

## Attention all members

Dear members and friends of Reinforce, just a notice to let you know that because of the coronavirus concerns, we have been advised that due to Ross House closing from the end of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, Reinforce will also be closing from today until further notice to take the measures to protect our health - Remember to keep washing your hands!

Please note we will all still be contactable via phone and email. If you have any questions or concerns please email [sw@reinforce.org.au](mailto:sw@reinforce.org.au) or call our office on 9650 7855 and we will get back to you as soon as possible

Thanks, Reinforce 😊



# March Newsletter 2020

## EDITORIAL



Hi Readers, welcome back to our Autumn edition and the start of 2020, hope everyone had a good break over Christmas and New Year and ready for another exciting Year at Reinforce.

Some of the members of Reinforce went down to the Having a Say Conference in Geelong which was later this year? It was on the 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> of February. The conference there were lots of session's & workshops There were information

tables with (NDIS), (Deakin University) and lots more.

This year was a great conference with catching up with old friends and making new ones.

On a sad note Reinforce has lost another self-advocate member, Jan Kruizinga who passed away on 20<sup>th</sup> of February from (New Wave) self-advocacy down in Morwell.

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

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## **Birthday Column**

We wish the following members of Reinforce a very happy birthday for March And April.

John Slattery: March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Susan Arthur: March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Norrie Blythman: March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Maryanne Huggins: April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Luke Stone: April 29<sup>th</sup>.



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

## From the workers

### Project Worker

Last year was ended on a high with lunch at Grill'd in DeGraves St, thanks to Sally and Tony at Life is Foundation. Over Christmas the Reinforce office was closed and we all had a break.

Since mid-January the Reinforce Training Unit has been hard at work, planning and meeting. While the lift was being replaced at Ross House, we spent a few weeks working away from our office in the City Library next door. This was not always easy, but we managed to get through it and were very happy to be back in our office.



If you have been in our office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor recently you will have noticed a change. We are getting new furniture, buying a new printer and tidying up, so we can work better together on the Project.

This year the training project is on the move again! First we are going to Warrnambool to help train the "Access All Abilities" group, to run their own Committee. This is an important trip for Reinforce to share what they know about how to run an organisation.

Next we will be training the staff at the NDIS Head Office in Geelong, to help them work better with people with Intellectual Disability.

We have been very thankful that we received funding for this Project from the NDIS ILC funds, and it's going to be a full few months as we finish this part of our Project by the end of May.

## **Events Worker**

Hi everyone,

Reinforce social events – keep an eye out for Reinforce's events and activities! We'll be running Art Days, Coffee Mornings and other events and activities and have some interesting topics for our coffee mornings coming up 😊

Our next event we will be holding is an Art Day which will be on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30 – 12.30pm at Ross House – come along! We'd love to see you there (see invitation flyer enclosed in this newsletter) I'm glad to be able to be involved in this valuable work and continue as part of the team at Reinforce, looking forward to the projects and social events ahead!

## **Having A Say Conference – Doug Pentland & David Banfield Award**

This year at the having a say conference for Doug Pentland and David Banfield award goes to, congratulations to Sonia Hume from (Speak out Association) in Tasmania.



On Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of February at the Having a Say Conference John and I went on our Harley Ride and on a Limousine Ride which was so cool my first time in Limousine.

John and I getting ready for our Harley ride.



John and I on the back of the Harley ride.



My Limousine Ride.





John and I with Arthur Rogers

John and I mucking around



John going off to his soccer match

