



Large Print HANDBOOK

**People with Disabilities WA
Inaugural State Conference**

Welcome and thank you for joining us for this special **disability-led event**.

With the theme “**Celebrating Self-Advocacy**” this will be WA’s first conference led exclusively by people with disabilities: and one of the first in the world!

Conference Reference Group

The conference was planned and governed by our amazing CRG comprised exclusively of people with disabilities. Their names are **Samantha, Simon, Adam, Jackie, Kirsten, Jamin and Katrina**.

Speakers and Suppliers

The CRG decided that a minimum of 80% of our speakers would be people with disabilities, along with as many suppliers as possible.

Conference Information

Name Lanyards must be worn visibly at all times for security reasons. If you lose your name badge, please visit the registration desk for help.

VENUES

- **The Auditorium** is the main conference hall, just near the entrance foyer, where all full-group sessions will be held, including all panels and invited speakers.
- The **Tomasi room** and **Boardroom** are upstairs.
Follow the signs to the lift and stairs. Our volunteers will be happy to help those who need assistance.
- **Wellbeing in the Park** is located in a marquee directly across the road from the main venue at Lake Monger Reserve. Our volunteers will be there to direct and assist you to find the location.

The Bendat Community Centre is a **smoke-free venue**.

In the event of an **emergency**, please follow the directions from staff and gather directly across the road at Lake Monger.

FOOD

Food and beverages will be served in two rooms, on either side of the entrance.

If you have specified a **dietary allergy or requested a vegan meal** you can locate your food on a separate table in the food service area behind the Auditorium, labelled with your name. There will be gluten free, vegetarian and dairy free options provided but not labelled with delegate names.

Let's have a COVID-safe conference:

- ✓ Wash your hands frequently
- ✓ Use hand sanitiser (provided)
- ✓ Avoid touching others
(try an elbow bump or friendly wave instead of handshakes or hugs)
- ✓ Remember social distancing:
don't crowd too close to others

Please ignore support animals.

Do not touch, pat or talk to a guide dog or working animals.



Unapologetic

loud and proud in a disabled body

FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

4.45pm: drinks for purchase in pop-up bar, all welcome

5.30pm: Unapologetic performance, ticket holders only

6.30pm: TADWA Sundowner -nibbles and soft drinks provided, bar open

The conference program ends at 4.45pm on Friday.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a brief farewell drink in our pop-up bar at 4.45pm (buy your own).

PERFORMANCE

The Unapologetic performance is a **ticketed event** for those who have booked in advance. This ground-breaking live performance, commissioned by the conference, blows apart typical preconceptions of disability.

If you booked Unapologetic tickets, **please be seated in the Auditorium by 5.25pm.**

If not, please leave the venue at this time.

SUNDOWNER

After the show, **join the performers for the Sundowner** presented by our sponsor Technology for Ageing and Disability WA (TADWA).

Nibbles and soft drinks provided. Bar open for purchase of alcoholic drinks.

Conference Notices

Look out for our **Visual Recording Artists** on the ground floor.

Their job is to create a graphic record of our conference, which will be available to all participants after the event.

Some conferences have too much talking and not enough listening to people with disabilities.

So, for this conference, we have appointed two **Keynote Listeners**.

Look out for **Simon and Michelle** who are professional observers, who will listen to what people with disabilities have to say and make a report at the end of the conference.

Make sure you visit level one of the venue to see our **conference displays**.

These include posters, artwork and exhibits submitted by the community.

Across the road from our main venue at the beautiful Lake Monger Reserve, we have our **“Wellbeing in the Park”**.

This is a special conference zone of fun, all-abilities workshops and participative activities. See the program for a schedule and check it out if you feel like doing something more active as a break from the formal conference discussions.

On Thursday (from 11am) you can go for a **ride around Lake Monger** in a Trishaw bike, with a volunteer rider.

Access and Inclusion

TOILETS

Toilets are located at the back of the foyer near the auditorium, and also upstairs. There are **ACROD toilets on both levels.**

DISABILITY SUPPORT STAFF

If you would like some help or information, please talk to the people wearing the **green safety vests**. They can help with **anything you need** including



meals, bathroom and hygiene, finding a room, understanding the program, getting around the venue, or just a friendly face to chat to.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS

The venue is fully wheelchair accessible, including ACROD parking and toilets, wide corridors, ramp access and people to help you with whatever you need.

HEARING LOOP AND LIVE CAPTIONING

There is a hearing loop and live captioning available in the main Auditorium and the Tomasi room. Captions will be displayed on the screens in each room and the hearing loop is accessible when your hearing aid is set to the 'T' (Telecoil) setting.

AUSLAN

There will be Auslan Interpreters in the main Auditorium and the Tomasi room. If you require an Auslan interpreter in an alternative venue, please let our interpreters know and they will come along to the session of your choice.

INCLUSIVE ENGLISH

Our conference is an **inclusive English zone**. If you can't understand something, please ask a question!

QUIET ROOM

There is a quiet area available where you can go for some time out from the conference. There are staff and signs to show you where to find it. You are also welcome to head across the road to Lake Monger Reserve. You can ask a staff member to go with you if you would like some company.

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Our support staff are happy to talk to anyone who feels distressed or anxious or just needs a friend to chat with. Please let us know if you would like support.