

# Community Speakers Register – Victoria

Contact Name	Contact details	Location	Profile	Preferred Audience
Colleen Knowles	E: primrose28@outlook.com T: 0417225017	Colleen is based in the Geelong region but is happy to travel to Melbourne.	Colleen has been a Guide Dog user for over 20 years. She has 16 years experience of speaking for Guide Dogs and is comfortable in any requested topic from her vision loss to experience with her Guide Dog.	Colleen is very comfortable speaking with any sized audience and has presented at speaking engagements up to 1000 people. Colleen doesn't have a preferred age group and has spoken to audiences from Kindergarten age through to aged care groups.
Dorothy Docherty	E: dorothydoc@hotmail.com T: 0401887149	Happy to travel anywhere	Dorothy went blind overnight after an aquired brain injury. She had to learn to walk and talk again after her ABI. Dorothy has had two dogs from Guide Dogs. Dorothy loves, garden, cook and public speak in her spare time.	Dorothy is comfortable speaking to audiences of any size but prefers not to speak to aged care facilities or very young children (kindergarten age and younger).
Pam Haigh	E: pamhaigh@hotmail.com T: 0414406449	Happy to travel anywhere for community education.	Pam Haigh has had 3 Guide Dogs with GDV who she has travelled both domestically and internationally! Pam is very active and enjoys bike riding and knitting. Pam is happy to cover any topic that is requested for her speaking arrangement.	Pam is very comfortable with any speaking arrangements and all locations. Pam has no preferred audience size and has spoken to audiences from just a couple to a few hundred.
Maribel Steel	E: maribel@springstudio.com.au T: 0417755413	Maribel is based in South Eastern Melbourne but is happy to venture into the CBD or into the outer east.	Maribel is a freelance writer, author, international speaker and educator who is also a Guide Dog user. Legally blind and the mother of 4 children, Maribel loves to travel and help people see beyond an obstacle to embrace it as their next stepping stone to success.	Maribel is comfortable speaking to any age group with a variety of interests or groups. Please note, Maribel is a professional speaker, fees apply for services

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