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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Activate Allied Health is a community-focused clinic in Balwyn North offering Exercise Physiology, Speech Pathology, and Occupational Therapy. Our mission is to improve the quality of life in our community, and we do that by creating a warm, supportive, and welcoming environment for people of all ages.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Monday to Friday 8:45am to 3pm Ratio of support is 1:3, with 1:1 available Open 50 weeks of the year Box Hill Transport Hub 5-minute walk away NDIS funded services with some out-of-pocket activity fees* We're growing and have room for new participants to join our community. On site and out into the community Our Connections program includes a range of group-based supports tailored to individual interests. Whether you're developing daily living skills, getting creative, or heading out into the community, our programs help you grow in confidence and build lasting connections. Why Choose Alkira for Your Child? Alkira offers personalised programs that help young people with disability build independence, confidence, and real-world skills in a supportive environment. Life Skills for Everyday Independence Budgeting, meal planning, healthy lifestyle choices Public transport training Literacy, numeracy, computer and digital skills ▣ Creative Expression Art, craft, wearable arts, photography, digital media Opportunities to exhibit work at Alkira's annual art show ▣ Pathways to Work & Community Involvement Alkira's social enterprise café, coffee trailer, and op-shop provide real hands-on experience Barista, catering, gardening, retail, and sustainability skills Volunteering options like Meals on Wheels ▣ Active, Social Lifestyle Swimming, basketball, bushwalking, bowling, dance, and more ▣ Every program is tailored to individual interests and goals, with caring support every step of the way.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	- Monday to Friday 8:45am to 3pm - Ratio of support is 1:3, with 1:1 available - Open 50 weeks of the year - Box Hill Transport Hub 5-minute walk away - NDIS funded services with some out-of-pocket activity fees* - We're growing and have room for new participants to join our community. On site and out into the community Alkira's Momentum program is designed for school leavers and young adults looking to study at TAFE while receiving the support they need to succeed. With over 15 years of experience and more than 150 students supported, Alkira is proud to help young people achieve their educational and career goals in a way that's both empowering and practical. Why Choose Alkira's Momentum Program? Momentum is a unique 3-year program that combines TAFE-accredited education with Alkira's tailored support and life skills development, delivered in partnership with Box Hill Institute. Students can work towards qualifications such as: · Certificate I in Transition Education · Certificate I in Work Education · Certificate II in Work Education (Hospitality Stream) Students learn alongside others students at Box Hill Institute's campus while receiving personalised support in class and on campus. This helps build confidence, independence, communication, time management, and self-advocacy skills. Alkira also runs programs during term breaks to maintain social connection and routine. Tip: Intake starts in April for the following year — applying by October is recommended to allow time for planning and assessment.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Fun, social activities on evenings, weekends, and holidays · Small groups with 1:1 support available · Clubs, outings, and one-off events like dining, movies, and live shows · Supported holidays to exciting destinations · NDIS-funded, participant-led programs with transport provided Alkira offers NDIS-funded recreation programs and supported holidays designed to build confidence, independence, and meaningful friendships for adults with intellectual disabilities. Our activities run on evenings, weekends, and during planned trips — giving participants the chance to connect, explore, and enjoy new experiences outside of weekday routines. What's on offer? Our monthly calendar includes fun, co-designed activities such as: • Ten pin bowling, karaoke, and discos • Movie club and fine diners club • Live theatre, cabaret, and exhibitions • Zoo and aquarium visits • Day trips and weekend outings Supported Holidays Our small-group holidays provide inclusive, well-organised travel experiences to a range of destinations. With the right level of assistance, participants can explore new places, build confidence, create friendships, and enjoy a well-deserved break. • Why choose Alkira? Small group sizes with caring, experienced staff · • 1:1 support available where needed • Transport provided to and from activities · Programs and trips shaped by participant interests Trusted provider with 70 years of experience. "Alkira's recreation program gives our child the chance to socialise, grow, and have fun in a safe, supportive environment." Participant Parent



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Advocating
for children
with disability

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SERVICE OVERVIEW

Atwork Australia works with people living with disability, injury, health condition, or those who require additional support, to find meaningful and sustainable employment.

To do that, we work with people to identify their goals and aspirations, build skills and job-readiness and support them through interviews and into employment – as well as work with prospective employers to ensure their needs are met.

Our approach is to tailor our service to support a person in the way that best helps them transform their life for the better. Not just the lives of individuals, but also the lives of their family, friends and the communities in which they live.

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<u>SERVICE OVERVIEW</u>	Certificate I in Transition Education fosters your independence, so that you can become more actively involved in the community. You will develop the life skills to take part in social events or explore future options such as employment or further study pathways. The course will focus on growth in areas of personal development such as literacy, digital technology, budgeting, and travel training. You will become more confident to take your next steps! Certificate I in Transition Education Box Hill Institute Certificate I in Work Education develops your work ready skills to prepare you for employment. There are opportunities to explore different industries, to help you decide what kinds of jobs or further study you're interested in. You will go on work placements, so that you can practice the skills you learn in the course, such as workplace safety, problem solving, decision making and personal management. Your friendly teachers will encourage you towards a bright future! Certificate I in Work Education Box Hill Institute



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Brain Training Hub – Supporting and developing learning and daily living for all abilities through gentle exercises which target the brain. “Learn to Move & Move to Learn” – Dr Paul Dennison PhD founder Brain Gym® International Brain Gym® is a neuro-developmental therapy program comprising of 26 gentle movements used in combination to either calm or stimulate the brain, to support maximum brain functioning for lifelong learning, physical and mental wellbeing, and rehabilitation. Each private one to one Brain Gym® session is known as a ‘balance’ and is always targeted to an individual’s goal in life. Unlike other movement programs, Brain Gym® uses repetitive gross and fine motor movements that deliberately target different regions of the brain to support cognitive and motor functioning, formal learning, reading, writing, math, balance, memory, creativity and emotional wellbeing. Katharine King is the principal of Brain Training Hub who typically delivers Brain Training and Brain Gym® in playful individual or group settings that incorporates music and props, which offers a fun, rich sensory experience and produces noticeable neurological benefits. Brain Gym® is used worldwide to improve functioning and the quality of life in all individuals of all abilities and mobility. Individuals with ASD, ADHD, ABI, no speech, retained reflexes, intellectual challenges, MS or wheelchair all benefit from this program. Brain Gym® together with positive mindset skills help develop a belief of self-worth and ability. Katharine offers - Personal 1 to 1 Consultations - Croydon · Bi-lateral Art Classes – Double Doodle Play · Educators, Parent and Carer Training in Brain Gym®



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Our service which was located at Canterbury, has been moved to a new location in Balwyn on the 1st of July 2019 due to a redevelopment of that site. This new environment provides the perfect backdrop as we work to promote a healthy lifestyle for our participants. It also provides an ideal base for engagement with the surrounding communities. Our staff consider the needs and abilities of each individual participant in designing recreational and social activities that promote independence, positive relationships and the making of a worthwhile contribution. We explore a range of activities in the community, including lawn bowls, sailing, men's shed, gym and swimming to name a few. Our experienced staff members at Balwyn have developed a variety of projects that provide valuable community participation. Whether it is delivering Meals on Wheels and library books or assisting with our dog walking service, there is always something to do that is worthwhile and productive while also promoting physical fitness and independence. Within the service, participants have opportunities to try new experiences including working with recent technologies. We also facilitate frequent relaxed social activities with the aim of encouraging long lasting friendships.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW

Carer Gateway is an Australian Government initiative, led by Holstep Health in Victoria. It provides free services and support to help carers manage daily challenges, reduce stress and improve wellbeing.

If you're a carer, including carers under the age of 25, you can access a range of emotional and practical services tailored to your needs including counselling, respite care, peer support groups, coaching and tailored support packages.

These services are completely free and available in-person, over the phone, or online. To learn more call 1800 422 737 (8am-5pm, Mon-Fri) or visit carergateway.gov.au.





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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Carer Solutions supports Participants (or their Nominees) to directly employ locals that they already know and trust as their Support Workers. We understand that the prospect of employing your own Support Workers can sound like a lot of work. That's where our Direct Employ service can help! We support Participants (or their Nominees) to employ people that they already know and trust, while covering all the admin and employer obligations. How our Direct Employ Service works: 1. The Participant finds people suitable for their support needs and agree on pay rates (aligned with the SCHADS award). 2. We take care of all the state specific compliance and onboard the Support Workers as their employees. 3. All the participants need to do is approve and submit the Support Worker's timesheets and we take care of the rest! 4. We facilitate all their employer obligations, including payroll (pay, super and tax) and Workcover insurance. Their Support Workers don't even need an ABN! The diagram illustrates the workflow of the Direct Employ Service. At the top, 'The Participant' (represented by a yellow circle with a person icon) is connected by a dashed red line to 'Payroll & Compliance Back Office Partner' (represented by the Carer Solutions logo). Below 'The Participant' is 'The Participant's Direct Employees' (represented by a vertical line). This line branches into three circles, each containing a person icon and labeled 'Their Support Worker'.



