



## **NDIS Updates**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will begin in Queensland in mid 2016. There will be operational differences between the NDIS and the current Queensland self-direction program, Your Life Your Choice.

The resources on Pearl are about self-direction - these resources will be just as relevant under NDIS as Your Life Your Choice.

The resources will be helpful for people preparing for the NDIS, those who are already involved in self-direction and those who have not directed support in this way before.

## **NDIS Roll Out Information**

See NDIS events calendar for more information on upcoming workshops and date claimers [NDIS calendar](#)

The Queensland Government has announced that the Bilateral Agreement between the State and Federal Governments has been signed. The agreement paves the way for the scheme to roll out in Queensland from July 2016; with more than 90,000 Queenslanders expected to eventually benefit.

The expectation is that 15,000 people will enter the scheme in the first year; another 16,000 in the second year and then 60,000 in the final year.

People who are already receiving services funded under the existing disability support system will continue to do so until the NDIS is fully implemented in their location.

The roll out will occur during the next few years with the key dates and locations below:

1 July 2016 Townsville, Hinchinbrook, Burdekin, west to Mount Isa and up to the Gulf

1 November 2016 Isaac Regional, Mackay Regional, Whitsunday Regional LGAs

1 January 2017 Toowoomba area and west to the borders

1 July 2017 Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim and Somerset LGAs

1 October 2017 Bundaberg LGA



1 January 2018 Rockhampton, Gladstone and west to the borders

1 July 2018 Logan City, Redland City, Gold Coast City, Brisbane City, Fraser Coast, North Burnett, South Burnett and Cherbourg LGAs Cairns, Cassowary Coast, Tablelands, Croydon, Etheridge, Cape York and Torres Strait

1 January 2019 Sunshine Coast, Noosa, Gympie, Moreton Bay (including Strathpine and Caboolture) LGA

To find out more, you can visit [NDIS](#) which includes factsheets and FAQs about Queensland's transition, and the NDIS in Queensland page on the NDIA's website.

Or you can visit the NDIS website at <http://www.ndis.gov.au> or call the NDIA hotline on 1800 800 110.

For people with hearing or speech loss call TTY 1800 555 677.

The NDIS have uploaded two information sheets, - Frequently Asked Questions and Five things you need to know about the NDIS in Queensland, that have been produced by the NDIA to give you more information.

## **NDIS Participant Information Pack**

Five things you need to know about the NDIS in Queensland.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing individualised support for people with disability, their families and carers. The NDIS is the insurance that gives us all peace of mind. Disability could affect anyone and having the right support makes a big difference. The NDIS provides eligible people a flexible, whole-of-life approach to the support needed to pursue their goals and aspirations and participate in daily life.

See PDF in attached files or, [NDIS Participant Information Pack](#)

## **Creating your own NDIS Pre-Plan** [Creating your own NDIS pre Plan](#)

## **NDIS pricing guide**

The National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013 states that a funded support must represent "value for money" in that the costs of the support are reasonable, relative to both the benefits achieved and the cost of alternative



support&rdquo;. Prices on the list of possible support options are structured to reflect this requirement.

More information [NDIS pricing Guide](#)

Queensland Pricing Guide [Queensland Pricing Guide](#) , [QLD Pricing guide Booklet July 2016](#)

## **AMPARO ADVOCACY**

AMPARO Advocacy has produced two factsheets to provide information to people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities about disability and the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Factsheet 1 Understanding Disability in Australia

Factsheet 2 What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?

These factsheets are available in 30 languages, click on the link to download [FACT SHEETS](#)

## **BRINGING THE GOOD LIFE TO LIFE**

CRU is pleased to announce the launch of a new website developed as part of the NDIS Participant Readiness program. Titled &lsquo;Bringing the Good Life to Life&rsquo;, this website has been created as a resource for people with disability and their supporters, both paid and unpaid.

This website can be found at: [The Good Life CRU](#)

CRU has created a website to explore what makes a Good Life and some of the things that can be done to create and sustain this for a person with disability. CRU has gathered some great content that already exists on this topic and created some new resources that highlight key ideas and share the wisdom of others. By following the links you can see where the resources have come from and continue your own research. As well as resources from around the world CRU has highlighted local resources that are relevant to the Australian and Queensland context. There is a mix of familiar concepts, old favourites and new resources that will be of interest to everyone that CRU is connected with.

This website will be rolled out over a couple of stages starting with four topics that CRU believes are particularly important as people prepare for the NDIS in Queensland.