What do you Know About Disability Institutions? Don’t Forget and Learn from the Past!

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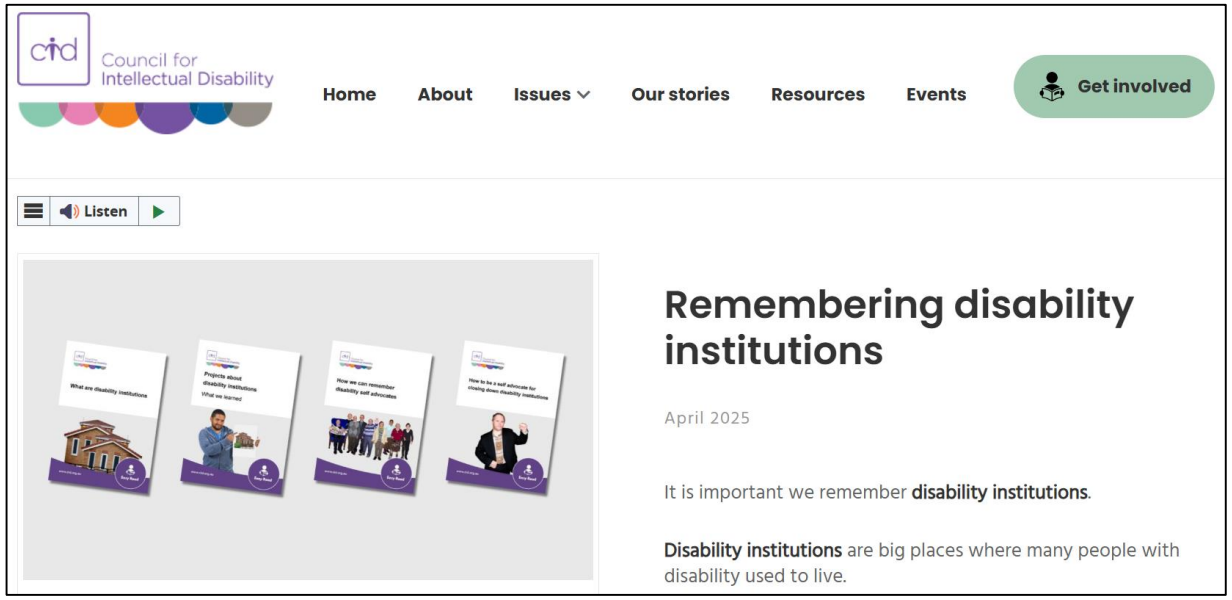
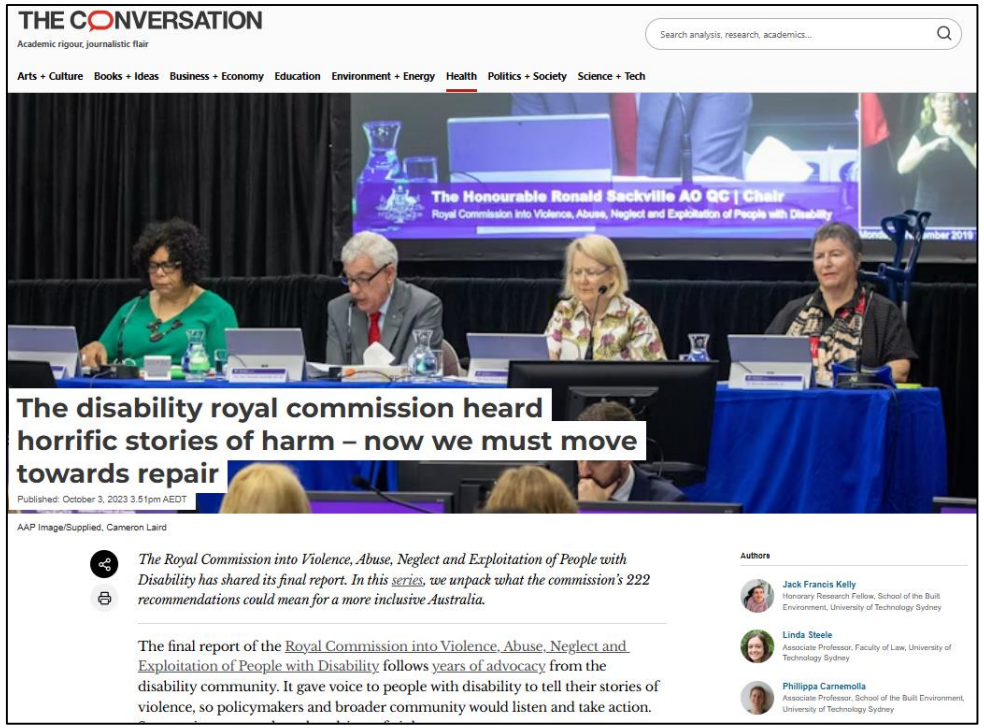




Moving forward from institutions

You can find the video on YouTube

Rob King and Kim Walker

What is a disability institution?