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	“Our Multicultural Service Officers work with multicultural community groups, staff and other government departments. They do this to: promote and improve access to our payments and services build relationships in the community and across government improve service delivery to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) people by understanding their needs provide support and assistance in complex cases help our staff to communicate with CALD people through language services raise awareness and competency of our staff in servicing CALD people build and maintain relationships with internal stakeholders to raise the profile of multicultural services”



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	CERTIFICATE 1 IN TRANSITION EDUCATION 22301VIC This course prepares students for further study and life beyond school. Students develop basic life skills, allowing them to become more confident and independent. They also learn to cope with change and become more responsible and explore future pathways. Length: One year full time , Five days per week (20 hours) Commencing: Late January Entry Requirements: Attendance at an interview for: • Course overview • Letter from specialist/school confirming the students disability • Language, literacy and numeracy review • Eligibility and concession course costs CERTIFICATE 1 IN WORK EDUCATION 22302VIC This course focuses on employment and the skills required to enter the work force. It includes practical work placement throughout the year and a variety of vocational tasters such as childcare, hospitality, automotive, sport and recreation, building and construction, hairdressing, retail, horticulture, multimedia and art (subject to availability). Students will need to travel independently and have the ability to take part in a practical work placement program. Length: One-year full time Five days per week (20 hours) Location: Dandenong and Frankston Commencing: Late January. Student enquiries are welcome at any time Entry Requirements: Attendance at an interview for: • course overview • language, literacy and numeracy review • eligibility and concession course costs



Program Name	Pathways to education and employment, Work Education
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Our Work Education Programs introduce students with special learning needs to full time adult learning, in a supported setting. Our courses aim to improve students' personal development by enhancing their life and social skills, and preparing them for further education or the work force. Certificate I in Transition Education This course prepares students for further study and life beyond school. Students develop basic life skills, allowing them to become more confident and independent. They also learn to cope with change, become more responsible and explore future pathways. Certificate I in Work Education This course focuses on employment and the skills required to enter the work force. It includes practical work placement throughout the year and a variety of vocational tasters such as childcare, hospitality, automotive, sport and recreation, building and construction, hairdressing, retail, horticulture, multimedia and art (subject to availability). Students will need to travel independently and have the ability to take part in a practical work placement program. Certificate II in Work Education This course extends and consolidates students learning of the workforce by exploring job opportunities and work expectations. Students also are actively involved in a virtual retail environment. Students can register with a Disability Employment Agency to secure further work during the course and on once they have completed their certificate. TASTER Experience TAFE Taster Experience in the Work Education programs for students with specific learning needs. Students participate in a range of experiences in supported classrooms. This will help prospective students to understand more about our programs and assist in plans for further study. Students experience real activities and team building while increasing their independence and self-esteem.

COLOURZ.NET.AU

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SERVICE OVERVIEW	At Colourz, we are an all inclusive organization that focuses on performance based artistic pursuits. Performing Artz This program is rehearsal time for any up coming shows and concerts. As well as rehearsing new routines, the feeling of being included, gaining confidence, and being a valued member of our team is of utmost importance to us. We also use this time to practice our group orchestra, where participants are given an opportunity to learn to play different instruments while working together as a group. Stepz Our Stepz program is a chance to get the whole body moving in the mornings. We have an extensive list of dances that we run through, always adding new routines to our repertoire using both modern music and some of the classics! Mediaz This program covers a wide variety of Media including photography, script writing, filming, acting, drama, set and costume design. Mediaz will have something for everyone as participants will have the opportunity to engage and learn more about a variety of media streams.



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COMMUNITY ACCESS PARTNERS

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SERVICE OVERVIEW	WHO ARE COMMUNITY ACCESS PARTNERS? Community Access Partners (CAP) are an exciting small family business providing NDIS support and community access to activities from sporting events to comedy shows and travel. The owner and founder is John Didge. With a strong connection to people with a disability through his family and volunteer work. Clients can choose from our calendar of planned group events or have Community Access Partners staff member support the client on an individual basis. CAP staff have over 50 years combined disability support experience from family members, education settings and volunteering in sporting teams. WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO BECOME A COMMUNITY ACCESS PARTNER CLIENT? It is very easy to join the Community Access Partners team. You can choose to message us via our Facebook messenger, email, text or phone. Do you have an outing or event that is not on the CAPcalendar? Not a problem. Just send us an email or text message with the event details and when you would like to go. If we have a support worker available, we will book it in.



CONNECT2CARE

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SERVICE OVERVIEW

Connect2Care is a family-owned and operated provider of therapeutic services focused on meeting the needs of children and adults living with a disability in our community. Our founders have been supporting children and adults with disabilities for nearly two decades.

We provide a range of therapeutic supports to people of all ages, including Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Exercise Physiology, Physiotherapy, Psychology, Social Work, and Dietetics.

Our services are predominately mobile, which means we travel to our clients, providing therapy in their home and community settings.

We strive to provide the highest quality allied health support to our clients that align with our values. We offer a team approach that is client-centred, supporting our clients to achieve their goals and aspirations.

Creative Inclusion Group

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SERVICE OVERVIEW	The Creative Inclusion Group of businesses run programs and offer services for people with a disability. Creative Futures will run post-school programs five days per week in 2020. Clients have the flexibility of choosing from all the programs offered in the areas of arts, academic, social and work skills. Individual work programs are planned for each client, and goals are set and assessed throughout the program. Social skills, reciprocal communication and mutual respect are modelled and taught throughout all areas of the programs. Group sizes are small, and staff are experienced educators working in special education. Creative Futures aims to empower all its young people to reach their full potential as confident, independent and active participants in their community. Programs run from 9am to 3pm daily and follow the state school terms. Programs are designed and planned by expert teachers with over 25 years' experience in the education system. Book an appointment to come and see us, or call Nicole for more information. Places can be booked after interviews, and organized visits have been completed. Places are limited for 2020.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	"At CRANK, we empower young people with autism and psychosocial disabilities to build confidence, form meaningful connections, and explore future pathways. Our program - offered both online and at our Melbourne hub - supports participants in developing new skills and achieving their social, educational, and career goals. Each week, participants receive personalised 1:1 coaching and can take part in a variety of small group sessions, including game design, animation, sound engineering, cybersecurity, creative writing, and inclusive social clubs. By starting with each individual's interests, we create a safe, inclusive space where they can grow at their own pace, discover their strengths, and feel a genuine sense of belonging in a supportive community."



Program Name	DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	CVGT provide an employment service for anyone who has a Disability, Medical Condition or Illness that requires support to secure and sustain employment. We operate through out Victoria, Tasmania and NSW. This is a free program funded by the Federal Government. We assist people to identify both short- and long-term employment goals, identify and where possible assist to undertake training which will open up opportunities to achieve their chosen career path. Locally we have offices in Boronia, Box Hill, Cheltenham, Dandenong, Doncaster East, Greensborough, Healesville, Lilydale, Ringwood & Yarra Junction. We have formed successful relationships with Onemda, Holmesglen TAFE and Mt Evelyn Community School assisting young adults transitioning from school to employment. Our goal is to find employment solutions that work for our participants, their needs, skills, experience and interests. As a DES provider we help employers find staff for their business by referring potential employees, helping the new employee settling into the job, work place modifications (if needed) and providing wage subsidies for employing an eligible participant. DES provides eligible participants with access to tailored help based on their assessed needs. This could include help looking for work, writing a résumé, preparing for interviews, referrals to jobs, training and help to settle into a job including work place modifications (if needed).



Doncaster All Abilities Basketball Inc.

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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Playing basketball gives people with disabilities and disengaged youth an opportunity to develop greater confidence, strength and skills, make new friends, learn about teamwork and, perhaps win a few trophies. The emphasis is on creating a supportive, social, inclusive and fun environment. The Doncaster All Abilities Basketball (DAAB) competition is one of Australia's most successful basketball programs for people with a disability. Established and run by the local community for two decades, DAAB has grown into a 36 team competition with over 330 plus participants with a championship and 6 other divisions. The competition is played on Thursday evenings at Mullum Mullum Stadium, 31 Springvale Road, Donvale. Competition is open to people aged 6 years and up. We are very proud to have the Bendigo Bank and the Lions Club of War-ran-dyte sponsor us and to have YMCA Manningham assist us.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	DVJS is a small job seeker focused employment agency that has been operating for 26 years in eastern and southeastern Melbourne. DVJS provides a supportive and individualised approach to assist job seekers into the workforce and work with our jobseeker long term to achieve their employment goal.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Each’s purpose is to deliver health and support services that improve lives and strengthen communities. We’re creating a future where everyone has the power to live well. Our support services range from social supports, mental health supports and allied health programs. This includes some NDIS supported programs. Each also partner with Manningham Council to provide Manningham Youth Services (MYS). MYS support young people aged 12-25 who are connect-ed to Manningham, through individual support, and group programs and events that promote connection to self, peers and community. MYS operate from MY Hub, at MC Square in Doncaster.



Program Name	East all abilities netball club
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Melbourne East Netball Association (MENA) was established in 1952 and has been providing netball competitions in the Outer Eastern Suburbs for over 50 years. Since 1977 the Association has been based at the leafy H.E. Parker Reserve in Heathmont, Melbourne. The Association consists of fourteen (14) Affiliate Clubs and about twelve (12) independent teams located throughout the eastern suburbs, centered on the Ringwood area. Clubs from as far as Park Orchards (North), Bayswater (East), Vermont (South) and Blackburn Lake (West) play in the Association. Our club aims to- - provide people with mild to medium disabilities active participation opportunities in our mixed netball team. - develop netball and social skills through training and game participation. - participate in local and regional competitions, social events including Netball Victoria State Titles and other All Abilities Netball tournaments. Our team play a game on an indoor court each Saturday 3.30-4.30pm at the Maroondah Nets Heathmont. We also have a training session every Tuesday 6-7pm at the same venue- 154 Heathmont rd. We focus on skill development but also the social aspects of being a team member. We are looking for players aged 14yrs plus. If interested please email us. Facebook Follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/MENANetball/

