



# NEWSLETTER

December 2015

*"To stand with and for vulnerable people with a disability through vigorous independent advocacy."*

## Australia Denied Full Time Disability Discrimination Commissioner

*Monday, November 16, 2015 | Author: Xavier Smerdon*

Australia will be without a standalone Disability Discrimination Commissioner for at least another eight months, Attorney General George Brandis has announced.

Senator Brandis has reappointed Susan Ryan to the position of Disability Discrimination Commissioner, a position she has held since July 2014 in conjunction with her role as Age Discrimination Commissioner.

Brandis said Ryan would hold the dual portfolios until at least 28 July 2016.

Graeme Innes held the disability portfolio for nine years until the Abbott Government abolished the full-time position.

He told Pro Bono Australia News on Monday that he was disappointed that the Turnbull Government refused to appoint a separate Commissioner to tackle disability discrimination.

"Susan does the best job she can as her second job, but the disability field needs a full time Commissioner with lived experience of disability," Innes said.

Innes, who was born blind, has been supported by other advocates in his call for a person with disability to be appointed to the position.

He is planning on publishing a book on July next year, entitled Finding A Way, which he said would address the subject in detail.

But Brandis said Ryan was "a strong advocate for the rights of people with a disability".

"She is currently leading Willing to Work, the Commission's national inquiry into employment discrimination against older persons and persons with a disability," Brandis said.

"Consultations are currently being conducted across Australia,

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which will inform the Commission's recommendations when they report to Government by July 2016." On the 12 month anniversary of the abolishment of the full-time Disability Discrimination Commissioner position, a spokesperson for Senator Brandis said it was not unusual for Commissioners to hold more than one portfolio.

"There have been many dual commission arrangements in place under previous Governments. Nearly every Disability Discrimination Commissioner has had a dual commission since the position was created under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992," the spokesperson said.

"Indeed, Mr Innes held a dual commission for six out of the nine years he was in that position. The Commission continues to provide a strong voice for the disability community under the arrangements for Commissioner Ryan's dual appointment."

See more at: <http://www.probonoaustralia.com.au/news/2015/11/australia-denied-full-time-disability-discrimination-commissioner#sthash.5L65ktrd.dpuf>

### Chairperson's Report

Firstly, I wish to thank everyone who has assisted the new Management Committee members in their transition to their positions. In particular I wish to thank Deborah and Beverley for their patience and assistance. Any change to an organisation creates challenges as we all step into unfamiliar territory. I further thank members of the previous committee for their dedication and direction of our organisation.

Independent Advocacy Townsville has a challenging period ahead. We seek to further our understanding of our position in the new era of NDIS.

We are currently reviewing our constitution to allow changes in the way in which we do business. IAT conducts its advocacy activities extremely well. Advocacy is what we do and what we will continue to do. 2016 will see us take up further challenge as to how we work within the NDIS framework.

I wish you all a happy and joyous time during this holiday period and wish you all the best during 2016.

Michael Collins  
Chairperson



### *Christmas Wishes One and All*

*Christmas is a time of sharing and giving and we send our best wishes to you all especially those in our community who are disadvantaged or alone this holiday season.*

*The Management Committee and Staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

### **Christmas Office Closure**

12:00pm Thursday 24 December 2015 till 8:30am Monday 4 January 2016



## Advocacy Manager's Report

What a year it has been! Firstly, who are you I hear you ask? I'm Deborah Wilson the Manager of this wonderful organisation and I've been here for exactly 7 weeks!!

I would firstly like to thank Kylie-maree Beller for her fantastic work over the past three years or so – moving the organisation forward with the assistance and backing of the Management Committee and our wonderful staff.

Much has been done in these few weeks as I continue her work and you will hopefully have noticed some improvements to our website (look out for more to come), we've also joined both Twitter and Facebook and in the new year will see us visit our regional service areas on a structured visiting roster – same location, same date and time for each visit so you'll all know when to expect us and where we will be.

We have also as an organisation tried to keep up to date with the move to the exciting world of the NDIS and we do look forward to the early roll out but understand there is still quite a lot of confusion and mixed messages out there.

