

NDIS an Introduction

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What is the NDIS?

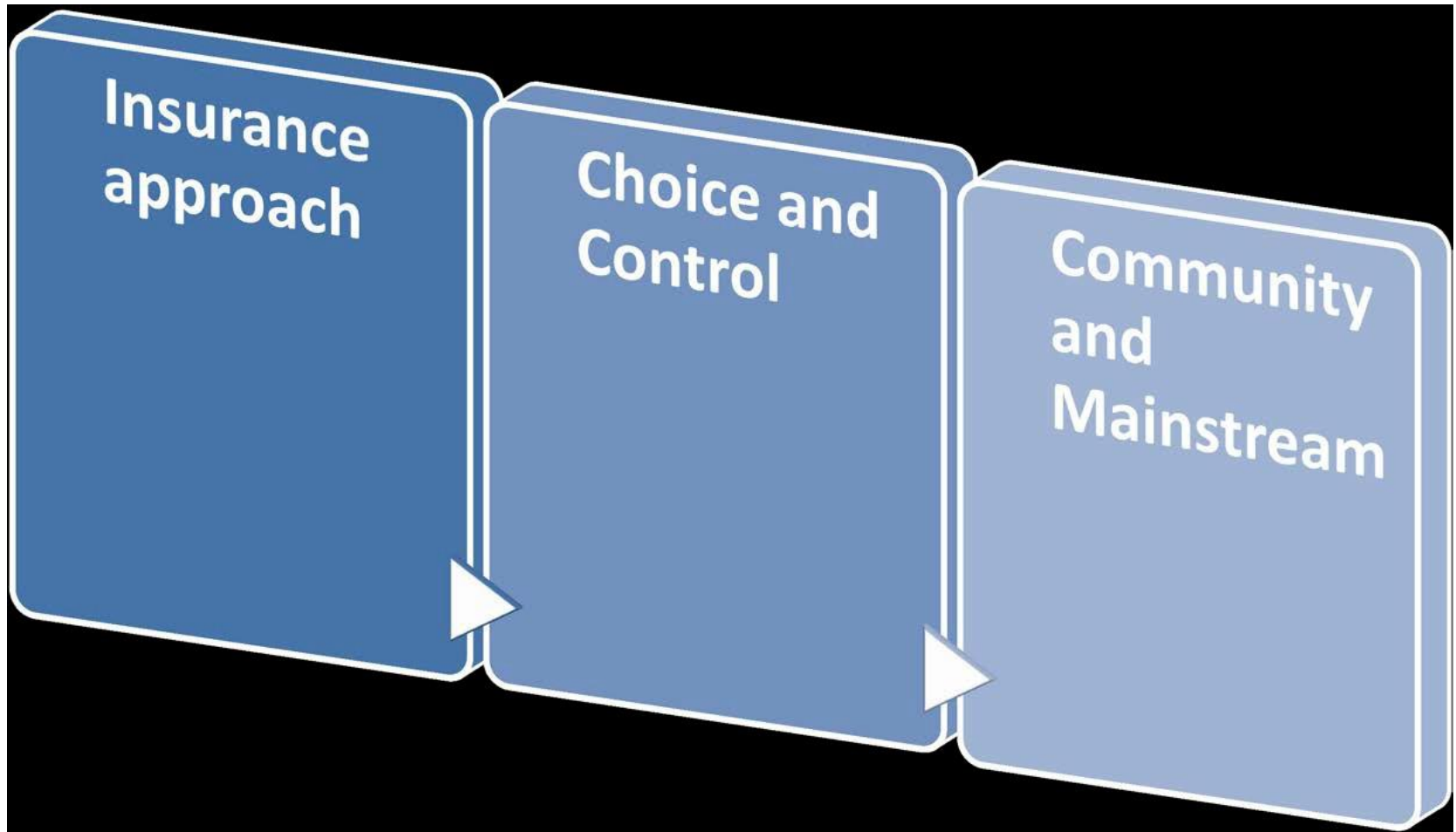
- The National Disability Insurance Scheme is a new way of delivering support and services for people with disability, their families and carers.