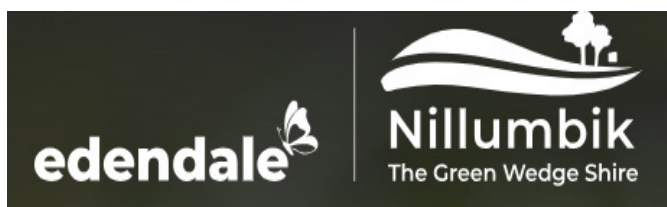


Community Transport

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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Building connected communities is at the heart of what EV does. We have been delivering our Community Transport services since 1976 with local, dedicated, and passionate volunteers. We connect people to places and empower people in their everyday lives. EV Community Transport services is run by the community for the community. We provide transport across metropolitan Melbourne to support people getting to their social, recreational and health appointments, whether it be to cafes, cemeteries, golf clubs or visiting relatives. Our service helps those living in their home to remain independent and active in the community, supporting their health and wellbeing. Our transport service provides flexible and responsive support to suit all mobilities, as well as individual and group needs - we pride ourselves in putting you first.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Echo are a not-for-profit, government funded Disability Employment Service, assisting those in the community with barriers to find suitable employment in the open employment market. We assist our participants to create/ update a resume, do mock interview skills training to ensure our participants are confident to attend an interview, and advocate on behalf of our participants with employers, to ensure they are placed in a suitable job and feel supported doing so. Once our participants start work, we continue to support them for as long as they need support. We usually work with our participants for a minimum of 12 months to ensure they are settled in at work and that there are no issues. However, we have participants who have been working for many years and still stay connected with echo for that ongoing support. As we are government funded, we can assist participants with suitable interview or work attire/uniform, assistance to get to and from work such MYKI top up or occasional petrol reimbursement until they receive their first pay, and any other requirements for them to start work (i.e. police/ WWC checks etc). We also have wage subsidy we can offer to employers as an incentive to offer our participants suitable, ongoing employment.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Edendale is a Community Environment Farm and Climate Action Hub set on six hectares of land next to the Diamond Creek in Eltham. Edendale has been a Council facility since 1970 when it was purchased by the Shire of Eltham. After a number of incarnations, including as the shire's pound, Edendale Farm was established as a community farm in 1986. Edendale became a centre for environmental education in 2000 and in 2023 started to develop the Nillumbik Environment and Climate Action Hub (known as NECAH). Along with our animals, indigenous plant nursery, school environmental education program, events and workshops, Edendale now plays an important role as a hub for the local community to learn and share ideas about sustainable living, caring for nature and climate action.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	"Elevate You Australia – Tailored Independent Living Skills and Employment Support for Your Future. At Elevate You Australia, we believe no two participants are the same—so neither is our approach. Whether through Employment Assistance, School Leavers Employment Supports (SLES) or Adult Mentoring and Coaching, we customise every step of the journey to match your unique goals, strengths, and interests. We mentor and coach people with disabilities, providing one-on-one, person-alised support, skill-building, and workplace coaching to help you transition from school to independent life, career pathways, and employment with confidence. From resume writing and interview prep to securing the right job, living independently, budgeting, relationships and more, we're with you every step of the way. • NDIS-funded employment support • One-on-one mentoring & coaching • Pathways to real job and life opportunities With hundreds of successful placements and participants achieving their independent living and employment goals, EYA is committed to providing high-quality, individualised support—because your future should be built your way.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Foundation program with a focus on literacy and numeracy whilst incorporating opportunities to develop real life skills including: Goal Setting can start anytime in the year - Class size min-6 max-10 Budgeting 9:30-3:30 - 2 days per week for one year Health & Wellbeing Online learning in Aged Care Community Connections There is NO COST for this program as it accesses different funding. IT and Social Media Funding that sits alongside NDIS funding as an add on support Organise work placements for people with a disability with Nadine Bowen: 9761 2156 Email: Nadine.Bowen@employeease.com.au



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	We work with people of all abilities focusing on an active and holistic approach. At Empowerability we provide : Personal Training, movement-based group programs and a support service that focuses on being active and accessing the community. We aim to empower people of different abilities to assist them with their specific goals and work on their health and fitness to improve their everyday functional capacity, independence, and overall quality of life. We work both NDIS and Private participants.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Unleash your potential and live your best life with the help of Endeavour Foundation. Whether you are chasing your dream job or just want to learn new skills, we have you covered. Our Work Experience Program in Thomastown, Kew and Oakleigh will get you ready for the working world while you make new mates and boost your confidence. The program offers personalised support tailored just for you. Mentors and supervisors will be with you every step of the way in an inclusive and fun space. Also, learning does not have to end when school is out! Our Learning and Lifestyle hubs in Kew and Thomastown buzz with fun activities like cooking, fitness and even social clubs. This is your chance to gain independence and master lifelong skills. What are you waiting for? Call 1800 112 112 and start owning your future. endeavour.com.au



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SERVICE OVERVIEW



Endeavour Foundation

Making possibilities a reality for people with disability





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SERVICE OVERVIEW	At Equally U we're experienced coaches dedicated to helping people facing barriers gain clarity and confidence in their journey to employment. We provide the guidance, tools, and support needed to navigate the job market and build meaningful careers. Jobseekers craft your career with us! We help people who have barriers to living an equal and full life. We empower businesses to embrace diversity by providing practical guidance on hiring and supporting people with disability. Our expertise helps employers create inclusive workplaces that benefit everyone. Create an individualised Path to Employment with Purpose and Support



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SERVICE OVERVIEW

Gateway Local Learning and Employment Network (Gateway LLEN) aims to improve post compulsory education and training opportunities in Victoria. We encompass the local government areas of Whitehorse, Manningham and Monash and work with key stakeholders within these communities.

Since 2002, we have facilitated and implemented a number of programs that support 10 – 19 year olds to engage in education and training.

Gateway LLEN is funded to deliver the School to Work program, which supports schools to engage with industry and provide high quality work-based learning opportunities for all students.



Podcasts



Webinars



Career Interviews



Masterclasses



Glen Park

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SERVICE OVERVIEW

This program is suitable for all ages from 16+, so long as they aren't engaged in full time schooling. Hungry 4 Success Training is a pre-employment program designed to bridge individual skills gaps, identify potential barriers to employment and/or further education and support those enrolled with building a solid foundation of soft skills; communication for the workplace, teamwork, negotiation, compromise etc. We work with the individuals to tailor a pathway plan ensuring a range of supports is provided along the way. Glen Park have a strong relationship with both Glad Group and Eastland (QIC) and our Hungry 4 Success Program is their preference to source employees for their organisation. Just in this current intake; we have seen 3 out of 9 learners gain sustainable and suitable long term employment with an employer that understands some of the barriers that individuals may face. The program runs for 10 weeks (totaling 20 sessions) and has a 2 day a week commitment and has multiple intakes throughout the year. This program is funded through the Department of Education and Training but there is a \$90 out of pocket fee for the 10 week course. Hungry 4 Success Training also includes "A Day in the Life" Trade Taster in one of 5 trades; cleaning, security, guest services, maintenance (with our partner Glad Group) and hospitality with our on-site social enterprise, Café on the Park. Trade Tasters are a once-off 3-hour session of hands on training and learning in their chosen trade. Throughout the Hungry 4 Success program we have a Skills and Job Centre attend to deliver workshops on resumes and cover letters, interview skills and mock interviews, and provide job readiness work-shops. We will also be offering one-on-one career planning with a careers counsellor and offer learners an opportunity to meet with a Jobs Victoria Advocate.



Program Name	
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	The Good Life Farm "The Good Life Farm Social and Life Skills Program has been operating since 2005. It is while participants engage in animal and nature assisted education. It is an evidenced based program delivered by allied health and trained professionals from diverse backgrounds. Our program meets the current NDIS legislation and is eligible for coverage under NDIS plans. Our Social and Life Skills Program is: Based on the outskirts of Melbourne in the Yarra Valley Voluntary and aimed at participants aged between 7 and 17 years Operates throughout Victorian school terms Participation is 1 day per week from 9:30am-1:30pm Standard support is offered at a 2 participant to 1 staff ratio while individual support is 1 participant to 1 staff ratio Group sizes generally range between 6-8 participants The program is semi-structured and offers experiential learning Our therapeutic model focuses on 3 stages of change 1. Healthy relationships, boundaries and safety 2. Purpose, healing and connection 3. Self and belonging Participants of all levels of functioning come together at The Good Life Farm for a number of reasons. These may involve emotional and/or social challenges, personal growth, life skills development, or simply promoting general wellbeing. A range of experiential learning opportunities take place throughout the term. These may include but are not limited to: Team building activities, tasks and games Animal observations, interactions and husbandry



Building and construction
 Relaxation and nature-based activities and experiences
 Outdoor recreation
 Permaculture theory and environmental education

Through these experiential learning opportunities participants are supported with:

- Capacity building
- Relationship building
- Social engagement
- Social skill development
- Increased social and community participation
- Emotion regulation
- Self-awareness and self-care
- Independence, confidence and self-worth
- Resilience

The Good Life Farm Social and Life Skills Program is a unique therapeutic model which has been independently evaluated, (<https://goodlifefarm.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Good-Life-Farm-Program-Evaluation-2023.pdf>).

The research findings concluded that the Life and Social Skills program supported participants presenting with a diverse range of challenges across developmental, behavioural and mental health domains to create positive change:

- Improved mental and emotional health
- Improved sense of self
- Improved peer functioning
- Improved sensory functions
- Reduced negative and damaging behaviours

Please don't hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions or wish to register your interest in the Life & Social Skills program.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Headspace Knox offers young people aged 12-25 a welcoming environment where they can access confidential and free mental health support, health advice, and general information. We are a free service with a friendly team of workers who specialise in youth wellbeing.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	How Head Start works Head Start teams are based in 12 school-based hubs across Victoria and provide wrap-around support for SBAT students. Each student completing an SBAT with Head Start receives: Career planning advice from their school career practitioner to find the right pathway a plan for their pathway into a priority industry career, tailored to their specific needs and the needs of their employer one-on-one support from a Head Start coordinator to keep them on the right track quality-assured training through TAFEs and Skills First providers a secondary certificate such as: The VCE, VCE Vocational Major or VPC completion or significant progress towards a qualification such as a Certificate III or IV payment of a fair training wage. Eastern Metro Melbourne includes Cardinia, Knox, Maroondah, Monash, Whitehorse, and Yarra Ranges. Contact: headstart.emm@education.vic.gov.au