As we see it, and from the view of Advocacy associations around Australia, the issue of where and how advocacy, (more importantly independent advocacy) is to be funded still remains unanswered. Depending on who you ask and when you ask it the answer varies: "yes it comes under the Life Domains", no you'll need to change your name (yes we were really told this!) – there is no room under NDIS", "it'll be under ILC (Information, Linkages and Capacity Building)" or "Not really sure at the moment". Needless to say it is still a very uncertain time for us all.

On a positive note, we were pleased to sign the new Funding Agreement with the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services which will commence on 1 January 2016 and take us through to 30 June 2019 (depending on the structure of Advocacy funding in the NDIS world when it is fully operational in Queensland).

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Deborah Wilson  
Manager

## Funding

Supported by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au) for more information.



Supported by Queensland Health. Go to [www.health.qld.gov.au](http://www.health.qld.gov.au) for more information.

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**Accreditation**  
**National Disability Advocacy Standards**  
**Human Services Quality Standards**



## Service Regions

- Burdekin Shire
- Cassowary Coast Region
- Charters Towers Region
- Flinders Shire
- Hinchinbrook Shire
- Palm Island Shire
- Townsville

### Did you know that ...

As at 30 June 2014, the estimated resident population (ERP) for IAT Service Region was 267,156 persons. The annual growth rate between 2013r and 2014p was 1.1%.

18,116 persons (or 7.3%) were Indigenous. Within the region, Palm Island (S) LGA had the largest percentage of Indigenous persons with 94.2%.

In the IAT Service Region as at 30 June 2014, 20.4% of persons were aged 0 to 14 years, 66.8% were aged 15 to 64 years and 12.8% were aged 65 years and over.

4.4% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had a profound or severe disability.

4.5% of non-Indigenous persons had a profound or severe disability.

The unemployment rate in IAT Service Region in June quarter 2015 was 8.6 %.

\*\*Source: Queensland Government Statistician's Office

## IAT - A Brief History

IAT has been incorporated for over two decades, providing advocacy support and high quality services to people with disabilities in the Townsville and surrounding districts. Covering rural and regional areas from the Cassowary Coast in the north, east to Palm Island, south to the Burdekin, and west to Hughenden.

IAT is located opposite the Cathedral School, in Mundingburra. We have two Advocates and continue to offer advocacy support to vulnerable individuals. We also provide information to family, friends and other community members. We continue to stand for people's rights and freedoms.

We also provide information sessions and presentations to answer any queries and welcome any questions relating to providing an information session about Independent Advocacy Townsville.

As economic and political situations change we are maintaining a positive outlook and continue to support people with disabilities during the introductory phase of new schemes and other changes within the sector.

IAT's advocacy speaks, acts and writes with minimum conflict of interest by standing with, and for people with disability to promote, protect and defend their welfare, rights and justice by: being on their side and no-one else's, without jeopardy to the most vulnerable being primarily concerned with their fundamental needs: and remaining loyal and accountable to them in a way which is emphatic and vigorous and which requires the bearing of costs by the advocate or advocacy group.

## Support IAT

You can make a real difference to the lives of vulnerable people with disability by financially supporting IAT to make sure our advocacy efforts continue in the future. All donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible. All gifts are also welcome.

You can choose to make a one off donation or a recurrent donation.

Alternatively, for further details about supporting IAT contact us on (07) 47252505



## General News

### Disability Australia celebrates breakthrough to improve access to books for people with disability

Disability Australia members today joined with people who are blind or vision impaired to celebrate better access to printed material as the Australian government became the twelfth country to ratify the Marrakesh Treaty.

The Treaty, which will come into force after twenty countries have ratified, allows books to be exchanged across countries if they are specially formatted for people with print disabilities.

“This is a fundamental change in what we can read,” said Blind Citizens Australia CEO Leah van Poppel. “The number of books in Braille, large print and audio across the world is small, and only a few can be transferred between countries now. With this Treaty, people with print disabilities will have greater choice of different books in different languages.”

Although people who are blind or vision impaired have been driving the development and ratification of the Treaty, the benefits will be reaped by many others who fall into the broader category of ‘print disability’, which can have a range of causes, such as dyslexia.