Peat Island Residential Centre, NSW

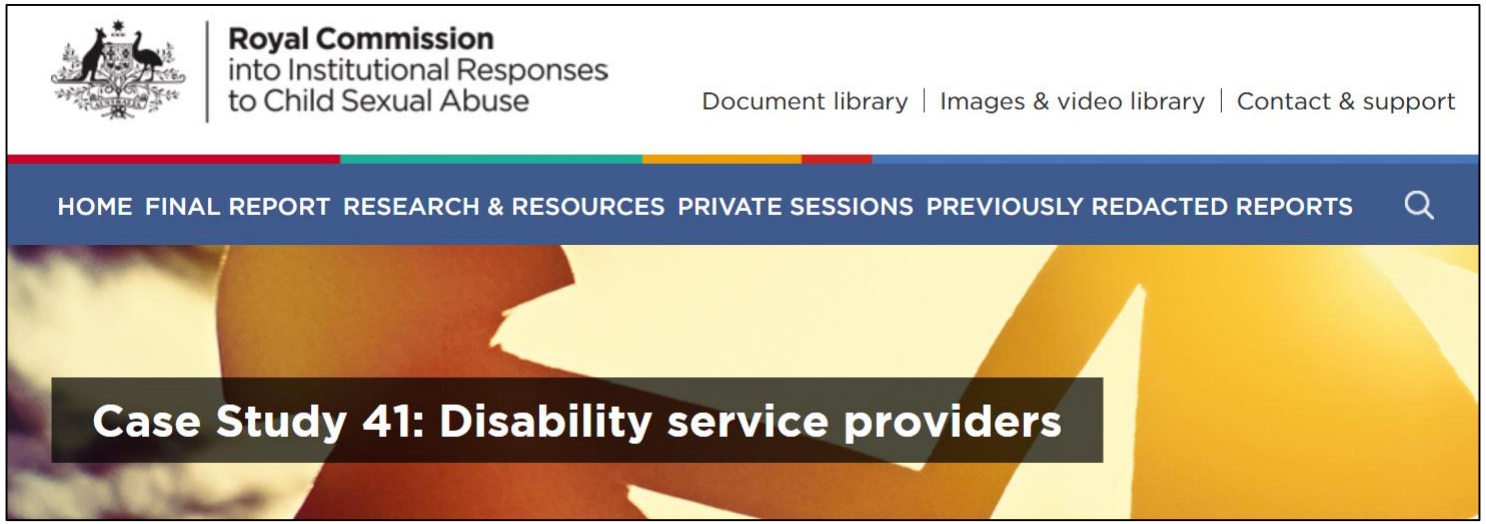
Royal Derwent Hospital (Lachlan Park), Tasmania

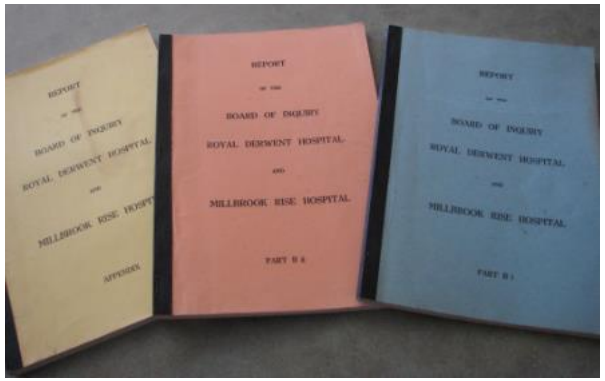
Yooralla Balwyn, Victoria

Eastwood Home for Mentally Deficient Mothers, NSW

Julia Farr Centre, South Adelaide

Reports about harm in disability institutions





Kim Walker’s memoir: Lost and Found

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Voices of Change project: CID + UTS

Voices of Change with James Jack and Rory

What we have learned

- Remember lived experiences
- Honour lives
- End institutional practices in today’s group homes and other settings
- Repair broken social bonds
- People with intellectual disability must lead
- People with intellectual disability are one of the groups who can learn about these histories

Leigh Creighton and Jim Simpson

What we will do next

- Learning more about institutional history and experiences
- Celebrate stories of advocacy and resistance
- National apology
- Connect the past to harmful current practice

What can I do? Write a letter to future generations

- **Imagine you are writing a letter to future generations.**
- You want to tell them about how we can remember and honour the people who lived in institutions.
- **What steps can be taken to repair the past?**
- **Write your letter and post it.**

- **We can support you to write your letter.**

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