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	VCAL Foundation - Our programs are tailored for students who need an alternative to the traditional education model, or are in need of extra support in their learning and development of their social skills. Our subjects are hands-on with projects based on real-world situations with classes that will be adapted to suit your interests, abilities and strengths. The four main areas of focus are: Work-related skills - Literacy skills and numeracy skills Personal development skills-Industry-specific skills. You will also have the choice of selecting from a wide range of elective subjects. Your will study in small class sizes of 10 or 11 – with four weeks of structured workplace learning and a three-night camp.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Café on the Park & Hungry 4 Success Café & Catering Nestled in Bayswater North, Café on the Park isn't just a place to enjoy a delicious meal—it's a community cornerstone. As a registered social enterprise with Social Traders and a proud participant in the 'Welcome Here' project, the café is dedicated to fostering inclusivity and social impact. By offering affordable, fresh food and hands-on training programs like Barista Basics and Catering 4 Success, it provides vital employment pathways for individuals facing barriers such as disability, mental health challenges, or long-term unemployment. Every cup of coffee and homemade dish contributes to community programs like the Community Pantry and emergency relief services, embodying a commitment to sustainability and social justice. Meanwhile, in the heart of Eastland Shopping Centre, Ringwood, Hungry 4 Success Café & Catering stands out as Victoria's only Social Traders-certified social enterprise operating within a shopping centre. Since its inception, it has empowered over 150 individuals through comprehensive training and employment opportunities. The café's revenue directly supports Glen Park Community Centre's initiatives, including education, community engagement, and emergency relief programs. With a menu crafted from fresh, high-quality ingredients, patrons can indulge in home-cooked comforts knowing their support helps break the cycle of unemployment and fosters social inclusion. Both establishments are more than just eateries—they are vibrant, inclusive spaces where every meal makes a difference. By choosing to dine at Café on the Park or Hungry 4 Success Café & Catering, you're not only treating yourself to exceptional food and coffee but also contributing to a sustainable model that uplifts the community and champions employability and inclusivity.



Program Name	Personalised Supports
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Inclusion Melbourne provides services for adults with intellectual disabilities including- NDIS Support coordination to assist people to implement their NDIS plans. Personalised Supports to help people design and build a life and identity as a member of their community through taking on valued roles such as work, volunteering, memberships and so on. This service is designed uniquely around every person to ensure greater likelihood of success. Community Supports –this program offers friendship through a leisure buddies program where local people with and without disabilities are carefully match to spend time together going for a coffee, walk or fishing and so on. Inclusion training –This program offers accredited training for people who wish to improve their reading and writing skills.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Your Skills, Your Strengths: Finding the Right Job For You We're passionate about empowering individuals with disabilities. Through our Disability Employment Services (DES), offered in partnership with CoAct—a leading network of community-based organizations—we provide customized employment support across Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania. We offer customised support to help you reach your career goals and aspirations, find a job that suits your skills, improve your financial stability, broaden your social networks, and promote personal growth. If your job is at risk due to health issues, our Work Assist program can help. Just reach out to your nearest Interact DES location for support. Ready to start your career journey? Contact our Disability Employment Services team and start your journey today



Program Name	Interchange Outer East – Creating Opportunities & Choice
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	For over 35 years Interchange Outer East (IOE) has been delivering disability support that focuses not only the person with a disability but every family member. PREP4Work A two-year program that utilises NDIS School Leavers Employment Supports (SLES) to prepare school leavers (16+) for work opportunities in open employment. Explore your skills and work interests, develop a work path and learn all you need to know to become work ready. House Intensive House Intensive program supports participants in small tailored groups to experience and learn all that is involved in living outside the family home. The program runs weekly for two days and one night, starting at 9am on day one and finishing at 3pm on the second day. IOE runs these programs from two rental properties in the community; one in Chirnside Park and the other in Scoresby. GROUP BASED DAY PROGRAMS Leaving school brings many opportunities and challenges for everyone. We offer a range of programs and support options in small group settings which will allow you to develop skills, pursue your interests and increase your confidence and independence. Our program focus is on community participation and on building strong community connections to provide learning, volunteer and work opportunities for you.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Jigsaw (Community Engagement Lead)CEL Jigsaw is a social enterprise that trains and transitions people with disability into mainstream employment. Our revolutionary pathway to mainstream employment embeds a comprehensive, skill-based training program within a real workplace. We believe people prepare best for work, through work. Jigsaw’s holistic approach starts with the basics of work-readiness training and continues through to supported transition to mainstream employment. It ensures our trainees gain transferable soft skills relevant to every work-place and award-wage professional experience along the way. As an NDIS provider, we require participants to have NDIS funding. With proven methods that focus on individual strengths, we empower people to work independently and thrive in mainstream employment.



Program Name	JAS Inclusive Studios
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	JAS Inclusive Studios "Empowering disabilities, building careers & connections" Our all inclusive cooking, kitchen and garden programs are help across 3 days. The programs are designed for young adults with a disability who have an IQ range of 50-75. Participants are taught according to their individual learning style through - cooking, canteen cooking, gardening and end of term outings. Monday's - 8.45am to 3.30pm Kitchen preparation, recipe experiments & cooking skills, canteen counter sales, create & maintain a herb garden & learn to use hand grown produce within the cooking program Tuesday's - 8.45am to 3.30pm Kitchen preparation, prepare staff lunch orders, canteen counter sales, create & bake staff afternoon tea, kitchen clean down & canteen preparation for Wednesday program. Wednesday's - 8.45am to 3.30pm Kitchen preparation and prepare staff & student lunch orders, canteen counter sales, staff meeting - (discuss as a team over coffee/Boost Juice things to improve on in the kitchen) & canteen stock management.

JOBSUPPORT

Employment for people with intellectual disability

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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Jobsupport is a specialist School Leaver Employment Support (SLES) and Disability Employment Service (DES). SLES programs that partner with an effective DES, have been proven to get the best outcomes for their participants. Jobsupport was established in 1986 to place, train and maintain people with an intellectual disability in open employment. Jobsupport Transition is an NDIS funded school leaver employment support (SLES) service for school leavers with a significant intellectual disability who need extra help before they can achieve paid employment. Jobsupport Transition aims to provide people with successful work experience, thus increasing their confidence to attempt a paid job; provide work experience placements that simulate real jobs and include realistic travel and work expectations; provide intensive work site training and support to achieve specific goals and overcome individual barriers that are preventing people being accepted by DES; enhance people's informed choice about work and identifies strategies, supports and environments that will give each person the best opportunity for success in employment. Jobsupport DES assists people with a significant intellectual disability who are likely to require ongoing support. The employment program assists employers to create or modify a job to match the clients job preference; carefully analyses the job to ensure success; provides one to one on site training to develop work skills to a standard agreed with the employer; provides ongoing follow-up support for the life of the job ensure continued success.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	The Kevin Heinze Grow model is a unique way of providing significant results using a creative method. This is a proven model that has been developed by our exceptional group of professionals. It uses the peaceful stress-free environment of a garden to support social, emotional, educational and vocational goals, enabling us to work holistically with people to meet their needs and achieve exceptional outcomes. It can be a life changing experience. We have significant experience working with people on the Autism Spectrum, intellectual disability, Prader-Willi Syndrome, Downs Syndrome, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, acquired brain injury, experiences of significant trauma, dementia, and mental health concerns. We provide services including occupational therapy, counselling, speech pathology, individual and group-based skill development, accredited and non-accredited training, as well as daily workshops such as social skills, mindfulness, numeracy, literacy, music therapy and more. Contact us for our full prospectus.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Specialised mentoring. Recreational support. Opportunities for health and wellbeing. At Kickstart, we provide all of this for young people (aged 13-28) who are either part of the NDIS or subject to DFFH Child Protection Orders. Our aim is to create a supportive environment for young people experiencing disadvantages and vulnerability. We understand the complex needs of each of our clients and we work in collaboration with professional support, child protection and community systems to identify the needs of every young person we see. The entire Kickstart approach is evidence-based, and our central commitment is towards improving young people's lives. Diverse needs are the name of the game, and we empower those in our care to lead full lives as equal members of the community. We work tirelessly towards achieving this for our young people – who are often the most vulnerable in our society. We know we've done our job when we see our young people improve their mental health, mood and overall well-being.



Program Name	School Leaver Pathway Plan
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Since 1967, Knoxbrooke has stood as a trusted not-for-profit provider of disability support – delivering purpose, connection, and growth for people of all abilities. As a registered NDIS provider, we combine care with credibility. Our services are not just compliant – they’re considered proven, and deeply personal. We offer: · Personalised 1:1 support. · Purposeful pathways after school. · Skill-building for work, volunteering, and daily life. · Social and leisure experiences that build community. · A safe space to learn, grow, and thrive. · At your pace, in your way. Knoxbrooke's two-year School Leaver Pathway Plan provides a structured and supportive launchpad into the world of work, confidence, and independence. It's designed to guide participants through a period of growth, discovery, and real-world preparation. With 18 curated courses, the program delivers hands-on experience, skill development, and foundational learning – all tailored to build lasting independence and open the door to employment or further opportunity.



Program Name	Pack + Assemble.
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Knoxbrooke Pack + Assemble (formerly known as Outsource by Knox-brooke) is a leading social enterprise based in Bayswater, offering meaningful supported employment for adults with disability. Operating from a modern, purpose-built facility, our team collaborates with a wide range of commercial partners across industries like transport, health, beauty, and more—providing high-quality services in packaging, assembly, labelling, and warehousing. We proudly employ over 40 adults with diverse abilities, with tailored on-the-job support that builds confidence, practical skills, and community connection. For young adults leaving school, it’s a supportive environment to begin their working life with purpose and pride. Our commitment to quality is backed by ISO 9001 certification and Social Traders accreditation, giving our partners the confidence that we meet both commercial standards and social procurement goals. Whether you’re a family member, educator, or support coordinator, Knox-brooke Pack + Assemble offers a real workplace with real outcomes—where every individual is supported to thrive.



