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HOTHAM

Disabled Wintersport Australia & Mt Hotham



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<https://www.abc.net.au/7.30/disabled-skiers-find-freedom-on-the-slopes/11526240>

<https://www.disabledwintersport.com.au/about/>

DWA Background

- **Established 1978**
- **National & State Accredited Sporting Organisation**
- **Services to 5 Alpine Resorts – Hotham, Falls, Buller, Perisher, Thredbo**
- **Accomm Facilities Jindabyne (36 beds) Howmans Gap (38 beds)**
- **1397 Members, 450 Volunteers National Wide**
- **1 x FTE, 3 PTE, 9 Seasonal Staff**
- **Paralympic Partner**
- **NDIS Provider**
- **Deductable Gift Registered Charity**



Vison & Mission

The Vision for DWA is that People with a disability have equality of opportunity to *"Participate at all levels in the Winter Sport of their Choice"*.

DWA's Mission is *"to promote and foster the advancement of participation by all people with disabilities in winter sport in Australia."*

FAST FACTS

- ❖ *Adaptive is the preferred name*
- ❖ *Disability can happen to anyone, anytime...*
- ❖ **DWA's mantra is; "a hand up not a hand out."**
 - ❖ **20% of Australians have a disability**
 - ❖ **Disabled travel with an average of 2.7 people**
 - ❖ ***The disabled tourism, sport and recreation market is growing rapidly***
 - ❖ ***Annual Funding for NDIS is \$22Billion***
 - ❖ ***Disability includes Mental Health***
- ❖ ***Cognitive / Executive Function is fastest growing***



NDIS Summary

Original estimates suggested the NDIS would cover **411,000** participants and cost **\$13.6 billion** at maturity. However the Productivity Commission now estimates that around 475,000 people with disability will receive individualised support at a cost of around **\$22 billion per year**.

“Reasonable and necessary to live an ordinary life” This is NDIS 101. They look at what is reasonable and necessary for the individual including value for money. E.g. a quadriplegic would get more with a support worker than someone who needs some help with some housework or cooking.

Informal supports: supports which are available from family and friends.

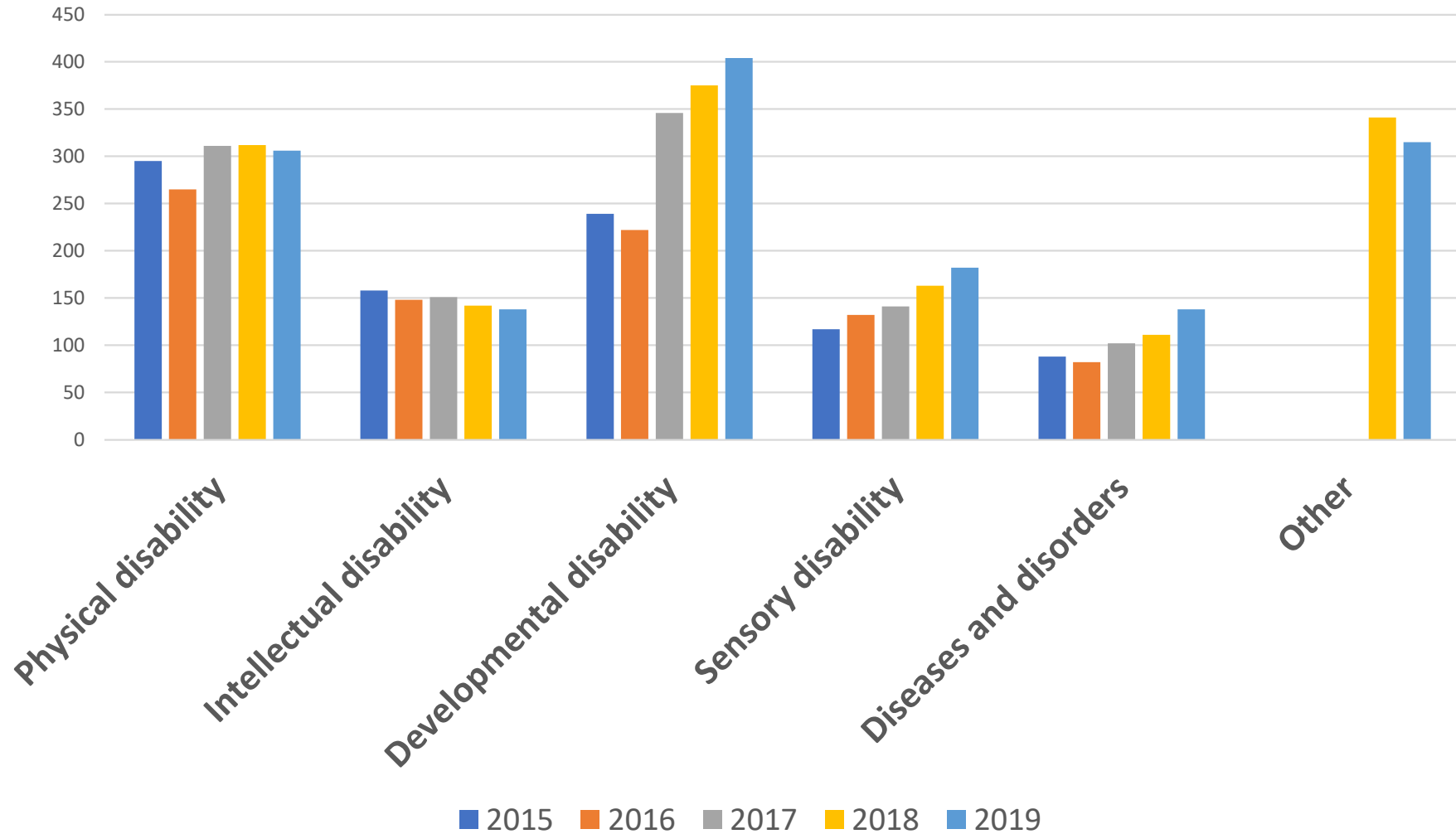
NDIS: National Disability Insurance Scheme

