

RIAC Advocacy can work with you to explain your rights and ensure you have a voice.

RIAC provides information and Advocacy to people with all types of disabilities, their families and carers, including

- Culturally and linguistically diverse communities; and
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.



RIAC acknowledges all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their Elders and Respected Persons (past, present and emerging) and recognise their connection to Country, water and community.



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ADVOCACY

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your rights, your voice

**Rights Information
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**'SPEAKING UP FOR
YOUR RIGHTS'**

**A FREE CONFIDENTIAL &
INDEPENDENT SERVICE
SUPPORTING PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITIES, THEIR FAMILY
AND CARERS**

advocacy

What can RIAC advocates do?

Through advocacy we stand alongside you.

We ensure your voice is heard

We ensure you are fairly treated

Assist you have the help you need to make decisions.

If you don't know where to start and want to make a change in your life, an Advocate may be able to assist you to make these changes.

We are focused on the human rights of people with a disability and stand beside you to uphold these rights.



Clan: Wemba Wemba

Title: Kethawil (Wemba Wemba: many children)

Description: This painting represents looking out for each other and caring for our many children who need to be supported.

An Advocate may:

- Assist you to advocate for yourself,
- Provide information about other agencies / services that may be of assistance to you,
- Assist you to resolve problems / complaints,
- Ensure your voice is heard at meetings,
- Write a letter with / for you.
- Assist with NDIS internal reviews

Understanding Advocacy

ADVOCACY – to stand up for the rights of another person or a group of people.

INDIVIDUAL ADVOCACY – advocacy which focuses on upholding the rights of an individual.

SELF ADVOCACY – to stand up for your rights.

SYSTEMIC ADVOCACY – advocacy which involves changes in systems and focuses on upholding the rights of a group of people.

SOCIAL JUSTICE – a concept of equity whereby individuals in society have access to goods and services regardless of race, gender, disability, age, culture or socio-economic status.

RIAC Advocates service these local government areas (LGAs):

Victoria

- Greater Shepparton
- Moira
- Strathbogie
- Mitchell
- Murrindindi
- Mildura Rural City
- Swan Hill Rural City
- Gannawarra
- Campaspe
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Mount Alexander
- Macedon Ranges
- Central Goldfields
- Loddon
- Buloke
- Greater Geelong
- Borough of Queenscliffe
- West Wimmera
- Hindmarsh
- Yarriambiack

New South Wales

- Wentworth Shire
- Balranald Shire