Program Name	Knowing Me
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Knowing Me - Your easier tomorrow starts today Knowing Me is a free online platform where an individual's disability support information can be stored, shared and communicated between their family and their entire support team. All in one place, always up-to-date and everyone is on the same page. The app provides one place to store and centralise all your child's most important information A single hub for all your info – no need to repeat your story. Save moments and milestones through videos, images, and documents. Invite team members using just their email, wherever they are located. Keep everyone updated with goal-related progress and instant alerts. You're in charge – manage your team's privacy and data security. Collaborate easily without endless email chains or phone calls. Easily export selected parts of a profile to create a tailored document you can share with the right people. Services we offer: We offer free onboarding where our team can set up the profile for your child or someone that you know. If this is something of interest, send us an email and we will send across the details. Once the profile has been set up (with as much or as little information as you choose), you will have full access and control over the profile, the functionalities and privacy. Everything will be passed on to you - we won't have access anymore. From there, we will continue to provide ongoing support with zoom/teams calls to go through the app, help your family and the support team (everyone who will have access to the profile) to navigate the app and explain how everything works. We will also have a separate call with just the admins of the profile so you are across your levels of control over the profile (which differs to the support team).



K.Y.M. (Victoria) Inc.

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SERVICE OVERVIEW	K is a Learn Local provider delivering a range of pre-accredited courses which have been specifically designed for their targeted audience and funded through Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE). K also delivers Accredited Training through a Skills First Contract and is on the Approved Provider Foundation Course List offering Certificate 1 in General Education for Adults (CGEA) and Certificate I in Work Education.



Latrobe Lifeskills

Program Name	Accredited Training and NDIS Activities
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Established in 1998, Latrobe Lifeskills is a Registered Training Organisation (TOID 20791) and registered NDIS provider, which means we deliver both accredited training and a variety of group-based activities as well as one-to-one support to people 18 years and over with an intellectual disability. Lifeskills' focus is to build independence, confidence and self-worth by creating engaging activities to help each individual achieve their goals. Lifeskills is listed on a State Approved Foundations Skills Provider in the following disability-specific courses: Certificate 1 in Transition Education (22567VIC) Certificate 1 in Work Education (22566VIC) Certificate 1 in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy (22555VIC) When attending Latrobe Lifeskills, participants have the option of studying an accredited course as well as joining group activities, or they can simply join the group activities alone.



Program Name	EV Strengthening Communities
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Inclusive employment for employers There are many recognised benefits to employing a person with a disability. Employees with a disability are likely to bring new skills and valuable perspectives to a business. Employees with disability can help businesses understand what their customers with disability need, and this makes them more competitive. Recruiting a person with a disability It is important to be aware of making assumptions about a person's ability to perform a job on the basis of diagnosis or disability – whether it is visible or hidden. Some employers have little experience in employing people with a disability and are concerned they might ask the wrong questions. An employer can reasonably ask questions about the impact of a person's disability if it relates to how the person would perform the 'inherent requirements' of the job and to work out if workplace adjustments or support might be needed. To identify the inherent requirements of the job, focus on the end result of the work you need done rather than how you usually do it. Employing people with a disability should not cost any more than employing people without disability. Employers may be eligible for funding to cover the costs of workplace adjustments or other financial assistance. Employers may also be able to access on the job training and support to assist employees with a disability learn the job and/or maintain their job.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP) There are a range of services for younger people with a disability and their carers as part of the Victorian government funded Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP). The program provides support for younger people with disabilities whose capacity for independent living is at risk and: - are under 65 years of age (or under 50 for people who are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait identity) - have functional limitations affecting their ability to manage day-to-day activities - need support to live independently at home, or to access their community Services are targeted to people with moderate, severe, or profound disabilities and their unpaid carers. For older people with a disability see Home Support services for seniors and older people.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Mecwacare is a registered NDIS provider for both one-to-one and group-based programs, either in a centre or out in the community. Our home care services support participants to live as independently as possible in their own home. Services include assistance with personal care, social and community access, support with domestic duties and in-home care. Mecwacare's centre-based disability programs offer choice, diversity and active participation for people living with an intellectual disability. We offer community inclusion for our clients and recognise the differing interests and abilities of all people. Our focus is on the client meeting their goals, supported by Mecwacare staff and the client's support network. These programs are available to participants from the southern and eastern metropolitan regions of Melbourne. Mecwacare has many years' experience providing values-based care to people of all ages with a disability and has a workforce that is responsive and flexible to client needs.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Melba Support Services is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting people with disability to live the life they choose. With a commitment to person-centred support, Melba provides a range of services, including supported independent living, community engagement programs and respite accommodation.



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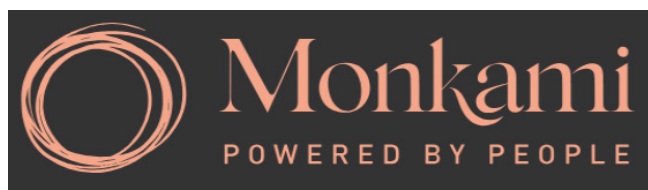
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Serve It Up Training (RTO 22542) Serve It Up delivers full qualifications and short courses in Hospitality, these include: SIT40422 Certificate IV Hospitality (must be over 18) has access to Skills First Funding – 2025 places have been fully utilised 2026 new intakes for funded students SIT20322 Certificate II Hospitality – VET delivered to secondary students (VDSS) Full qualification delivered over 2 years Class currently runs Wednesday afternoons (accepting individual students) Accepting new schools for full class delivery options (onsite at Serve It Up West Melbourne or at your school) Barista Coffee Short course - 1 and 2 day options Bar Short Courses (must be over 18) - 1 and 2 day options Responsible Service of Alcohol Food Handlers level 1



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	The Department of Work Education provides the following courses to students with learning disabilities and specialised learning needs. 22302VIC Certificate I in Work Education -- Streams: General, Ignition Theatre & Hospitality/Food Processing 22301VIC Certificate I in Transition Education 22294VIC Course in Initial Adult Literacy & Numeracy 22293VIC Certificate I in Initial Adult Literacy & Numeracy FDF20111 Certificate II in Food Processing Certificate I in Work Education enables learners to improve their employability and work readiness skills in preparation for entry level employment. Students can elect to specialise in hospitality (Food Processing) or performing arts, or study a more generalised work preparation course. The course is delivered by using a combination of formal teaching and practical hands on work experience in industry settings and job search. A strong component is practical placements in industry to ensure students gain hands on experience in the workplace that matches their skills, interests and aspirations. Certificate I in Transition Education is for students who are not ready for employment but are interested in gaining skills valued by employers in the workplace such as independence, teamwork, communication and social skills. Students explore and participate in voluntary work and community activities to enhance their full potential.



Certificate II in Food Processing is designed for learners wanting/preparing to work in the food production/hospitality industry. Focus is on undertaking large scale production of a variety of products including cakes, pastry, bread and biscuits, sausage rolls, vegetables and condiments. Students will learn about food safety, WH&S, basic machine operation, packaging of products, cleaning and maintaining kitchen premises and Retail-food presentation and customer service. Students also undertake work experience during the year. Course in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy is for learners who are at the beginning stage of literacy and numeracy. It is designed to develop and improve learners' writing, numeracy, reading, speaking and listening skills based on everyday needs and interests to maximise independence and participation in the community. Certificate I in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy is for learners who are at the early stages of literacy and numeracy. It is designed to prepare students for employment or further education and training. This course is intended to develop literacy and numeracy skills necessary to explore work options. Focus is on skills and learning that is responsive to the needs and opportunities that are personally relevant to the learner.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	We are a not-for-profit support service situated in Croydon. We work in partnership with local community services and businesses to provide programs in the areas of pre-vocational, skill enhancement, educational, fine and performing arts and recreational and leisure programs. Participants are actively encouraged and supported to be independent and make choices and decisions about their future. Participants' abilities and potential are encouraged and supported. Participants are part of the community and have equal rights and responsibilities as any other member of the community. Monkami has established itself as an organisation that is keen to collaborate with other not for profit businesses, community centres and schools to create exciting opportunities for our participants in our local area.



Program Name	Move Together-Create Together
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Move Together-Create Together "Growing capabilities, boosting confidence, expanding horizons" At Move Together – Create Together, we're passionate about empowering individuals through movement and the creative arts. Our mission is to foster inclusive, meaningful experiences that support the growth and well-being of high-functioning individuals with disabilities, including participants enrolled in Certificate I and II in Work Education at TAFE. By helping individuals grow their skills, our programs are designed to build confidence, develop practical skills, and inspire participants to explore pathways toward a brighter, more independent future. We have a range of tailored programs that support both NDIS-funded and non-NDIS participants. Our group programs are supported at a 1:3 ratio. Monday's – 4.00pm to 5.30pm Creative media / Market ready (choose your own adventure) Thursday's – 9.00am to 2.30pm Physical movement (improved health & wellbeing) Creative media (filmmaking, graphic design, animations) Friday's – 9.00am to 2.30pm Physical movement (improved health & wellbeing) Market ready program (hands on arts & crafts through creative enterprise)



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Multicap is a registered NDIS provider with a over 60 years of experience in the disability sector. From humble beginnings, Multicap was established from a group of families who wanted to ensure high quality support for children with complex disability needs. Since that time Multicap has grown to provide accommodation, day activities, weekend and holiday programs and respite, employment and pre-employment skill development. We are committed to be being available for our customers in all ways, always. We believe in working together with the people we support, their families, and those who play a significant role in their lives to achieve the best possible outcomes. With community hubs in Blackburn and Canterbury in the eastern suburbs, our team provides individual support and a range of programs and activities to help you achieve your goals. For more information, visit our website or call our customer ser  A photograph of a young man with a beard and a red baseball cap, wearing a black t-shirt with a Superman logo. He is sitting on a thick wooden log, with his arms outstretched to the sides. The background is a lush green park with trees and grass.



Program Name	My Home
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	My Home (Community Living Support) At OC Connections we understand that 'home' means somewhere safe, a place to truly be yourself and where you can confidently make your individual lifestyle choices. Community Living uses self-directed support to ensure that individuals are in control of the support they need to live the life they choose. We are driven by our commitment to person centred active support which focuses on the person with a disability engaging in meaningful activities with the right amount of support. Flexible options including: Supported Independent Living Individual support In-Home Support Short Term Accommodation and Assistance



Program Name	My Life
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	My Life (Independence Support Service) At OC Connections, participants choose their own path in consultation with families or carers while staff assist people to implement these choices. All supports aim to increase participant's independence, confidence and life skills. We operate from a central location in Oakleigh as well as a variety of hub locations. We offer centre-based or community-based individualised activities; including travel training, gardening, shopping, cooking, computer skills and independence skills. Other programs strengthen health and wellbeing or develop creativity through art and music.



