



National Disability  
Research Partnership

# Co-design of research 101

*Session 1*

# Funding Round 1



## NDRP Research Agenda topic: Safety of people with disability

All projects will use co-design approaches. They will be funded via two streams:

1. Co-design future research that is needed and develop a research proposal to use in an application for research funding.
2. Use knowledge synthesis methods to bring together what is already known about a topic, and co-produce reports, briefs, guidelines or similar.

# Agenda for this session

- Introduction to co-design and co-production
- Case study showcase 1 *'Voices of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Mob'*
- *Break*
- Case study showcase 2 *Summer Foundation*
- Panel discussion and Q&A
- Close and next steps

# Our Guiding Principles - the NDRP seeks to:



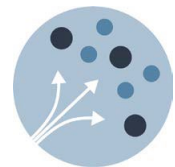
Advance high-quality research that informs disability policy and practice in Australia



Value the knowledge of people with disability in research

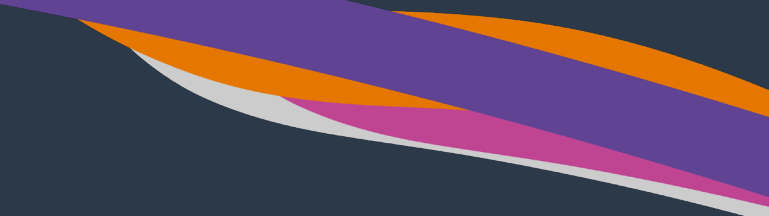


Strengthen disability research capacity



Share research findings widely in useful and accessible ways





**Research with**  
**Research for**  
**Research to**

# Research

to telling  
telling people they  
have a say when  
they do not

# Research

**for** taking information  
or stories from  
people then doing  
the research for  
them



# Research with – ‘co’-words

collaboration

co-design

co-production



**How deep is your**



**?**

# Co-production of research

- co – deciding what to research
- co – planning
- co – designing
- co – delivering / doing the research
- co – evaluating



**power is shared**

*“...everyone has a role in knowledge creation”*

**power is shared**

# 'Person' at the centre



Image: [Helan Bevan and Goran Henriks](#)

# 'Person' as part of an inclusive team

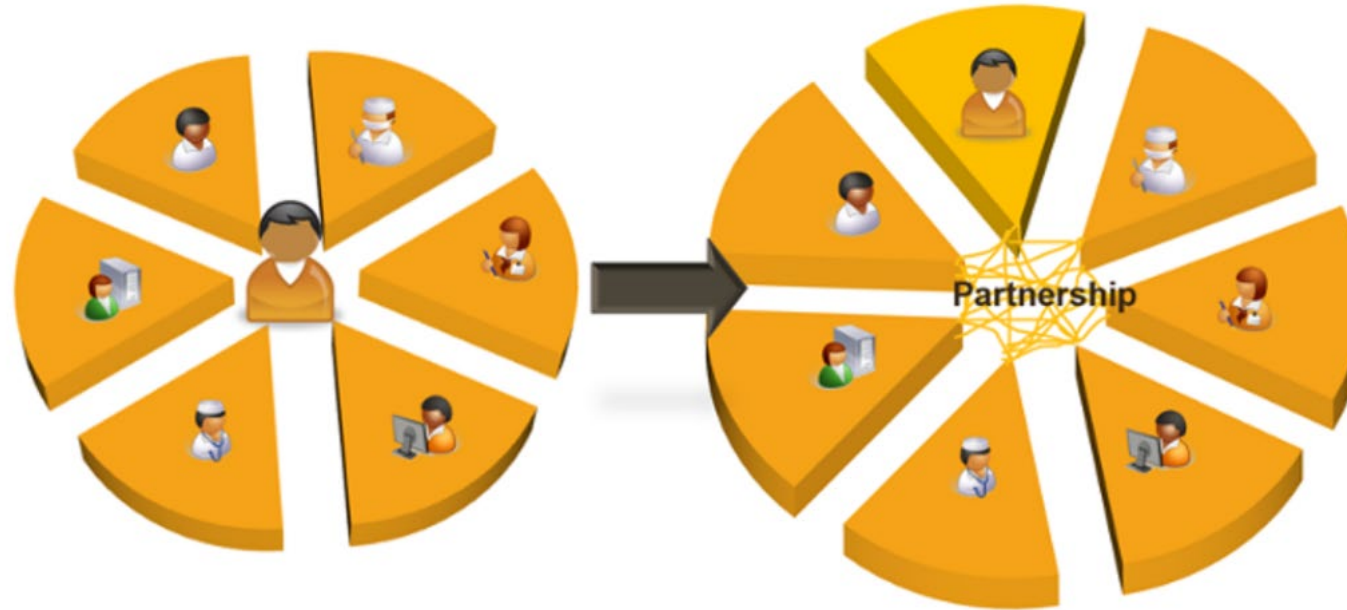


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# Co-design in co-production

