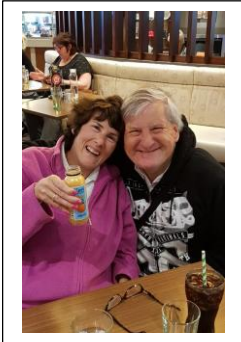




## March Newsletter 2021

### Editor.



Hi Readers,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Reinforce, we hope everyone had a better year than last year. We all hope you had a great Christmas and New Year. Despite everything that went on last year, we are slowly getting there but it's a long road back.

With everything that's going on with the Covid 19 Reinforce is still having some Committee meetings in the office or on Zoom.

On 24<sup>th</sup> February Reinforce interviewed for the peer workers positions. The great news is we have employed two new peer workers for the job. You can see more information in this 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](mailto:gipsygirl88@bigpond.com) or [sw@reinforce.org.au](mailto:sw@reinforce.org.au)

If you wish to know more about Reinforce please see our website [www.reinforce.org.au](http://www.reinforce.org.au)

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#### WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER AGM.

Jane's story in a book.

Peer workers project.

Work shop coming up in

May.

Reinforce new peer workers.

Satu worker.

Colin's trip.

Birthday Column.

## **Birthday Column**

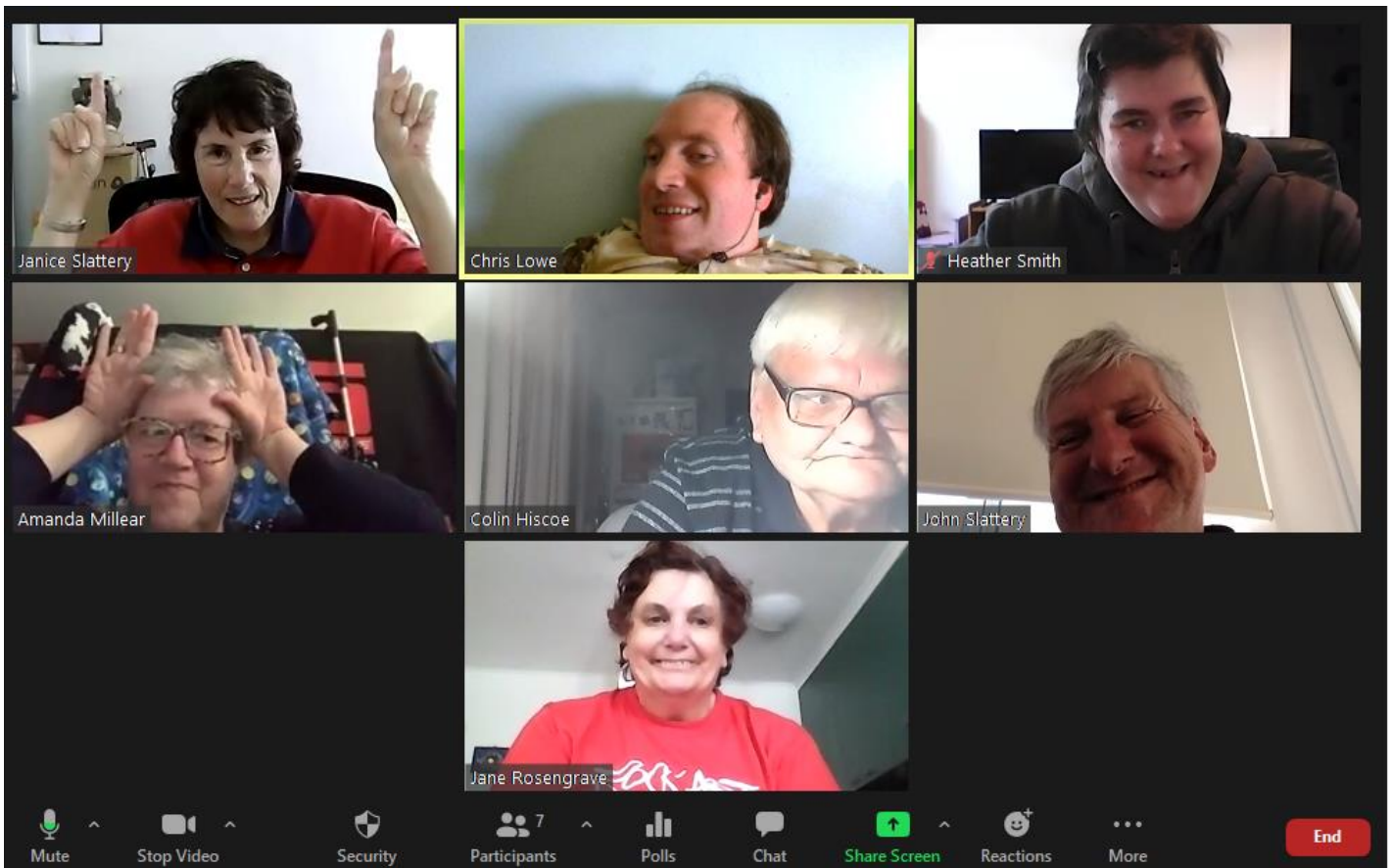
John Slattery: March 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Susan Arthur: March 9<sup>th</sup>.  
Norrie Blythman: March 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Leonie Stork: March 24<sup>th</sup> (New Peer Worker!)  
Maryanne Huggins: April 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Luke Stone: April 29<sup>th</sup>.