Program Name	Support Coordination
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Co-ordination of Support OC Connections Co-ordination of Support works with you to: • Learn about the NDIS and how it works • Set up the myGov account and navigate the NDIS Participant Portal • Put your NDIS plan into action and monitor your progress to meet your goals • Identify providers of NDIS funded supports • Connect you to the services that you choose • Build your confidence and skills to enable you to control and manage services and budgets • Work through any problems that may arise with support providers



Program Name	Towards Employment (a School Leaver Employment Support offering...
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Towards Employment is an NDIS funded School Leavers Employment Support (SLES) service providing a suite of activities to assist school leavers with disability to gain the skills and confidence to transition to meaningful employment. This new OCC service is flexible and responsive to the individual training and development needs and goals of each participant and focuses on employment focussed outcomes. Training opportunities are offered in both group and individualised sessions. Participants have the opportunity to undertake activities that will build life and work skills, including, but not limited to: personal goal setting, literacy and numeracy, job matching and selection, budgeting and money management, travel training, working unsupervised, workplace safety, team work, social skills, interview training, technology, healthy relationships and public speaking. Work placements and job sampling are a major component of the service and participants will work towards a six month to year-long paid work placement. Commencement: January and July 2020. There is capacity for individuals to commence at any time during the year depending on their individual circumstances. Location Mackie Road Neighbourhood House, Mulgrave.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Specialist Employment Services Assistance and mentorship for those living with disability, injury or health condition. We work with Participants to help them get job-ready and employment to suit their needs. Training Services OCTEC Training Services offer vocational training for a range of employment sectors. Complete training to upskill and/or secure work that leads to a career. Transition to Work Assistance to build skills and confidence through career guidance, work experience and training in this voluntary program. There's a strong focus on you, your goals and situation.



Program Name	Enriching lives through education, therapy and support
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Address	123 Andersons Creek Road, Doncaster East, VIC, 3109 (Main Campus)
SERVICE OVERVIEW	At Onemda (O-nem-da) we dedicate every day to enriching the lives of people with disability and making their world a little brighter. We are committed to delivering high-quality, reliable services and work closely with participants and their support networks to help achieve their goals while building their confidence, independence and control. We offer a unique integrated learning and therapeutic service model and work holistically to achieve each participants wellbeing, social and educational aspirations. Our suite of services are funded through NDIS Plans and tailored to each unique participant. We employ a range of highly skilled and dedicated staff and deliver our services from bright, modern and well-equipped facilities. Our services include the following: Group Learning and Support Services: We provide adults with intellectual disability the education, experiences and support required to help meet their individual goals. We offer a range of programs that cater to our participants individual needs and capabilities, while providing tailored care and support, including: •Pathways to Independence and Employment: Empowering participants to pursue their life goals and career options in a vibrant and supportive environment. •Living, Learning and Social Skills: Supporting participants to develop their everyday life skills for greater independence, community connection and control.



. High Care and Wellbeing: Supporting participants with high care needs to maintain their health and wellbeing through positive interactions and experiences while providing tailored care and support.

Therapy Services: We offer a range of individually tailored one-to-one therapy services aimed at supporting the unique therapeutic needs of people with disability. Our recently built Therapy Centre at Doncaster East campus offers a warm water therapy pool, gymnasium and modern treatment spaces.

Our services include Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy, Exercise Physiology, Physiotherapy and Allied Health Assistance.

Support Coordination: Our highly skilled Support Coordinators work together with participants and their support networks to help them exercise choice and control and maximise their NDIS funds.



Program Name	Outlook
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Outlook provides flexible, person-centred support services that empower adults with disability—including school leavers and young adults—to achieve personal and professional goals. Our tailored offerings include a wide range of supports such as day programs, in-home care including domestic assistance, transport services, respite care, and community engagement activities. Services are available in any combination or frequency to suit individual needs and are delivered by highly skilled direct support workers. Outlook is committed to continually enhancing and expanding its services to ensure inclusive, responsive support that promotes independence, growth, and meaningful community participation.


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Program Name	Planet Possible
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Empowering neurodiverse youth to live a life of independence, control & choice! Based in Croydon and easily accessible by Public Transport. As part of this program we can offer pick up and drop offs. Post School Options Day Program for ages 18+ Our Day Program consists of a range of fun and educational activities and runs Monday - Friday from 9am-3pm. Some of our weekly activities include music therapy, swimming, daily living skills, cooking, boxing class and a supported dance/fitness class, art projects, travel training, horse riding, volunteering in the community through Meals on Wheels, Social support to the elderly, assisting in our local community garden, learning & working on personal boundaries and emotional regulation.. Just to name a few! We are able to offer support around completing certificates and vocational goals. We are always looking to support our participants to achieve their goals both big and small and we strive to do this in a fun and engaging manner. Our team of experienced and passionate mentors love supporting our participants to be their best selves, ensuring they feel heard and respected through the challenging times too.

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We offer Short-term accommodation & Respite options which cater to individuals ranging from 6-30 yrs. These are held in our house in Kilsyth, where great attention has been paid to creating a warm and welcoming 'Home-away-from-home' environment. Here participants can experience living with house mates and those who are looking to grow their Independent Living Skills can participate in grocery shopping, cooking, personal care skills, laundry etc.

We run Weekend Getaways monthly for our different age groups starting from 9 years + :

From adventurous outings to tranquil retreats, our "Getaway's" cater to diverse interests & preferences, making every getaway an unforgettable journey. Our programs are focused on similar interests, in small intimate groups of like-minded peers.

Our weekend Best Saturday Club and Horror & Gaming nights are fun options to build on friendship groups with similar interests and occur on a monthly basis. Best Saturday Club runs 10am-4pm one Saturday per month. Horror & Gaming night runs 2pm-8pm with optional sleepover one Saturday per month.

School Holiday Program 6-17 years

This is a program catered to school goers who are looking to have some fun during school holidays. This program runs 9am-3pm (potential for extended hours) with participants being dropped at our Hub in Croydon. During school holidays we run a 3-4 day Getaway one of the weeks.

Club Rocket for ages 6-12 years

The best first introduction to Planet Possible through a monthly social club. Held on the last Saturday of each month 10am-2pm, based at our interactive & vibrant hub. With a plethora of activities & opportunities to make new friends in a supportive & welcoming environment.

If you would like to get in touch, arrange a tour or talk further about our programs, please reach out, we'd love to hear from you!



Program Name	Prahran Place Neighbourhood Centre
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Prahran Place is a not-for-profit community hub operating under the Neighbourhood House framework. We offer inclusive programs and services that support local needs, including education, skill-building, social activities, and essential supports like food relief and job assistance. Our focus is on fostering personal growth, independence, and community connection, helping individuals move toward further education, employment, and improved wellbeing. At Prahran Place, learning is practical, empowering, and extends beyond the classroom. Our courses combine creativity, language, and digital skills with real-world application to build confidence and independence. We focus on core and employability skills—like communication, problem-solving, and digital literacy—to help participants take steps toward further study, work, or community involvement. Our programs include studio art folio building, office skills, photography, yoga and breathing techniques and many more. If you have an idea for an activity or course you'd like to see at Prahran Place, we'd love to hear from you! Click on the QR code or follow this link to share your suggestion. 



Program Name	Paramount Connect
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Employment Capability Workshops Gain essential skills and knowledge to thrive in the workplace and reach your career goals with our proven programs. With our experience and insights into the local job market, we'll help you get job-ready and confident in your future. Gardening & Outdoors Activities @ THE Retreat Reconnect with nature, and enhance your mental well-being while building new skills in landscaping and outdoor activities with our trusted partner at The Retreat. Online Counselling Services Get the support you need, right from the comfort of your home, at a time that works best for you. Our friendly and accredited counselling providers are here to help, whenever you're ready. Tailored Approach and Real Life Experience We offer personalised resume and cover letter support, along with hands-on work experience and training with local employers, giving you a well-rounded and practical approach to finding the right job for you.



REACH & BELONG
Your Vision – We Listen

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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Group Activity Programs including Group Day Programs and After School and Holiday Programs Programs operate 49 weeks of the year and are funded through NDIS plans and private funding. Programs Include: - Art - Cooking - Drama and Theatre - Golf - Lego - Film Making - Music - Sewing - Social - STEAM - Volunteer Training Independent Living Skills



Program Name	
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Satellite Foundation is a not-for-profit that connects and empowers children and young people aged 8 - 25 who have a family member living with mental health challenges. We understand this may also include families experiencing challenges with alcohol and substance use, family conflict or violence, complex trauma, neurodiversity or other adverse life circumstances. These challenges can impact all family members, so Satellite takes a whole-of-family approach including peers and the wider community. Creativity and connection are the core of all of Satellite Foundation programs. We offer a range of in-person and online programs, workshops, activities, and projects for young people across Victoria to come together, have fun, connect through shared experiences, and tap into their creative selves. Our programs are co-created and facilitated by young people and Satellite staff and they're FREE for everyone!



Program Name	
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	"Our Multicultural Service Officers work with multicultural community groups, staff and other government departments. They do this to: promote and improve access to our payments and services build relationships in the community and across government improve service delivery to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) people by understanding their needs provide support and assistance in complex cases help our staff to communicate with CALD people through language services raise awareness and competency of our staff in servicing CALD people build and maintain relationships with internal stakeholders to raise the profile of multicultural services"



Program Name	Disability services available through Scope
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Scope's Social Connections (Day Programs) can help you learn new skills, enjoy recreational activities, and even find work and volunteering experience. We run versatile group programs that operate in the community and from our centres. How Scope helps Our specially developed timetables will have an option to suit everyone's interests and aspirations, as well as the potential to explore more individualised offerings. You tell us what you want to do, and we will support you to make it happen. Our team will listen to you and your family to understand your interests, needs and what you hope to achieve. We will put together a program that is just right for you and we will work to explore your possibilities and meet your goals. We have teams of experts with specialist knowledge, and our staff are trained and experienced in supporting people with a wide range of disabilities, including people with complex needs. The East offers 5 Social Connections Sites, and we welcome you to visit.



