

People with a disability have the right to:

- Freedom, respect, equality, dignity.
- Fulfil their potential.
- Exercise control over their own lives.
- Live free from abuse and neglect.
- Have a right to economic & social security and to a decent standard of living.

This means to:

- ✓ Be valued community members.
- ✓ Be listened to.
- ✓ Speak out for their rights.
- ✓ Be informed.
- ✓ Do things for themselves.
- ✓ Make choices.
- ✓ Take Risks.
- ✓ Have friends and a variety of relationships.

Gippsland Disability Advocacy Inc.
is supported by the
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Gippsland Disability Advocacy Inc. - GDA

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Providing advocacy
support, advice, and
referrals for people
with disabilities

since June 2000



Mission Statement

To advocate to achieve social justice and equal opportunity for people living with disability.

Vision Statement

A professional advocacy service driving change and empowering people living with disability to live a good life.

Network Membership

GDAI is a member of:

- Victorian Rural Advocacy Network
- Disability Advocacy Victoria
- Disability Advocacy Resource Unit
- Victorian Council of Social Services
- Disability Advocacy Network of Australia
- National Disability Services

Become a Member

As a truly inclusive community based association, membership of GDAI is open to any community members who wish to show support for the aims, vision, and philosophy of GDA.

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Who is eligible?

People with a disability who live in the local government areas of:

- Bass Coast
- Baw Baw
- East Gippsland
- Latrobe City
- South Gippsland
- Wellington



Priority For Service

Priority will be given to people who are unable to articulate their needs without support and may be experiencing potential abuse, discrimination or negligent treatment, denial or infringement of rights and social isolation.

Advocacy for individuals is delivered at different levels

- Some people may need information to help them advocate for themselves.
- Some people need ongoing support to help them resolve an issue.
- Some people need representation from a GDA advocate.

Outreach Services

The GDA Head Office is open five (5) days a week in Traralgon.

There are other GDA Offices in Bairnsdale and Wonthaggi.

Outreach services are provided across the six local government areas of Gippsland.

Please call us if you would like to speak to us about how we can help you.

Phone: 5175 0444

Want to know more?

Simply log onto the GDAI website to find out more at www.gdai.com.au