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# Co-design

- co- mindsets – ‘together’
- design as a process
  - making something
  - **creative** thinking and doing
  - first, build or create the kinds of relationships & conditions that make this possible



# Roles in the co-design 'crew'

- co-design crew - different people coming together who have skills & roles 'outside'
  - facilitator(s)
  - host / coordinator / helper
  - 'co-designer' – person with lived or professional expertise
  - cultural authority



*And it's me\* you  
need to show!*

**How deep is your**



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*\*the people assessing your grant funding application*



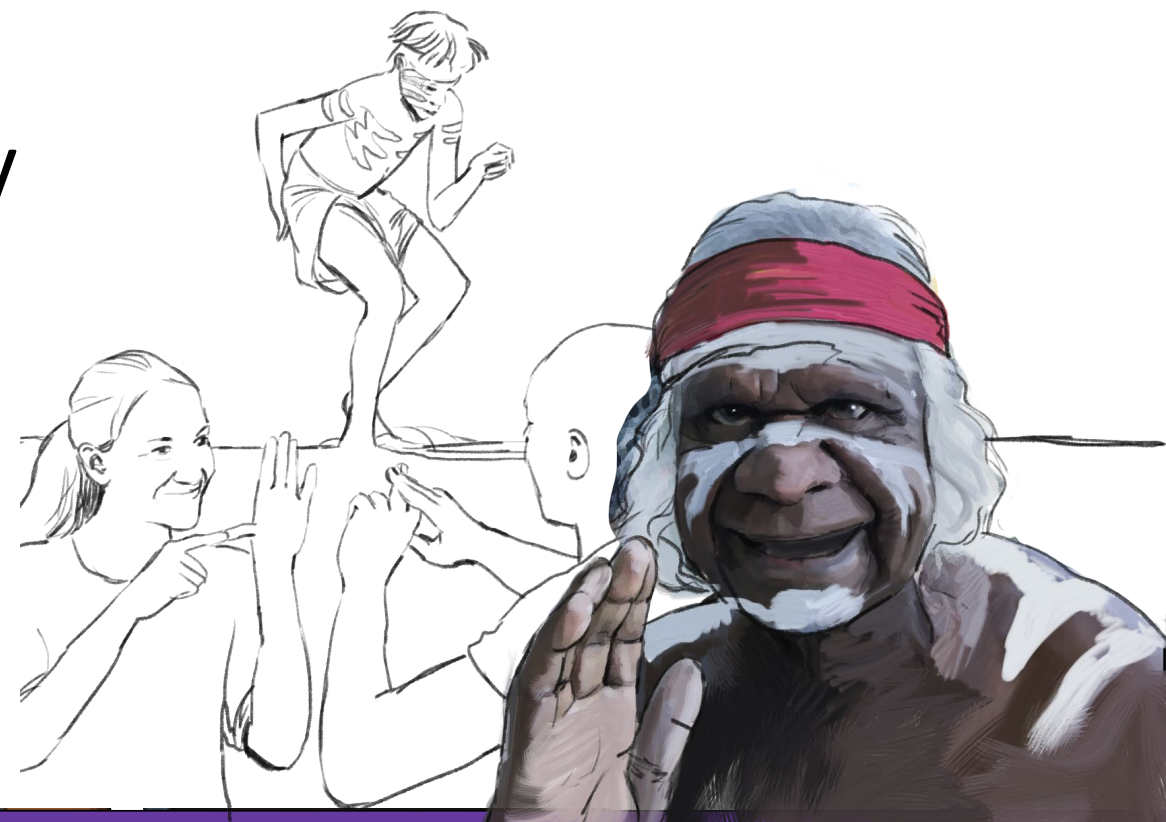


# Voices of Deaf & Hard of Hearing Mob on the NDIS in the NT

*HEY, HEAR ME OUT!*

Case study 1

# Acknowledgment of Country

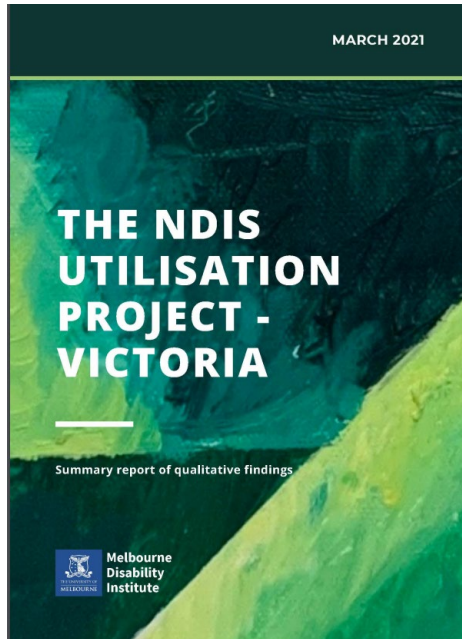


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# Its an evolving process



- Vic Govt funding on NDIS plan utilisation
- Psychosocial disability, First Nations, Culturally & Linguistically Diverse participants
- Team members with disability & External Advisory Group
- But limited to no co-design
- Initially invited Jody to join the Advisory Group
- Turned into an invitation to join the project

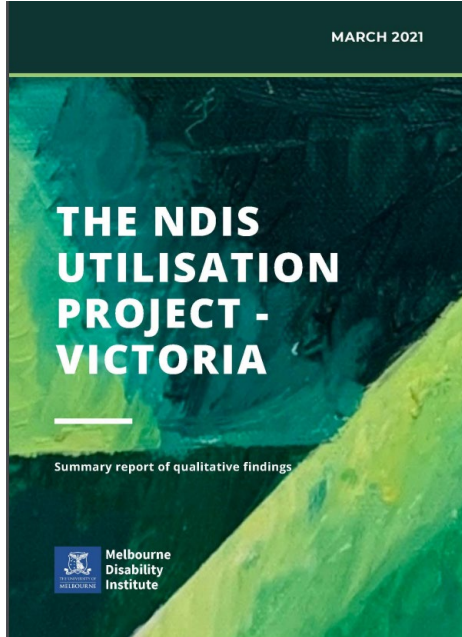


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# Phase 1 - UoM Research team led



- COVID > online meetings
- Adapting approaches & materials
- Jody led yarnings with First Nations & Deaf and Hard of Hearing participants > much greater depth of engagement
- Data analysis led by research team with ongoing discussions with Jody
- Worked with Jody and James Blyth on Auslan & Easy Read summaries
- Jody led dissemination back to community
- Highlighted gaps in knowledge



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# Phase 2 – NDRP pilot project > research partnership

**HEY  
HEAR ME OUT!**  
Voices of Deaf  
& Hard of Hearing Mob  
on the NDIS in the NT



- More time to develop ways of working
- Prioritisation, approach & engagement with individuals and community led by Jody
- UoM oversight of ethics, budget, reporting but guided by Jody
