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*Welcome to
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Suddenly it's March – so welcome to 2019. ASID had very positive feedback from the last conference in Queensland and the cover illustrates the chill out space, to make sure everyone could be included. This IDA edition contains more photos from the conference and some of the feedback you gave us. Arrangements for the next ASID conference in Adelaide in November are well under way and the call for abstracts is open – so please check out the link, it would be excellent to attract a range of researchers, practitioners and people with a lived experience of intellectual disability www.asidconference.com.au/abstract-submission. Keep your eyes peeled for keynotes - it is looking exciting.

The theme for this quarter is communication and its challenges. The articles take the research and illustrate practices. Teresa Iacono discusses the school systems ([see page 5](#)) and suggests some of the reasons children with intellectual disability do not get the supports they need. This seems to be a recurring theme in the community – has anyone got some positive stories they can share on this topic? Meg Irwin and Tara Sheridan remind us it is never too late to consider communication supports ([see page 9](#)) and suggest a few ways we can support adults in the community. Developing communication accessible communities might be one of the ways to go but it will be a slow journey.

ASID is continuing to develop position papers and this edition of IDA includes a position statement on complex needs. Your local division will be organising ways to share this information in a meaningful way with members so watch out for your next meeting. Check out the local division reports too and our new board members, Sophia Tipping from Victoria and Denice Wharldall from South Australia. Check out Sarah Butler's article (one of NSW inclusive researchers) ([see page 21](#)) on her experience of achieving funding to attend an ASID conference. This may help you look at ways you can support people with a lived experience of intellectual disability attend the next conference in Adelaide.

How did you go with the last quiz? Let us know on Facebook how you went! The next edition will be in early July and the theme will be "Accessible information". Articles, comments and feedback are very welcome. See the back page of IDA for more details ([see page 39](#)).

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