

## **KEY MESSAGES**

- Designated by the United Nations, the International Day of People with a Disability (IDPWD) is celebrated on 3 December each year
- The United Nations theme of International Day of People with a Disability (IDPWD): Together for a better world for all: Including persons with a disability in development
- People with a disability have the right to equality, decent and accessible work
- People with a disability make valuable contributions to our community
- Technology enables people with a disability to communicate and be communicated with to allow them to integrate with their communities, be independent and have choice
- An inclusive, accessible community is a better community
- Approximately 1.2 million people in NSW have a disability
- 1 in 5 people in Australia has a disability
- Approximately 800,000 people in Australia care for a person with a disability
- In Australia, about four million people, or almost 20% of our population, identify as having a disability.

## **ABOUT DON'T DIS MY ABILITY**

- The Don't DIS my ABILITY campaign celebrates International Day of People with a Disability in NSW throughout November and December each year
- It aims to raise community awareness about the range of people with a disability, their need to have independent choices about their care, career and life goals. It encourages the community to think and act inclusively, in all aspects of life
- The Don't DIS my ABILITY campaign celebrates the diversity and ability of people with a disability across NSW
- Events will be held in November and December across NSW
- Events include art exhibitions, sporting events, dance parties and creative workshops
- Both people with a disability and people without a disability are encouraged to attend events and celebrate
- Don't DIS my ABILITY is funded by the NSW Government and organised by Ageing, Disability and Home Care, Department of Family and Community Services
- The NSW Minister for Disability Services is The Hon. Andrew Constance MP.