What are some of the differences between the old systems and NDIS?



Feature	Former system	NDIS
Access criteria	Varies from state to state	Nationally consistent as set out in legislation
Choice and control	Varies from state to state - most people have little say over the supports they receive	Individual has control over the type and mix of supports, delivery and how their funding is managed
Level of assistance	Capped – people may be eligible but may spend years on waiting lists	Demand driven – people with disability get the support they need, when they need it, to make progress towards their goals
Funding	Multiple programs within and across governments	Single pool of government funding administered by NDIA



NDIS and the NDIA

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) administers the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)



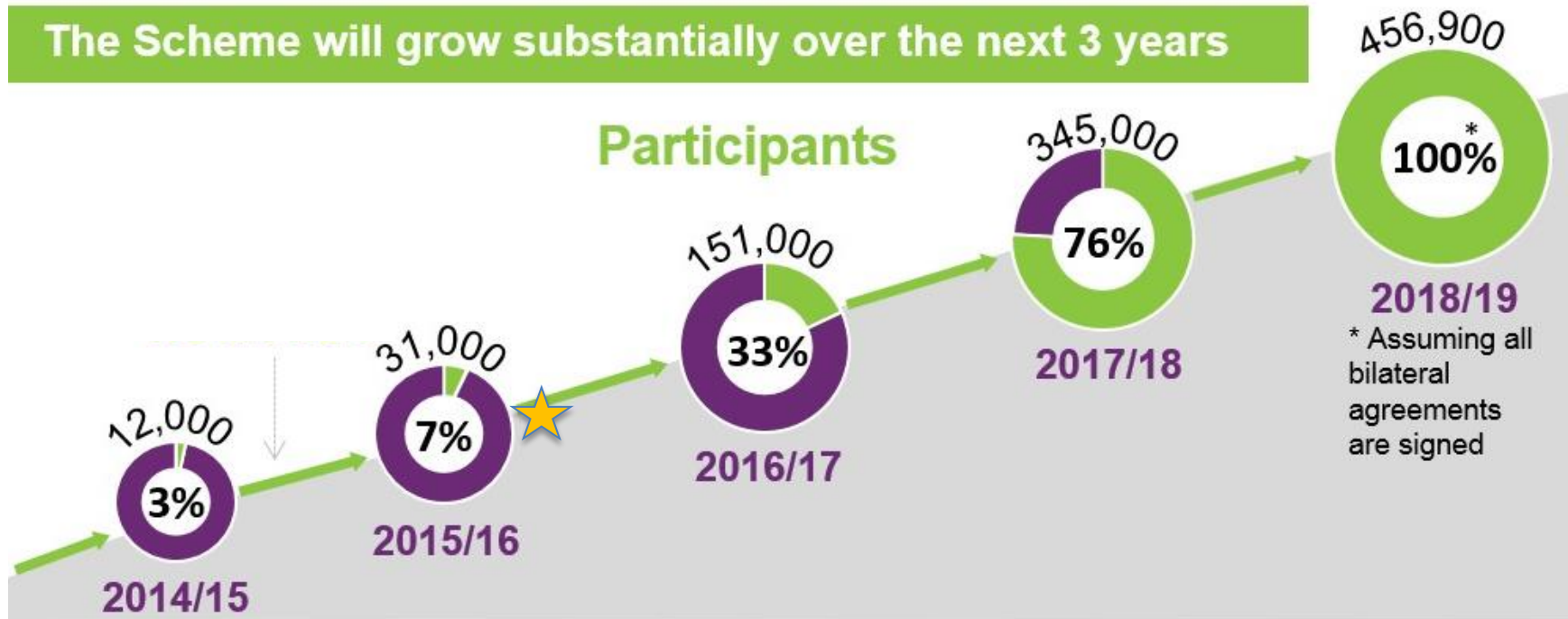
The NDIA's job is to:

