

## 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 Victorian State Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.



## Gippsland Disability

### Advocacy Inc. - GDA

#### Traralgon - Head Office:

Suite 2, 1st Floor, 6-8 Grey Street,  
(P.O. Box 9251)  
Traralgon Vic 3844

#### Bairnsdale Base

Please contact us at our head office for details.

#### Wonthaggi Office

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

since June 2000



## Mission Statement

To empower, advocate and promote social justice and equitable access for people living with disability.

## Vision Statement

An accessible, inclusive community that values the rights and contributions of all people especially people living with disability to be free and empowered to exercise their rights.

## 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



## 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.
- Some people may need assistance with the ART process (NDIS Appeals).

## 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 and negligent, denial or infringement of rights and social isolation.

## Outreach Services

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

There is another GDA Office in Wonthaggi and a base in Bairnsdale.

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 go to the GDAI website to find out more at [www.gdai.com.au](http://www.gdai.com.au)

