



# Explorability Inc

Individualised advocacy for people with disability

## WELCOME!

Welcome to the first issue of Explorability's newsletter!

We hope that through this newsletter, we can:

- provide updates on our organisation,
- discuss updates in the Disability Sector,
- let you know about our services, and
- better connect with you!



Explorability's new CEO - Joanne Ende

## ABOUT US

Here at Explorability, we provide goal-based advocacy for individuals with a disability, their families and carers.

We aim to support you to overcome barriers in accessing the supports you need to participate in your community.

Explorability teams include:

- Individual Advocacy
- Metropolitan Outreach
- Wheatbelt Outreach

Check out our 'Spotlight' section where we talk more about a recent achievement in the Wheatbelt Outreach team!

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## MEET THE TEAM: CEO

We are very excited to have a new CEO on board with us here at Explorability, Joanne Ende.

Jo joined the team in April 2021 and comes to Explorability with a background in occupational therapy. She has experience managing services that focus on person-centered service provision and adapting supports to meet the needs of each individual.

We are excited for where we'll go with Jo's leadership!

## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

I joined Explorability because I am passionate about upholding the rights of people with disability and ensuring that individuals receive the services and supports they need. I previously worked in health, aged care and injury management sectors, until I joined the disability sector in 2009 where I found my home.

I am excited to lead Explorability through the ever-changing world of disability services and the NDIS, and to nurture, develop and grow the organisation into the future.

## SPOTLIGHT

Our Wheatbelt Outreach Advocate, Tricia, has been nominated for Excellence in Regional Support in the 2021 WA Disability Support Awards. Congratulations, Tricia!

Tricia is based in Northam and travels all throughout the Wheatbelt to provide advocacy for individuals in the region. Recently, Tricia has supported an individual and their community to ensure their Shire has accessible toilets open at all times for the community and visitors to the town.

For more information on our Wheatbelt Outreach Advocacy, please contact us on (08) 6361 6001.

## SECTOR UPDATE

The **Disability Royal Commission** (the Commission) has been extended until September 2023 and hopes to visit Perth in late 2021.

The Commission is examining submissions from people with disability, their families and carers, which detail experiences of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation. These experiences may have happened recently or a long time ago.

The Commission is investigating:

- Prevention and better protection of people with disability from experiencing violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation
- Achieving best practice in reporting, investigating and responding to violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability
- Promoting a more inclusive society that supports people with disability to be independent and live free from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation

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