“Disability Australia works together to create better lives for all people with disability and supporting expertise about each disability type,” said Matthew Wright, CEO of the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations and spokesperson for Disability Australia.

*“The work that Blind Citizens Australia and their counterparts internationally have done in this area demonstrates how specialist work can benefit people more broadly.”*

**Media contact: Leah van Poppel, CEO Blind Citizens Australia 0430 210 980**

### Disability Australia welcomes the Senate’s recommendation for a Royal Commission into violence against people with disability.

Disability Australia today announced their full support of the Senate’s Community Affairs Committee’s recommendation for a Royal Commission to conduct a more thorough investigation into violence, abuse and neglect of people with disability.

*“The disability community has come together as one to support the need for a Royal Commission to investigate and pave the way for systemic change to the current system which has failed to protect vulnerable people with disability from abuse”* said Matthew Wright, CEO of the Australian Federation of Disability Organisations, and spokesperson for Disability Australia.

Last week, the Senate’s Community Affairs Committee released a report into violence, abuse and neglect against people with disability in institutional and residential settings, and made a number of recommendations which included a Royal Commission be held into the abuse and neglect of people with disability. The report details the evidence of the failure of current systems to deliver safe services to people with disability, and our organisations support the Committee’s call for an urgent review.

*“We see one of the most important elements is to expand individual advocacy through the NDAP program. Individual advocates have been critical in bringing these issues to light and it’s very important for vulnerable Australians with disability to have support to blow the whistle on abuse”.*

*“A second critical element is to progress the transition of closed models (Community Residential Units, Group Homes, Australian Disability Enterprises and other congregate settings and Institutions) that have been wrongly viewed as a safe option. In fact, closed systems both hide and perpetuate the systemic abuse of people with disability”,* said Mr Wright, *“whereas community living allows the abuse to be seen and reported.”*



Disability Australia also put its full support behind the Report's other recommendations, including that the Australian Government consider the establishment of a national system for reporting, investigating and eliminating violence, abuse and neglect of people with a disability.

**Please direct all enquiries to AFDO CEO, Mr Matthew Wright on 0428 608 861.**



## Autism Mentor

*We would like to let you know that our fantastic store Autism Mentor is now open for business.*

*We specialise in the hire and sales of products and resources for children and adults with autism or an intellectual disability. Many of our therapy products that can be purchased or hired are also great for those working with an OT for physical disabilities and would like to have equipment in their home environment to continue the therapy / between seeing their OT.*

*We are very excited to be able to offer this service to the Townsville community and the surrounds.*

**Shop 3/37 Hammett Street,  
CURRAJONG QLD 4812**

**Email: [admin@autismmentor.net](mailto:admin@autismmentor.net)**

**Mobile: 0416 851 676**

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## Guide Dogs Queensland Vision Assessment and Management Services 2016 Townsville Dates

Visit our **FREE Low Vision Clinic** for the latest information on living with a vision impairment

Tuesday, February 9  
Tuesday, March 8  
Tuesday, April 12  
Tuesday, May 10  
Tuesday, June 14  
Tuesday, July 12  
Tuesday, August 9  
Tuesday, September 13  
Tuesday, October 11  
Tuesday, November 8  
Tuesday, December 13

Find out more about:

- Low vision aids
- Orientation and Mobility
- Adaptive Technology
- Optometrist assessment for hand-held magnifiers

Venue:

Guide Dogs Queensland  
Shop 7, 258 Ross River Road  
Aitkenvale

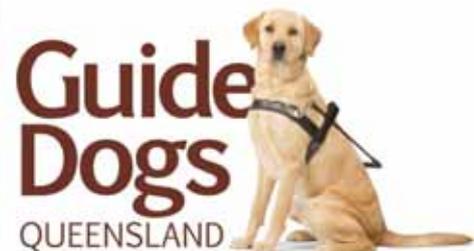
To book an appointment

Contact:

Townsville office on 07 4421 7300 or  
[townsville@guidedogsqld.com.au](mailto:townsville@guidedogsqld.com.au)



**9:00 — 11:30am**





## Assistive Technology Clinic

### Is it time to review your communications needs?

**Yes?** Then come along to our Assistive Technology Clinic for an individual consultation!

Assistive technology can make the world of difference in supporting you to communicate with your family and friends.

