



Update from the Commissioner

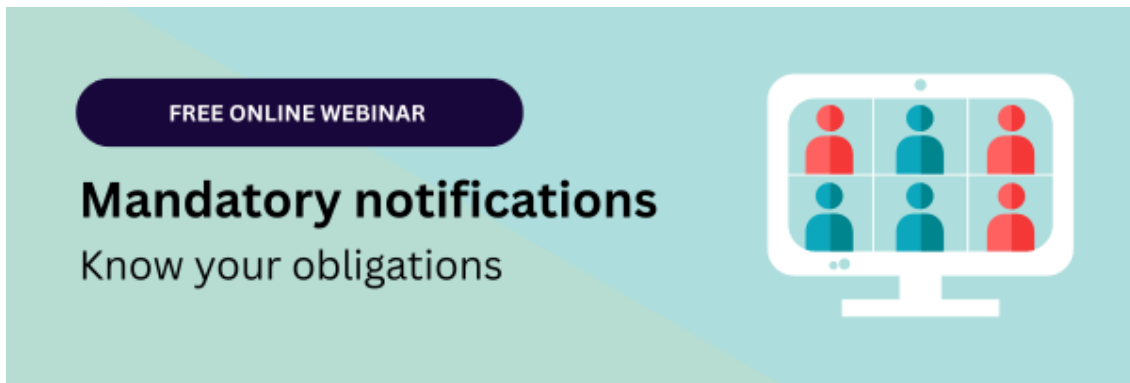
Welcome to our May newsletter.

First, a big thank you to everyone that completed our Annual Sector Survey. We had a fantastic response to it and importantly the findings will help us identify what people with disability, their families and carers, disability workers and service providers need from us. We will be publishing key findings in our annual report, sharing at meetings and other communications with the sector.

It was great to sit down with Vision Australia earlier in the month to talk all things mandatory notifications. Mandatory notifications are a key way that we all play our part to keep our sector safe, you can listen to the interview by clicking the link below.

Finally, don't forget to register for our webinar on mandatory notifications on Wednesday 28 May, this is your opportunity to hear directly from us about your obligations as disability workers and service providers. More details including the link to register can be found below. Look forward to you joining us.

[Mandatory notifications](#)



A reminder we are running a free webinar on mandatory notifications on Wednesday 28 May.

All disability workers and employers are encouraged to join Commissioner Dan Stubbs and Commission staff at a free webinar to learn about:

- What is notifiable conduct?
- The four types of conduct that must be notified to the Commission
- Notifying the Commission and other regulators
- Actions the Commission takes if people's safety is at risk.

Date: Wednesday 28 May 2025

Time: 10am

Location: Online

You will also have the chance to ask questions.

To register for your free ticket visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/vdwc-notifications-webinar>

Plus, don't forget to take a look at our new mandatory notification resources and share with your colleagues.

- Mandatory notifications guidance [PDF/Word](#)
- Mandatory notifications fact sheet [PDF/Word](#)
- Mandatory notifications brochure [PDF/Word](#)
- Complaints and notifications flowchart [PDF](#)

Disability worker registration



**Use your
NDIS Worker
Screening ID
number when
registering as a
disability worker**

There has never been a better time to apply for disability worker registration with the VDWC.

Registration is currently free, voluntary, increases overall community confidence in the sector and ensures that people with disability can access safe and quality services – no matter how they are funded.

Additionally, to simplify and speed up the registration process, you now have the option to provide your NDIS Worker Screening ID number when applying for worker registration. This means you can skip the requirement for an additional national police check.

A reminder that when applying for registration you need to:

- prove your identity*
- agree to a national police check**
- complete the application form
- provide relevant documents

*If you have stored your verified identity with Service Victoria then you won't need to prove your identity again.

**If you already have a NDIS Worker Screening ID number you can provide this when you apply and you won't need to undergo a national police check again.

To learn more about registration and to start your application visit

<https://www.vdwc.vic.gov.au/disability-worker-registration>

Upcoming events



Registration is now open for the VALID Advocacy in Action Conference

Commissioner Dan Stubbs will join Louise Glanville (NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commissioner), Natalie Wade (NDIS Quality & Safeguards Associate Commissioner) and Jonathan Kaplan (Victorian Social Services Regulator) in the closing plenary panel and discussion at the VALID Advocacy in Action Conference in June. The conference will focus on key issues impacting advocacy services and people with disability.

Event Details

Venue: Novotel Hotel Function Centre, (formerly Rydges Bell City) 215 Bell St. Preston

Date: June 16-17th 2025

Time: 9.00 am to 4.30 pm

For more information and to register visit valid.org.au/event/advocacy-in-action-conference

Out and about

Hearing from Aboriginal community members

The Commission is committed to building relationships with Victoria's Aboriginal community. We know that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are more likely to be living with disability than other Australians and we want to ensure that everyone receives safe, quality disability services. We also recognise that for Aboriginal people with disability, engaging with services such as our complaint service, can be difficult.

We are working to build a more culturally safe organisation to better serve all Victorians. Continuing on from the work we started earlier in the year, Commission representatives, joined Deaf Indigenous Community Consulting and Karabena Consulting to meet with community members, advocates and disability support workers in Bendigo to learn more about the experiences of Indigenous communities when using disability support or working in the sector, and how the Commission can better support First Nations communities.

We learnt a lot from our time with the community including:

- A disability worker who understands cultural elements such as strong connection to family, country and culture was incredibly valuable.
- There is a lack of availability of good quality workers and a lack of training among workers.
- Getting more Aboriginal people into the disability workforce would be hugely beneficial.

Pathways to Care: Insights & Connections

The Commissioner had the pleasure of once again participating in a panel discussion at the Pathways to Care Insights & Connections event, this time in Ballarat earlier in the month.

It was great to speak to local providers and workers from the area and provide them with information on how we safeguard the sector, what obligations Victorian service providers and workers have and how we can continue to support the disability sector in Ballarat and surrounds.



Image descriptions: - Commissioner Dan Stubbs sitting on the panel presenting a PowerPoint about the VDWC.

In the media

Vision Australia Radio

Commissioner Dan Stubbs joined Vision Australia Radio this month to talk all things mandatory notifications. Take a listen to find out more about notifiable conduct.

[Click here to listen to the interview.](#)



Do you have an event or story to share?

We love showcasing the great work happening across the disability sector. If you have an upcoming event, initiative or story you'd like to share in a future edition of our eNewsletter, contact our communications team at info@vdwc.vic.gov.au

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