Program Name	SDA (Shop, Distributive & Allied Employees' Association)
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	The SDA is an independent and not-for-profit union that represents workers employed in retail, warehousing, fast food, pharmacy, hair and beauty, and modelling industries. We act on behalf of our diverse members to protect workers rights, improving pay and conditions.



Program Name	Disability Employment Service & School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES)
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	St John of God Accord are a not-for-profit organisation. Assisting people with a disability meet their goals. We offer a range of services: Including Individual Support, Support Coordination, Therapy Services, Supported Individual Living, Short Term Accommodation (located in Frankston) & Group Programs (Greensborough & Sydenham). Our Disability Employment Service (DES) and our School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES) have offices in Frankston, Hastings, Rosebud, Greensborough, Doncaster, Epping, Lilydale, Croydon, Fern-tree Gully, Wantirna, Yarra Glen, Berwick, Cranbourne, Hallam & Pakenham.



Program Name	Psychosocial Recovery Coaching
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Stellar-Rose Services provide: Support Coordination (Levels 2 and 3), Psychosocial Recovery Coaching, and Employment Assistance for students finishing school, these NDIS services focus on transition planning, skill-building, and personalised support. Support Coordination can facilitate post-school transitions by connecting students to vocational training or employment programs such as School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES), while addressing complex needs (Level 3) through system navigation. Psychosocial Recovery Coaching helps students with mental health challenges manage stress, build coping strategies (aligned with their clinical services) to ease their transition to adulthood and work. A Recovery Coach supports them during this shift by preparing them for employment, helping them start new jobs, and ensuring they thrive by guiding employers and other services to meet their needs Employment Assistance can support job readiness through career counseling, workplace training, and employer engagement, ensuring students with disabilities achieve their employment goals.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW

Sunlight Health is a dynamic multidisciplinary team of physiotherapists, occupational therapists (OT), dietitians, podiatrists, and personal trainers who are dedicated to serving individuals, families, and communities across the Eastern suburbs and South East suburbs of Melbourne, including Nunawading, Doncaster, Bulleen, Box Hill, and Ringwood. We also work provide mobile services to Melbourne’s western suburbs including footscray, sunshine and surrounding areas.

Our team focuses on providing person-centered care to help you restore body function and mobility, regardless of your age or health condition. We are committed to working together as a closely-knit allied health team to provide holistic assessments and evidence-based treatment plans to help you achieve your health goals.

At Sunlight Health, we have extensive experience working with NDIS and Home Care Package (HCP) clients, and we offer a range of services including physiotherapy, occupational therapy, dietitian, podiatry, and personal training services. Our team members are fluent in both English and Mandarin, and we strive to provide the warmest care and the most trusted service to our clients.

Whether you choose to visit our clinic or take advantage of our home visit and school visit services, we are dedicated to achieving the best possible results for our clients. Contact us today to schedule an appointment and learn how Sunlight Health can help you improve your quality of life.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	We know your family is what's most important to you. That's why we want to give you personalised care and disability support. With our compassionate and individually tailored approach, Sunny Disability Care go far beyond being just a service provider. Let's grow together.



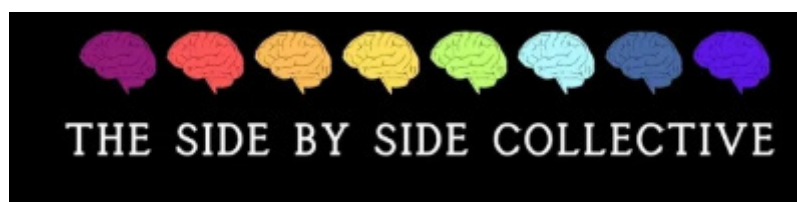
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Support 4 Employment offers an exciting new SLES program that provides a range of offerings to enhance the employment prospects of school leavers living with a disability. Support 2 Employment have a range of opportunities including work experience, work placement, training utilising VR head-sets, traditional training (ie-certificates). Support 4 Employment is a not for profit with a social enterprise providing a range of onsite activity including but not limited to the list below. • Woodwork workshop and furniture restoration • Retail • Warehousing • Gift Box Hampers • Food Production • Café and Hospitality • IT, including media development • Age Care • Child Care • Business Administration • Building and Construction Our unique programs are aligned to meet individual career/employment goals with a strong focus to achieving open employment. We offer a range of opportunities for employment placement through our relationships across local community and industry where capacity building continues, and the confidence and skills needed to succeed are built. We have an exciting vision for a Micro Business Academy to foster self employment for those young people with an interest in owning their own business. We truly believe that we can provide a suitable and individualised program to cater for the needs of a young person living with a disability. Don't let our location deter your interest, we will work with our partners and find the work placement in areas aligned to your residential location where possible otherwise we will travel train to assist with accessing our service.



Program Name	Certificate in General Education
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Swinburne currently offers: • Certificates I, II and III in General Education • Certificate III in Horticulture • Certificate III in Parks and Gardens • Certificate IV in Design • Certificate II in Carpentry, Bricklaying, Electrotechnology We will also prepare and support you to study at the institute and course of your preference. You may also be interested in: • traineeships • open or supported employment • voluntary work/community activities The Certificates in General Education while not directly designed for young people with a mild intellectual disability, have a focus on literacy, numeracy, computer skills, job and future study readiness for a broad spectrum of students Why study at Swinburne? • Experienced teachers provide a supportive and positive learning environment • Well equipped, modern classrooms • Dedicated computer labs offering the latest in technology • Both campuses are well served by public transport • Pathways for further study, with many opportunities from our numerous faculties including sport and recreation, media, animation, trades and information technology • An initial interview will determine if a course is suitable and appropriate for the individual's needs and includes a literacy and numeracy assessment.



Program Name	
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	The Bridge Inc. is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to supporting people with disability to live meaningful, connected and empowered lives. Through a wide range of personalised community and employment services, we walk alongside each person on their unique journey - whether that means building skills, finding work, making friends or simply enjoying everyday moments. With welcoming locations across Melbourne's Southeast and Northern suburbs, we're here to support you, every step of the way.



Program Name	The Local Umbrella Cafe
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Are you or someone you know looking to develop skills in hospitality, social media management or customer service? Do you have SLES or Supports in Employment funding and looking to step into a new opportunity? At The Local Umbrella, we offer supported volunteering opportunities for people with disabilities to develop and practice skills, experience the work-place environment, connect with staff and customers and make a meaningful contribution to our beautiful community. Our lived-experience support work staff are trained in all areas of operation at The Local Umbrella, ready to support you in kitchen preparation, serving customers, operating the register, cleaning and restocking, managing our online presence, developing social media content, shopping, sorting and displaying our product range, setting up play spaces and more. As an NDIS provider, we work closely with our volunteers and their care team to ensure we are providing tasks which align with current goals and competency levels, while providing continued development opportunities and detailed feedback on progress and accomplishments.

the purple collective

Program Name	The Purple Collective
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	With nearly 20 years in the disability support sector, our creators have observed many aspects and diversity of people living with disability. In our care work, we have recognised that organisation, communication, prioritising, encouragement and goal setting is important for our clients personal growth, trust and empowerment. And then we searched for the ideal journal, diary or communication booklet to assist in management of tasks and inner growth, but nothing quite met the needs we envisioned So we noticed a gap in the market. This is how The Purple Collective began, and we created My Purple Journal, the journal that evolves with you. We aim to continue creating innovative and assistive products to help support individuals with disability to achieve their goals



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Our philosophy at Umbrella is that everyone climbs the mountain at different paces and learns the technique in their own way. We're here to be your safety net! That's why we focus on a tailored approach with importance around encouragement and celebrating the small wins! Every step forward deserves a high five and we're experts in the high five department! Understanding a vast range of disabilities and having experience and qualifications are critical in our industry. We only employ people who fit this criteria. In addition I personally conducted a study over two years on parent perceptions on post school employment opportunities and why employment for people living with a disability is so important. This study changed the way I personally work with our clients, As well as accessing the community and assistance with daily and independent living skills, we also specialise in media and in particular radio TV and broadcasting! Communication, confidence building and stepping out of your comfort zone can open up the entire world, and what an exciting world we have to explore! Welcome to Umbrella! We're glad you're here.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	VACCA's purpose is supporting culturally strong, safe and thriving Aboriginal communities. We deliver 60 programs across Victoria aligned to our Vision, Purpose and Principles. Together with the Aboriginal community, we design, develop and deliver programs that build on peoples' strengths. We understand intergenerational trauma, and that healing occurs in the context of developing relationships, connection to culture, community, and Country. Our services can also be accessed by non-Aboriginal people who have an Aboriginal family member, such as children or a partner. If you have any questions about our programs, please contact us and we will be happy to assist



Program Name	VEC, Community Education and Engagement
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	The Electoral Commission will be able to assist schools in educating their students in election rules, their rights and responsibilities. Contact the VEC for more information.