#### **Why should you attend?**

Our specialist team will assess your needs and determine which types of assistive technology you might like to consider in supporting you to communicate.

Our aim is to maximise your independence! We can also check your current communication aids to ensure they are still what you need and together, we can investigate new options.

**We can also arrange for new equipment and assistive technology prescriptions!**



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#### **Date**

Tuesday 19 January

#### **Time**

Contact us to book in a time between 8:30am to 4:30pm

#### **Cost**

\$85 per session

**Ask us about using your funding!**

#### **Venue**

CPL's Townsville service  
22 Ridley Road, Kirwan

#### **Contact us today!**

Delwyn Field

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## NDIS Update

*The following information has been retrieved from Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services - Queensland NDIS update.*

### **Queensland welcomes the National Disability Insurance Agency**



### **North Queensland prepares for the NDIS**

The NDIS early transition sites in Townsville, Charters Towers and Palm Island in Queensland welcomed 10 new Local Area Coordinators this month.

NDIS Local Area Coordinators provide an essential service in the delivery of the NDIS, helping people with disability connect with a range of local support networks and services, depending on their individual needs and interests.

The [Queensland early launch sites](http://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/our-sites/qld) (<http://www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/our-sites/qld>) will deliver much-needed supports and services to children and young people under 18 years of age in Townsville and Charters Towers and all eligible people under the age of 65 in Palm Island.

The new team members have been seconded from the Queensland Government's Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services and will begin planning conversations with eligible participants and their families in the months ahead, with funded supports starting progressively from 1 April 2016.

The NDIA team in Townsville have also begun provider readiness events, hosting a forum for local providers on 26 November, with more planned in the New Year. To keep up to date [visit the Queensland events page](http://www.ndis.gov.au/news/events/qld) (<http://www.ndis.gov.au/news/events/qld>).

### **NDIS benefitting more people with disability, their families and carers**

The latest quarterly report on the progress of the NDIS was recently released. The report shows that delivery of the NDIS continues to be on time and on budget.

More than 19,700 people are now benefitting from the NDIS, with more than \$1.2 billion invested in the services and equipment Australians with disability need to live more independent lives.

Key findings of the report include:

- 19,758 people with disability had an approved NDIS plan, at a total cost of \$1,201.1 million. This represents 94% of the bilateral targets.
- The cost of the average package (excluding residents of large institutions) is \$34,831. This remains below the expected full Scheme average of \$38,600.
- Participant satisfaction levels with the NDIS remain very high.

## Community

The NDIA is constantly listening and learning so that we can deliver the NDIS in a way that best meets the needs of people with disability, their families and their carers, and that is sustainable into the future.

One of the ways we are doing this is by considering how best we can harness the skills and experience that already exist in the community and in the marketplace. We recognise that there are areas where it may be beneficial for us to partner with organisations to ensure we are delivering a scheme that gives people with disability choice and control. More information and links to services can be found on <http://www.ndis.gov.au/community>.



## QCOSS eNews

*The following information has been retrieved from the QCOSS eNews.*

### Have you got something to say? DCCSDS Data Survey

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (DCCSDS) publishes a wide range of data about its services and operating environment, including data relating to social disadvantage.

A [DCCSDS Data Survey](https://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au/gi/consultation/2751/view.html) (<https://www.getinvolved.qld.gov.au/gi/consultation/2751/view.html>) has been developed to evaluate how useful, complete and accessible the data is, particularly in relation to the COMSIS statistical database. Your input will help to design better data services that can support your work and your understanding of the industry.

The survey has eight questions and takes about five minutes to complete. You can choose to remain anonymous or include your details if you are open to a follow-up discussion to unpack your ideas further. For more information contact [COMSIS\\_support@communities.qld.gov.au](mailto:COMSIS_support@communities.qld.gov.au).

### QCOSS Supports a comprehensive tax reform agenda that considers all options.

The Queensland Council of Social Service (QCOSS) supports a comprehensive tax reform agenda that considers all options.

