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Everyone seems to be talking about planning at the moment and the recent quarterly report from the NDIS (<https://ndis.gov.au/medias/documents/report-q4-y5-pdf/2018-Q4-June-COAG-report-Part-A-Accessible-PDF.pdf>) suggests plans have been received positively. However for people with complex support needs and those who cannot advocate for themselves it is a different story. In this issue Leanne Dowse and Angela Dew report on their research and discuss the interrelatedness of multiple domains that are essential to include when planning ([page 20](#)). Reading two parents' accounts of their struggle to get planning right for their sons, links back to the lack of resources available to planners – and unfortunately is also evident in service providers ([page 6](#) and [page 13](#)). A person with an intellectual disability talks about her struggle even though well supported by two of her sisters. Jaquie Mills reports on a successful project in WA that looked at preplanning with people with complex support needs who needed a voice. Their work reminds us that not all people have “plans” or “goals” in their lives and this can be a strange concept for some cultures. For people with complex support needs the very concept of planning may need to be taught before a “plan” can be developed.

ASID continues to be active within the divisions and reports indicate seminars on health ([page 26](#)), supported decision making, and group homes are well attended.

IDA likes to present a variety of information quarterly and Amie O'Shea reports on some early research among people with intellectual disability and their identification with the LGBTIQ community, we hope to hear more about this in the future.

In early July the New Zealand Division successfully held their two-day conference with an emphasis on mental health. You can access their key note presentations by on [page 28](#) (or by [clicking here](#)) November 16th will see the launch of ASID's annual conference on the Gold Coast, this edition of IDA has information on more of the key note speakers so keep tuned to ASID's websites for updates click here (<http://www.asid2018.com.au/>). Remember Let's shake it up – human rights for everyone!

Keep tuned for the next podcast on voting and the next edition of IDA with a focus on justice for people with an intellectual disability. I welcome comments and contributions.

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