practice relating to sexuality and disability including developing a focus on rights, sexual ableism and how to promote voice and lived experience. |
| **2:00pm-2:30pm** | **Afternoon Tea** |
| **2:30pm-3pm** | **VicHealth Indicators Survey- Supplementary Report Disability –** *Maya Rivis, Manager – Health Promotion Operations*  The presentation will cover key findings from the VicHealth Indicators Survey 2015 supplementary report on disability.  The VicHealth Indicators survey is a population-level survey focused on behaviors and attitudes associated with chronic disease risk conducted every four years.  The findings show inequities in health and wellbeing exist between Victorians with a disability and those without.  VicHealth consulted with organizations working to improve outcomes for people with disability in Victoria around what could be done to address these inequities.  The key insights from this consultation will also be presented. |
| **3-4pm** | **Information, Linkages and Capacity Building Information Session** |