

# **December Newsletter 2017**

#### **EDITORIAL**



Hi everyone and welcome to our summer edition. Here we are nearly into 2018 Christmas has swept up on as, this year has gone by so fast. Reinforce has had a another busy year what with so many functions and training and their new project Melbourne Through the Eyes of a Friend.

The office will be closed from 15th of December to 15th of January. Raising our voices had their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary being on 3CR radio.

On the 1st of November Reinforce had their A.G.M. Susan Arthur president for 3 years stepped down and the committee thanked her for her time as president. Sorry but due to other meeting's the office bearers will be announced in the March newsletter.

We would like to hear from our members what you like about the newsletter? if you would like to receive the newsletter by email? I will make sure you get a copy. Send in your email address to gipsygirl88@bigpond.com or

sw@reinforce.org.au

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#### www.reinforce.org.au

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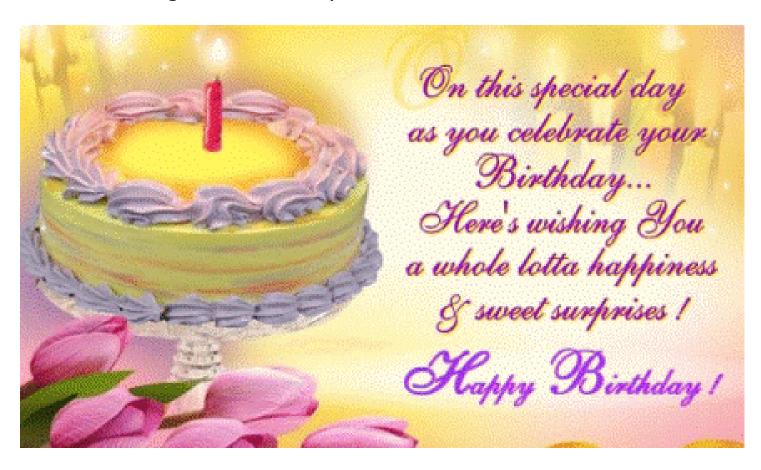
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Merry Christmas

#### **Birthday Column**

We wish the following Reinforce members very happy returns on their birthday for December, January and February.

James Teeken: December 20<sup>th</sup>.
Andrew Dally: January 16<sup>th</sup>.
Heather Smith: January 26<sup>th</sup>.
Amanda Miller: February 5<sup>th</sup>.
Julie Brasington: February 9<sup>th</sup>.
Jane Rosengrave: February 21<sup>st</sup>



If any of the members would like their birthday mentioned in the birthday column just SMS me your birthday and your name to (0439806000)

### My Trip To Perth By Jane Rosengrave.

I was invited by Samantha Hankinson to go to the people with Disabilities WA Conference and when I got over there Samantha picked me up and I stayed at her place for three days. Before the conference we went to Western Australia's parliament house and we met Stephen Dawson the Minister for Disability in Western Australia. We asked him to put some posters about the conference up and to share it around the city of Perth. At the conference I enjoyed listening to other peoples talks. I gave a talk about my life and the Royal Commission into Sexual Abuse, I also talked about my domestic violence experience and how I got out of it with the help of Reinforce, Open Place and all my other friends. Now I live right in the city of Melbourne and I am free as a bird. I talked about what Reinforce, open place, SARU, AMIDIA and First Peoples Disabilities Network do. I also gave out DVDs about my talk and the other organisations that work with.



## Coffee Morning.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of September we had a coffee morning and we had a guest speaker Trish Maloney who is a friend of Reinforce and has done work to do with disability and health issues and now she works for herself as a disability consultant. At the event she spoke about the rights of people with disabilities when going to hospital. Thanks Trish.





# My Trip To Tasmania By Colin Hiscoe:

I went to the Speak-Out Conference from the 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> of September. I was invited party because I was fortunate enough to be at their first conference in 1982 and help set them up. I went to every session that I could at the conference and I gave a short speech on self-advocacy and leadership at the conference dinner. It was also good to catch up with friends. A report about the conference is coming soon.



### Raising Our Voices

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of October we had the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of (ROV) Raising our Voices. Over the years many Reinforce members have taken part in this show. There is a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary CD available from AMIDA. The show is broadcast on 3CR 855AM radio. Check out the YouTube channel at

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTzM71NrvoYUv7mC-Q0qx8A or the Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/raisingourvoicesradio/





## National Self Advocacy Conference.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of October there was a conference at the Multicural Hub in Bizabeth street Melbourne.

The conference was called National self advocacy conference (Why Self Advocacy Matters). Groups from all over the country attended the conference to talk about the future of self advocay. Thanks to SARU for a great conference.





Reinforce committee wish all of our members and friends a very merry Christmas and a safe New Year and we will see you all back in the New Year 2018.