- Involving long time collaborators
- Collaborative data analysis, lots more two-way reflecting & learning  
> **Huge need to enhance culturally & communication responsive services & supports > must be community led**



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# Phase 3 – Bina Gurri – co-design with community



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Training people in working with  
**First Nations** people who are  
**Deaf or Hard of Hearing**



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# Phase 3 – Bina Gurri – co-design with community



- Deaf Indigenous Community Consultancy lead organisation
- Dedicated resourcing & time for co-design with community
- Could completely do away with Western research framework (almost)
- New opportunities, challenges & responsibilities



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# Phase 3 – Bina Gurri – co-design with community

## What made it possible?

- Long standing relationships, trust (non-research)
- Cultural connections & community approvals
  - Respect for their ways of doing (Saltwater vs Freshwater ways)
- Aligning with priorities of community
- Enduring reciprocity (mutual respect & exchange):
  - Cultural responsibility to address immediate needs of individuals & community
  - Responsibility extends to broader research team



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# Stage 3 – Bina Gurri – co-design with community



## Challenges to navigate?

- Expectations of funder > bringing along in co-design processes
- Fluctuating capacity of individuals & community,
  - Cyclones, floods, distance
  - loss of cherished leaders that help mobilise group
- > Reciprocity doesn't stop when you hand in your report



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# Parallels between cultural reciprocity and co-design



Ensure process enhances knowledge that community can use as they see fit



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Break



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# Summer Foundation Showcase



Panel

# Resources and next steps

- Key messages from today's session
- Next steps
- Resources
- Support information



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