- Work with partners to deliver the NDIS
- Build community awareness of disability
- Learn and Build by applying research and lessons learned
- Ensure financial sustainability of the NDIS
- Develop and enhance the disability sector

Transition from trial to full scheme



The Scheme will grow substantially over the next 3 years



NDIS rollout in Victoria & Loddon

- The NDIS will be made available progressively across the state over the next three years
- By July 2019, it is estimated that 105,000 people will transition to the NDIS in Victoria
- **Loddon Area will commence transition to the NDIS from 1 May 2017**
- Loddon Area incorporates the LGAs of:
 - Macedon Ranges Shire Council
 - Mount Alexander Shire Council
 - Central Goldfields Shire
 - Loddon Shire Council
 - City of Greater Bendigo
 - Campaspe Shire Council

Indicative phasing plan for Loddon

- There is an estimated 3833 existing Victorian clients who are expected to enter the NDIS in Loddon, commencing in May 2017.
- Additionally, there is an estimated 1380 new clients who are expected to enter the NDIS in Loddon by 30 June 2019.
- NDIS will contact transitioning clients approximately three months before they are due to transition.
- If a client receives support from more than one of the defined programs, they will enter the NDIS based on which activity phases in first.

Can I access the NDIS?



Indicative participant phasing plan for Loddon

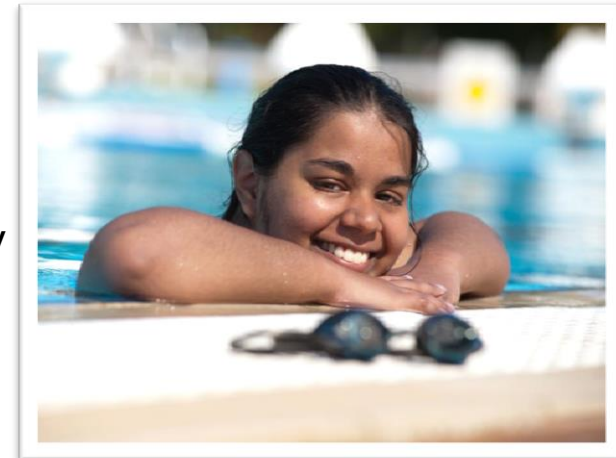


What will the NDIS fund?

- Most participants will access a blend of informal, mainstream and funded supports
- Supports that are NDIS funded must be reasonable and necessary and must:
 - focus on the participant's goals and aspirations
 - foster greater independence, social and economic participation
 - be evidence based
 - represent value for money
- Choice of and control over NDIS funded supports means safeguards may be needed to reduce risk of harm, abuse or neglect

NDIS and mainstream systems

- The NDIS is not intended to replace the supports or services provided by other systems such as health, education, employment and transport –mainstream systems
- Wherever possible participants will be assisted to access mainstream systems. These are things that already exist within their local community that they may not have know about or had access to in the past
- There are key principles used to help the NDIA assess if another system is more appropriate to fund particular supports
- The first plan may include a range of supports provided by informal, mainstream and community networks. Some of these may be funded by the NDIS



Support to Implement the plan



The NIDS will provide the participant with support to implement their plan by allocating a Local Area Coordinator or a Support Coordinator.

This support person will

- will assist the participant to understand their plan
- Set up the participant portal to enable the participant to monitor their plan
- Assist the participant to identify service providers that they can choose from
- Enable the participant to link to their community of choice
- Enable the participant to access mainstream services like health and education.

NDIA will consider each participant's circumstances and fund the most appropriate type and level of Support.

The need for Support Coordination or Local Areas Coordination is reviewed at each plan review.

Intereach

Local Area Coordination (LAC) partner

Intereach has been working in rural communities for over 40 years.

Intereach's work focuses on:

community development, social change, social enterprises, capacity building, research and policy.

They work across many sectors including disability, family day care and community transport.

Intereach is the NDIA partner to deliver LAC services across 6 LGAs in the Loddon area.



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