



UNBOUND

SHOWCASING ARTISTS WITH DISABILITY

2026

3rd December 2026
to 27 January 2027
Benalla Visitor
Information Centre
14 Mair Street



The Victorian Senior Practitioner's
private collection of 15 years
'Having A Say' award winners

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Artwork: Emma Berglund - Colours of the Mind



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VALID Having a Say Conference: The first Having a Say (HaS) Conference was held in Maryborough in 2000. There were almost 190 people involved and it was so popular that the people involved decided to do it again the next year. Since then, the conference has grown with an average of 1000 people participating each year, until COVID came along. HaSconference has always been different. It is a conference for people with disability, not for service providers. People with disability have always helped plan and run the conference.

Barbara Donovan & Sarah Guifoil Art Competition: The Art Competition has been named in memory of Barbara Donovan. Barbara was a Life Member of VALID and other Geelong organisations. She volunteered at the Having a Say conference for over 10 years and worked for people with disabilities over the last 50 years. Sadly, Barbara's daughter Sarah Guilfoil passed away in May 2020. Sarah has won the Art Competition several times. The HaS Art Competition is now named after both Barbara and Sarah.

The Art Competition is proudly sponsored by the Victorian Senior Practitioner (Department of Families, Fairness & Housing). Under the Disability Act 2006 (Vic) the Victorian Senior Practitioner's role is to protect people with disability and make sure staff and services provide good quality support.

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UNBOUND is part of a growing movement to showcase and celebrate artists with disability across Victoria. UNBOUND was created by Shared Direction Consulting to create opportunities for artists with disability in regional areas to be recognised within the creative industries. The intention for 'UNBOUND - Showcasing artists with disability' is to:

- better connect artists with disability, business and creative industries to champion inclusion,
- to inspire others with disability to create and exhibit, and
- to challenge and shatter myths about diversity and artistic talent within local community.