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

Reinforce had their annual general meeting (AGM) on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December and the office bearers were elected

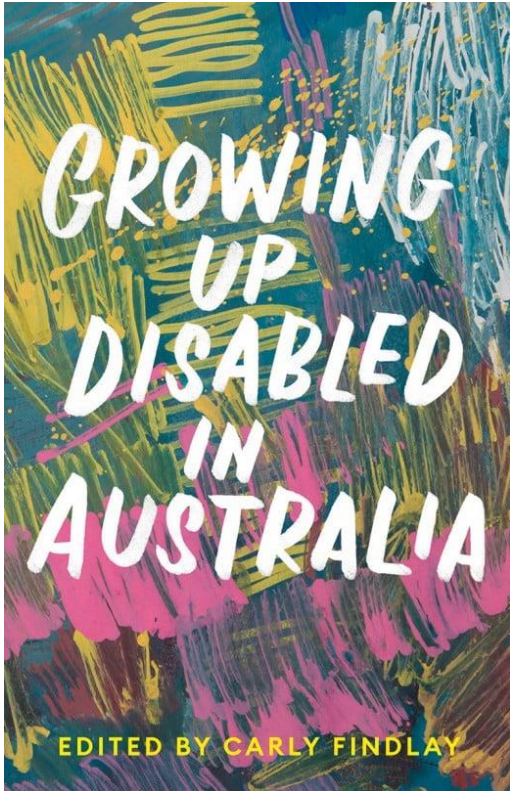
Chairperson: John Slattery.  
Secretary: Janice Slattery.  
Treasurer: Amanda Miller.  
Assistant treasurer: Jane Rosengrave.  
Public officer: Janice Slattery.





## Growing up disabled in Australia

Aunty Jane's story is in this book. People with disabilities tell their stories. Why don't you buy a copy when it comes out in February? If you want a copy of Jane's story just ring the Reinforce office on (96507855).

