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Bendigo

VALID Having a Say
Conference Barbara
Donovan & Sarah Guilfoil
Art Competition Winners
2010 – 2025. Sponsored
by the Victorian Senior
Practitioner (Department
of Families, Fairness &
Housing).

Unbound Art Award for
Artist with Disability
Greater Bendigo 2025

Award and Event Sponsors:

Artwork: Meg Stewart-Snoad, 2010 Winner



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Launch: Monday 10 February 10:30am

UNBOUND Art Award: In the lead up to Bendigo hosting the exhibition of Mexican artist with disability Frida Kahlo, the Unbound art award honours creativity, diversity and the contributions of artists with disability to the vibrant tapestry of our Greater Bendigo community. Two major awards will be presented:

1. Emerging artists 25 years and under, 2. Open artist over 25 years.

Hanging artwork is being sought that showcases originality, freedom in expression and diversity in talent.

Submissions are open from 3rd December 2024 until 12 January 2025. More Information at

<https://sharedirection.com/art>

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. HaS conference 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 Guifoil 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.

The Victorian Senior Practitioner: The Victorian Senior Practitioner is a statutory position created under the Disability Act, 2006 and is responsible for ensuring that the rights of people who are subject to regulated restrictive practices and compulsory treatment are protected and appropriate standards are complied with. Our vision is to create an inclusive and safe community that supports people to achieve dignity without restraints. Our work is guided by the underlying principles from The Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 and United Nations Convention on Rights for People with Disabilities. These principles include: human rights and citizenship; quality of life and wellbeing; community inclusion; and promotion of individualised positive behaviour support.

Shared Direction Consulting: A for-purpose consultancy supporting business with their inclusion strategy, engagement, and business development needs. We bring extensive experience and passion for inclusion.

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