

In 2007 **DIRC** developed and launched the History of Disability in SA web-site. (www.history.dircsa.org.au) This project acknowledges, commemorates and celebrates the lives and contribution people with a disability have made to the South Australian community. Technically, as well as socially, this site forms a model as to the direction that **DIRC** will pursue in its future online service provision.

DIRC has 3 meeting rooms separated by bi-fold doors that allow 1 large room to be formed. The facilities are hired out at very reasonable rates that reflect **DIRC's** objective to support, promote and where practicable resource the activities of organisations that work on behalf of people with a disability. In particular **DIRC** aims to assist self-help organisations without major resources of their own.



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DIRC has been the major clearinghouse for disability information in South Australia for over twenty years. It has provided information to empower people to make choices and decisions about their own lives, and to further their knowledge of disability and the issues relating to it.

The **DIRC** website (www.dircsa.org.au) is a disability information portal at the forefront of innovative disability information provision. It plays a pivotal role in the publishing of disability information online and is the place where **DIRC's** information databases are made available online to the public.

Currently these are

- **DIRC** Directory.
- **DIRC** Library Catalogue.
- **DIRC** Journal Articles Catalogue.
- Events Database.
- Access Database.
- **DIRC** also maintains a database of over 3000 links to other disability information resources online.

DIRC Services

Library

- Qualified library staff
- Free service
- Non medical library collection
- Covers all types of disability
- Includes books, kits, posters, DVDs, CDs available for loan
- Over 110 journals and newsletters
- Must be registered to borrow
- Public access computers

Information & Resources

- Telephone information and referral services
- Disability information online
- Disability accessibility advice
- Disability services quality advice and auditing
- Tours and lectures
- Training facilitation
- Secretarial support
- Meeting room hire
- Photocopying

Information Technology

- Qualified IT staff
- Website accessibility advice
- Assistance with website development
- Maintenance and updating of websites and databases

Publications

- Disability Information Directory provides up to date information on over 650 SA disability services and support organisations
- Current Awareness Service enables workers in the disability sector to keep up to date
- Quarterly Newsletter detailing what's new in service provision and information

DIRC's information covers all disabilities including

- Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder
- Autism
- Physical and Neurological
- Developmental
- Sensory
- Intellectual
- Psychiatric
- Acquired Brain Injury