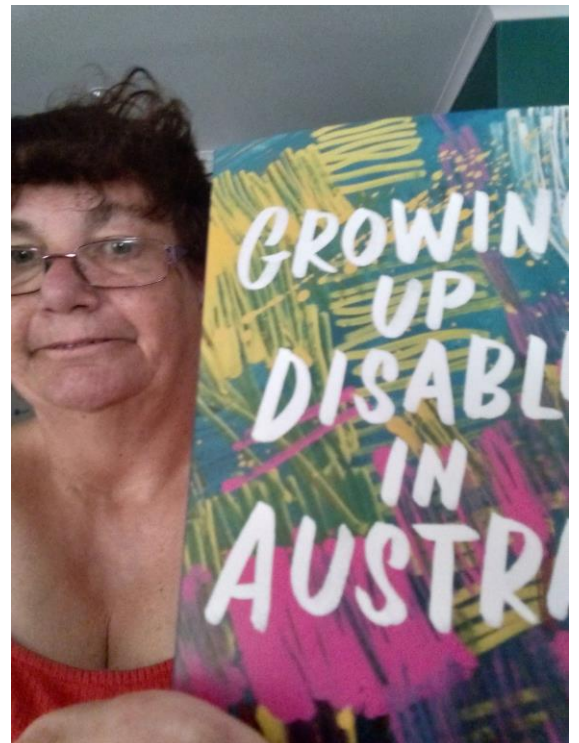


Growing Up Disabled in Australia is based on the social model of disability.

'People with Disability Australia' says that the meaning of the social model of disability is:

"The social model sees 'disability' is the result of the interaction between people living with impairments and an environment filled with physical, attitudinal, communication and social barriers. It therefore carries the implication that the physical, attitudinal, communication and social environment must change to enable people living with impairments to participate in society on an equal basis with others.

A social model perspective does not deny the reality of impairment nor its impact on the individual. However, it does challenge the physical, attitudinal, communication and social environment to accommodate impairment as an expected incident of human diversity."



## PEER WORKER UPDATE!

This year will be very exciting for Reinforce! We have a new Peer Workers Team who will organise lots of events and activities in 2021.

The Peer Workers Team will work in the Reinforce Office every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm.

## WELCOME LEONIE AND EDWARD!

The SATU Project has hired two new Peer Workers! Leonie Stork and Edward Clark. Leonie and Edward join the Peer Workers Team with Heather Smith.



If you would like to know more about the Peer Worker project, you can email [heather@reinforce.org.au](mailto:heather@reinforce.org.au) or [annie@reinforce.org.au](mailto:annie@reinforce.org.au)



Or call the Peer Worker team on Wednesdays on  
**96507855**



## **Reinforce has hired new Peer Workers!**

Reinforce welcomes **Edward Clark** and **Leonie Stork**. Congratulations on getting the job!  
We can't wait to meet Edward and Leonie at the  
next Reinforce event!





**MEET NEW PEOPLE**


**REINFORCE  
SELF ADVOCACY  
WORKSHOP!**

**LEARN  
NEW  
SKILLS**


**JOIN IN  
AND  
SPEAK  
UP!**

**LUNCH  
PROVIDED**

Day: Wednesday  
Date: 12<sup>th</sup> of May 2021  
Time: 2.30 to 4.00 pm  
Where: Ross House  
Flinders Lane Melbourne




**2.30**



**4.00**

To book your place phone **ANNIE**  
**0449 832 4949**



## SATU Project Coordinator

– Georgina



2020 feels like a long time ago. What a year we had! Reinforce worked hard to keep our projects going, even though we couldn't work in our office or meet in Ross House.

The Training Unit had meetings on-line, learned some new skills and made some really good Easy Read documents. Our website is now a bit easier to read and we have some more changes going on in the office. We have training sessions coming up for our Committee of Management as well as workshops for members.

We hope you can join us at our big Members Workshop on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May. It will be a fun workshop for Reinforce members to learn new skills and information.

We look forward to seeing you in person at one of our events.

I hope you enjoy these photos of our Christmas party!





## COLIN HISCOE'S TRIP

On Tuesday the 2nd of March 2021 I took a trip to Healesville Sanctuary, here I am feeding a kangaroo.



*Photo of Reinforce member, Colin Hiscoe, feeding a kangaroo!*