While all options to strengthen the tax system should be on the table, the COSS network is clear that we should not start the conversation with a higher GST. A report released yesterday by the Australian Council of Social Service outlines clearly the impacts increasing GST will have on vulnerable and low-income families.

#### **ACOSS' media statement says:**

The Australian Council of Social Service today released new modelling from the National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM) to show what an increase in the GST to 15% would mean for households across the community. The NATSEM modelling also shows what it would mean if the Federal Government used the revenue from an increase in the GST to fund a reduction in personal income taxes across different income groups.

The NATSEM modelling, commissioned by ACOSS with support from the Carnegie Foundation, confirms that using an increase in the GST to fund income tax cuts will mean households on low and modest incomes are significantly worse off and higher income households are the winners, paying less tax overall as a proportion of their income.

#### **A higher GST?**

“The NATSEM modelling of an increase to 15% on the existing base of the GST or a broadening of the GST base to fresh food, health and education confirms that either change would be regressive. Low and modest income households would clearly pay a higher proportion of their income, in comparison to higher income households through an increase in the GST, whether by increasing the rate or broadening the base by removing the exemptions,” said ACOSS CEO, Dr Cassandra Goldie.

Read the full statement [here](http://www.acoss.org.au/media-releases/?media_release=using-a-higher-gst-to-pay-for-income-tax-cuts-is-a-recipe-for-more-inequality-with-higher-income-earners-the-winners) ([http://www.acoss.org.au/media-releases/?media\\_release=using-a-higher-gst-to-pay-for-income-tax-cuts-is-a-recipe-for-more-inequality-with-higher-income-earners-the-winners](http://www.acoss.org.au/media-releases/?media_release=using-a-higher-gst-to-pay-for-income-tax-cuts-is-a-recipe-for-more-inequality-with-higher-income-earners-the-winners)).

## Reports

### Joint Standing Committee Releases Second Report on NDIS

The Joint Standing Committee (JSC) released its second report on the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) last month. The JSC is a bipartisan committee of twelve federal politicians who are tasked with reviewing the implementation, administration and expenditure of the



NDIS. The JSC plays an important role in gathering information and reporting on how the Scheme is working for people with disability, their families, carers and providers.

The Committee's report also identifies a number of areas where communication, implementation and delivery arrangements need to improve in order to deliver the Scheme more fairly, effectively and efficiently.

The NDIS has put in place an operating style which takes feedback from our stakeholders and then implements improvements to strengthen the Scheme. The JSC made several recommendations to improve the NDIS in their latest report.

We are considering these closely and will respond accordingly to the recommendations in the report. To read the report in full visit the [Parliament of Australia website reports page](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/National_Disability_Insurance_Scheme/Reports). ([http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary\\_Business/Committees/Joint/National\\_Disability\\_Insurance\\_Scheme/Reports](http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/National_Disability_Insurance_Scheme/Reports)).

## Useful Resources

### The National Disability Abuse and Neglect Hotline

(The Hotline) – a telephone service for reporting cases of neglect and abuse of disabled members of the community.

Hotline: 1800 880 052 TIS: 13 14 50 TTY: 1800 301 130 NRS: 1800 555 677

Email: [hotline@workfocus.com](mailto:hotline@workfocus.com)

**For more information visit the Website:** <http://www.disabilityhotline.net.au/>

### Welcome to the Disability Lawyer.

The goal of this site is to provide a searchable, indexed resource of information about disability and the law.

<http://www.thedisabilitylawyer.net.au/>

### NDIS Updates

Queensland Government's disability website

[www.qld.gov.au/disability](http://www.qld.gov.au/disability)

Phone: 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (Disability Services)

[www.communities.qld.gov.au/disability](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/disability)

Phone: 13 QGOV (13 74 68)

Email: [disability@communities.qld.gov.au](mailto:disability@communities.qld.gov.au)

National Disability Insurance Agency

[www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)

Phone: 1800 800 110

Sign up to receive regular email updates at: [www.ndis.gov.au/sign-updates](http://www.ndis.gov.au/sign-updates)

### Disability and Health Apps and Tools

The Queensland Government's website has an extensive list of Mobile Apps and Tools to assist people with a disability. They have a link to the ACMA Consumer Guide (The Australian Communications and Media Authority's 'Apps & in-apps purchases: a guide for consumers') has information about understanding app basics, avoiding unintended purchases, getting refunds, dodging bill shock, and using apps safely and other useful links.