NDIA: National Disability Insurance Agency

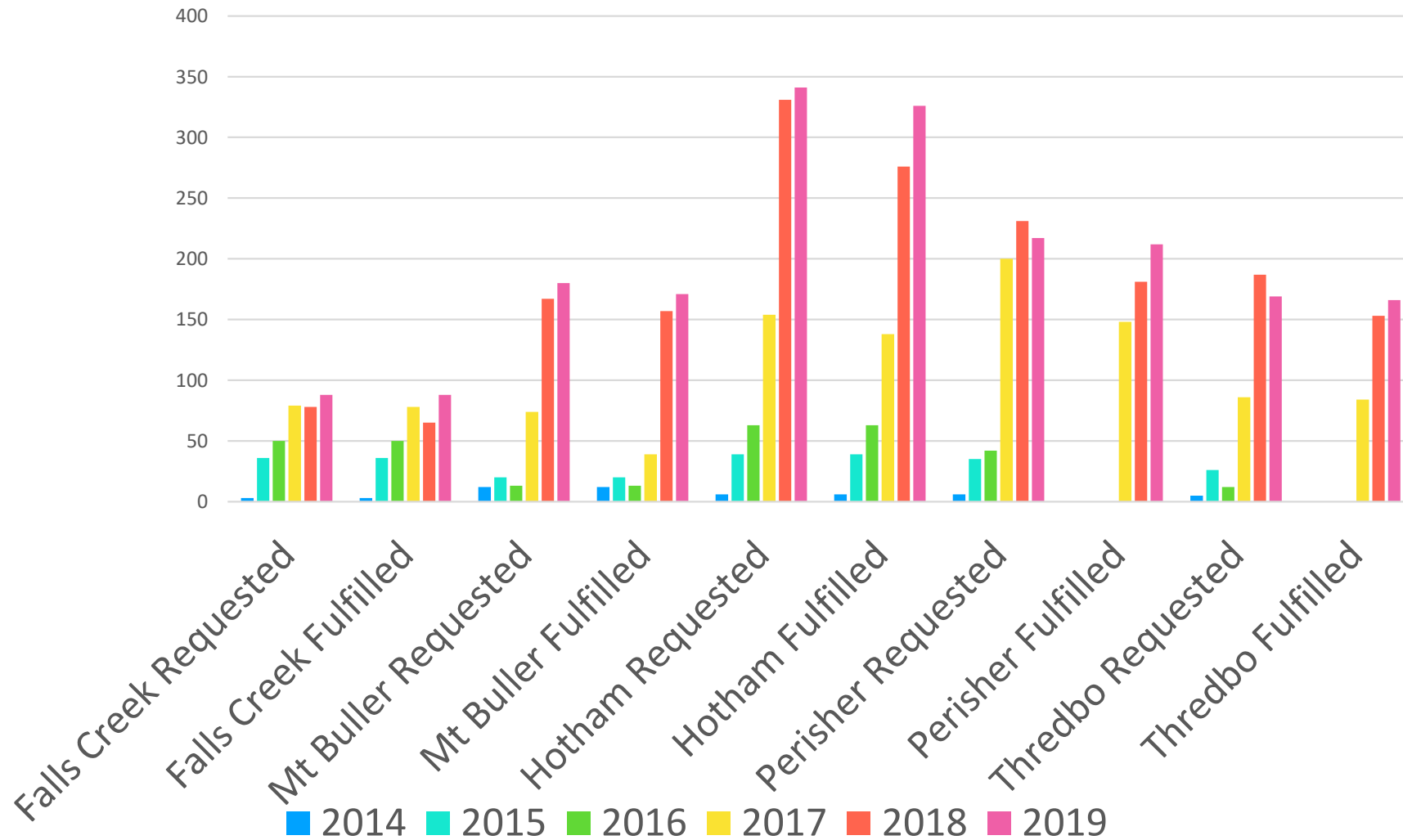
Participant: someone receiving support from the NDIS

Plan: a document outlining the participant’s goals and how they can be achieved with specific supports. It lasts for 12 months but can be reviewed if circumstances change or the participant thinks it’s inadequate

Disability Type Distribution



Services by Resort



Guide request fulfillment rate of Resort Services Program

Training by Resort



What's happening at Hotham?

- **2019 Sit Ski Talent Camp (had to stay in Bright)**
- **New Sit Ski's x 2**
- **Additional DWA Staff (Nick Ames & Phil Knight)**
- **M+G Electrical & Comms Sponsorship**
- **Raffles & donations = \$12K e.g. SpagBog Challenge**
- **341 Guide Days 2019 (314 2018)**
- **Freedom Trax Mobility Vehicle at Transit centre**
- **Volunteer of the Year nomination Nick White**
- **Greater consultation with RMB & Vail Resorts**



What can you do....?

- **Awareness through education, consultation, inclusion**
- **Guide Training & Volunteer**
- **Volunteerism from Lodges, Students Families**
- **Fundraise, donate**
- **Adapt programs**
- **Universal design when renovating**
- **Consider Accessible accommodation**





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Questions..? Comments...Thank you...
