



LiDs ANNUAL REPORT + Newsletter

Dear <<First Name>>,

Over the past year, LiDs has made significant contributions to the depth and breadth of evidence about effective support for people with cognitive disabilities. This is detailed in the [LiDs 2017 Annual Report, available online \[PDF 2.4 MB\]](#). We have added to understanding about support for inclusion of people with cognitive disabilities in communities and mainstream services and ways of making disability services more effective.

The unfurling of the NDIS presents new challenges and opportunities, some of which we have discussed in the media as valuable opportunities for raising the profile of people with cognitive disabilities whose voices are too often muted in public debate.

During 2018 we are continuing to research new ways of facilitating social inclusion and translating our work into accessible resources and training packages. We look forward to continuing to develop and share our work with valued industry partners and colleagues.



Professor Chris Bigby
Director - Living with Disability Research Centre

LiDs Annual Report 2017

[The LiDs 2017 Annual Report \[PDF 2.3mb\]](#) contains summaries of some of our current research projects and details of the LiDs Advisory Committee, research reports, publications staff, students, presentations and events throughout 2017.



LiDs media appearances



With the NDIS, and it's funding, in the news LiDs has been invited to speak to several media outlets recently. The appearances are gathered here to allow you to see what we have said about the NDIS, it's rollout, how it has affected people, our cities and how it is doing, five years after its inception.

May 7 - [The Conversation – How the NDIS will impact our cities.](#)

May 3 - [ABC TV – Matter of Fact with Stan Grant.](#) - (Video has expired).

March 28 – [La Trobe Bold Thinking series of events](#), NDIS five years on: Professor Chris Bigby and other panel members.

March 27 - [ABC Radio National – Life Matters](#) – Professor Chris Bigby and others.

New Research

David Henderson & Chris Bigby published [new analysis of life stories of people with intellectual disabilities](#) in modern Australia to show the changing and immensely varied experience of people with intellectual disabilities in Australia over the last 50 years.



New Research on [paperwork in Group Homes](#) by **Claire Quilliam, Chris Bigby and Jacinta Douglas**. Staff have plenty of paperwork to do, so how do they manage it all? They modify their response depending on how 'resident-focused' they view it to be. More in Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities.



Stacy Clifford Smplican (Adjunct Associate Professor at LiDs) shows how [Democratic Care](#) principles using creativity and pleasure can be used by support workers to challenge inequality, and stigma that comes from a 'maintenance' characteristic in some paid support work.