<http://www.qld.gov.au/disability/apps-tools/index.html>



### Management Committee

- Chairperson and Public Officer:** ..... Michael Collins
- Vice-Chairperson**..... Tania Hornberg
- Secretary:** ..... Beverly Smith
- Treasurer:** ..... Maria Hutton
- Associate Member:** .....
- Ordinary Member:** .....

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- Advocacy Manager:**..... Deborah Wilson
- Advocates:** ..... Anne Hansen
- ..... Tania Brown
- Administrator:**..... Beverly Smith

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## Nothing about us without us!

This was the theme of the United Nations Assembly to ratify the Convention on the Rights of People with Disability.

IAT works on the same principle – we are run by, and for, people with disability. This ensures that the agency is driven by people with a lived experience of disability and how societal values around disability impact on people's lives.

We are therefore able to remain relevant and focussed.

Organisations like IAT can only survive with the involvement of community. We know there are many people with skills and experience that would be an asset to our organisation.

Membership is open to anybody who supports the values, mission, and work of this agency. It is from the membership that we draw our management committee, which is the governing body of our organisation.

Therefore, we are especially interested in people who want to become involved, who could contribute to the agency by supporting the work we do and the values we hold.

In return, IAT offers the opportunity to be involved expand on and develop skills and experience relating to the governance of an organisation, and to be involved with like-minded people in a supportive environment.



## Mission Statement

*“To stand with and for vulnerable people with a disability through vigorous independent advocacy.”*

## What we believe

IAT believes all people have the right to:

- Be treated with respect and dignity
- Be valued as individuals
- Participate in the decisions and choices that effect their lives
- Be involved in and contribute to their community
- Safety and protection from abuse, neglect and exploitation
- Live the life they choose

## Key Elements of Advocacy

- Functioning by speaking out, acting and writing
- Minimal conflict of interest
- Sincerely perceived interests
- Promotion of the persons welfare, wellbeing and justice
- Vigor of Action
- Costs



## Membership is free for both ordinary and associate members.

### Ordinary Membership

- Ordinary Membership is open only to people with disability.
- Ordinary members have voting rights and can nominate for positions on the management committee.
- Ordinary members make up the majority of positions on the management committee.

### Associate Membership

- Associate membership is available to any person concerned with issues affecting people with disability.
- Positions on the management committee (other than that of chairperson) are available to associate members; they have voting rights only for the period of their inclusion on the committee.

### What membership does not include:

- Automatic or preferential approval for advocacy support – all members, should they require advocacy, would be subject to the same entry criteria and referral process as any other person requesting advocacy support
- Automatic approval for membership of the management committee – any person nominating for membership of the management committee must nominate and address a set of selection criteria. This is to ensure that members are able to support the values of the organisation, and assists us to determine how we can assist the management committee members to increase their skills and knowledge in relation to the management of this agency

If you would like to become a member of IAT, please complete one of the membership application forms at the back of this newsletter and return to the office for processing.

If you would like to discuss membership or joining the management committee please call us on (07) 4725 2505 or toll free on 1800 887 688.

*"It's where we go, and what we do when we get there, that tells us who we are."*

*Joyce Carol Oates*



# ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I would like to apply for Associate Membership of  
**Independent Advocacy Townsville**

Name: .....

Signed: .....

Address: .....

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Postal Address: .....

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Phone Number: .....

Date: .....

**On completion, please return to Independent Advocacy Townsville**

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E-mail: admin@iat.org.au

## OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Proposed by: ..... Signed: .....

Seconded by: ..... Signed: .....

Accepted by Meeting of the Management Committee.

Date of Meeting: .....



# ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I would like to apply for Ordinary Membership of  
**Independent Advocacy Townsville**

Name: .....

Signed: .....

Address: .....

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Postal Address: .....

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Phone Number: .....

Date: .....

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