Program Name	Gateway / Allied Health
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	VMCH provides vocational, social and community activities at our community hubs across eastern Melbourne at Kew, Mount Waverley and Wantirna that are called 'Gateway'. The Gateway community hubs are meeting places for people to come together to develop and gain skills, to build friendships and connections. We offer a range of activities, workshops and experiences which aim to increase your independence, confidence and life skills. You can receive these supports as part of a group with people who share similar likes, interests and goals, or you can tailor these supports to suit your individual needs. We have a comprehensive activity guide for you to choose from or alternatively, you can discuss your individual preferences with us. Social participation activities at our hubs or in the community may include sports, arts and crafts, music, discos, excursions and drama just to name a few. We also have vocational support training and transition from school. We'll help you gain confidence and make friends along the way by providing opportunities for volunteering, work experience and developing life skills. Our range of therapeutic activities such as relaxation, sensory music and art therapy will improve your health and wellbeing. We have a team of health professionals and Allied Health assistants that can work together to offer you the supports you need to reach your independence goals, promote general health and well being and access any equipment you may need to connect to your family and your community. Our therapeutic supports include Psychology (including positive behaviour supports), Occupational therapy and Physiotherapy.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Our holiday and weekend programs are age appropriate and designed to be fun and educational for children, teenagers and adults. Holiday programs are run over the school holidays on weekdays. Our weekend programs happen throughout the year on Saturdays and Sundays. We organise a huge range of terrific experiences around Melbourne, at our community hubs and in country Victoria. Activities include bush walks, beach rambles, movies, cooking, bowling, laser tag, just to name a few. Our short breaks are small group overnight experiences which we run throughout the year. We visit fantastic places across Victoria which are accessible and give you the opportunity to explore new experiences and make new friends. Accommodation is usually in cabins or houses at popular tourist destinations, with supports provided by professional and caring VMCH staff.
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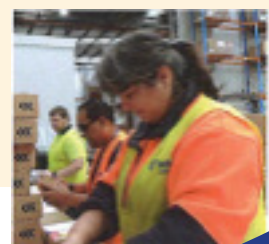
Program Name	
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SERVICE OVERVIEW

Wallara Logistics are a Social Enterprise based in Keysborough and Reservoir who provide employment opportunities for adults with disabilities who have a NDIS plan. Wallara Logistics is a part of Wallara Australia, a disability support organisation based in the outer South East and North of Melbourne. Wallara also provides accommodation and learning and lifestyle services to over 500 people with disabilities.

Wallara Logistics gives people the opportunity to participate in meaningful paid employment and access to regular training and skills development via an Independent Employment Plan and further education to advance their career and increase their community participation. People are supported to work in a safe and friendly environment from a clean and modern 9000sqm warehouse as well as from other sites including at our inclusive 30-acre farm, Sages Cottage in Baxter.

At Wallara Logistics, we provide supported employment through our packaging and production facility, third party logistics, warehouse, onsite cafe and Land Management Services. Supported employment gives people with disability the opportunity to participate in the workforce, build their skills in a supported environment and get paid for what they do. We also have an onsite open employment advisor who works with our employees to find open employment work with suitable employers should they desire.





In our experience talking to families, there are many students that may have access to the NDIS but do not attend specialist schools. We are finding that these students are generally not aware of supports that are available to them once they finish school and can get easily lost as well as their supports not really knowing what they can do or have available to them post school.

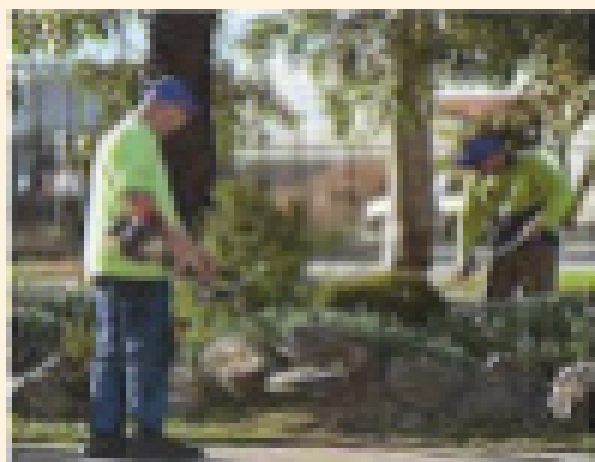
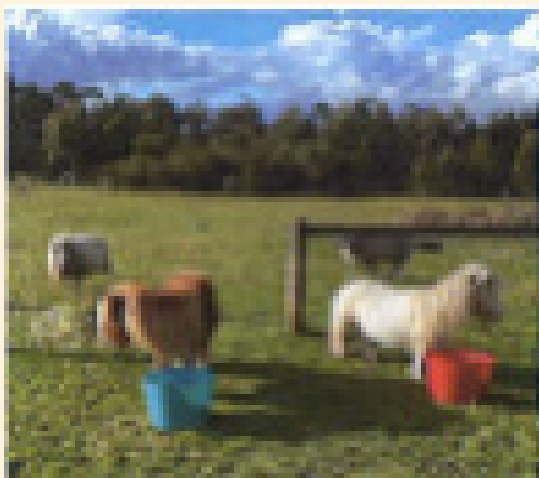
We would love for anyone who may be interested to come and see what we have on offer with a tour of our Logistics site and if interested our other sites and programs that we have. Further information can be found at our website www.wallara.com.au or by searching for WallaraTV on YouTube.

Please feel free to contact our intake team on 9792 2985 or at intake@wallara.com.au for more information or to arrange a site tour.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Keys - Support Manager - Wallara Logistics

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WATCH Disability Services

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SERVICE OVERVIEW

WATCH Disability Services Inc. is a community service dedicated to providing training and support to individuals with disabilities. We focus on enhancing independent living, vocational, and social skills through our core values of Community, Connection, Choice, and Control. By nurturing a sense of Belonging, fostering Friendships, and respecting individual Preferences, we aim to unlock a world of opportunities, enabling people to lead fulfilling and meaningful lives.



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SERVICE OVERVIEW	We offer Employment Supports (SLES) programs which concentrate on practicing and learning basic cooking and food handling skills along with administration work and also warehousing through our sites. We also offer group activities which we run in the community and also at our sites which includes activities like Bowling, Gym, Cake Decorating, Arts, Walking groups, Shopping Centre Visits and we have an exclusive Saturday program starting for females which is a Make Up Workshop. We can also provide an additional pick up and drop off service for our participants. Contact Keith on 0450 255 723 for more information. 



Program Name	Waverley Helpmates Inc
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Waverley Helpmates, a supported employment and training program, enables participants to realise their vocational potential and develop their independence through meaningful work. The program provides a quality lawn mowing, ironing and cleaning service to the local community whilst developing participants' work ethic.



Program Name	Waverley Social Enterprises
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Waverley Industries is a NDIS registered provider. We provide job opportunities to adults with disabilities across our Notting Hill and Hallam sites. Our employees work in various departments, which includes packaging, gardening, catering, woodwork, warehouse and assembly. We offer support by creating Individual Employment Plans for all our employees and regularly review these goals to ensure our employees continue to develop their skills. Our support staff hold regular monthly meetings where employees receive group based training and get the opportunity to give feedback to improve our company policies and procedures. Waverley Industries has a number of passionate and experienced support staff that provide supported employment and furthermore can refer employees to our free and confidential counselling service if required.



Program Name	Moving Out - Independent Living Skills
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Wavlink is an NDIS registered Community Learning Centre in Glen Waverley that offers social, recreational and skill building programs designed for individuals over the age of 18, with a mild to moderate disability. Our courses are delivered in small centre and community based groups and vary throughout the year. Activities are based on our participants interests and include, Art, Ceramics, Mosaic, Cooking, Digital Literacy, Horticulture, Sewing, Exercise, Literacy and Numeracy, Social Groups, Independent Living Skills and more. Contact us on 9561 7104 or info@wavlink.org.au for further information.



Program Name	Whitehorse Youth ConneXions Supports Young People
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Website	www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au , https://app.betterimpact.com/Application
Address	Whitehorse Civic Centre 379-399 Whitehorse Rd.Nunawading 3131
SERVICE OVERVIEW	We have information and resources on issues faced by young people. Our qualified youth workers are also here to help either online, in person or over the phone. Reach out to organise a chat via your preferred method. Whitehorse Youth Voice Whitehorse Youth ConneXions values the voice of young people. We are currently undertaking work to develop ways young people can be involved on matters that impact them. If you are a young person aged 10-25 years and wish to participate in this exciting opportunity, register your interest here and a team member from Whitehorse Youth ConneXions will be in touch.



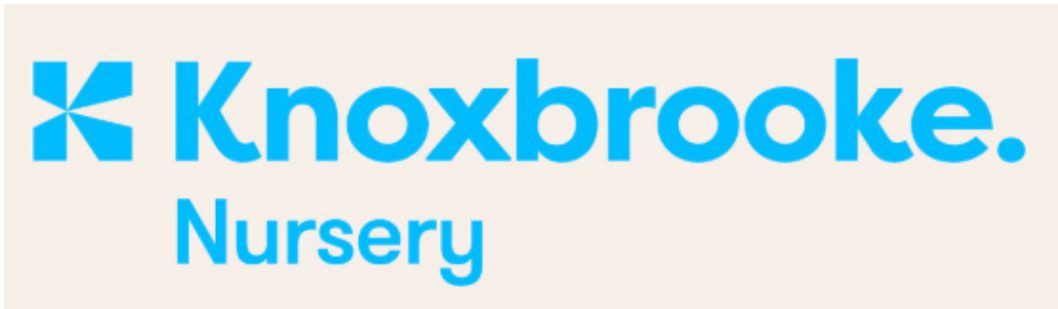
Program Name	Food, Tourism, Hospitality and Events programs
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	William Angliss Institute is Australia's largest specialist centre for education and training in foods, tourism, hospitality, and events. Established in 1940, we are proud to deliver expert- led programs ranging from short courses to certificates, diplomas, degrees and master's qualifications. Our Melbourne campus is conveniently located near public transport and within walking distance of iconic landmarks, eateries, and major events. Students learn in industry- standard facilities and enjoy access to welcoming social and support spaces designed to enhance their overall experience. We offer a wide range of student support services to ensure all learners thrive, including: • Transition Support for Students with Disability – Helping students with disability, medical or mental health conditions transition from school to vocational education. • Koorie Education Support – Supporting educational and employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. • Study and Learning Advice • Careers and Employment Services • Wellbeing and Counselling • Apprenticeship Support

WISE Employment

Program Name	Disability Employment Services
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Website	www.wiseemployment.com.au
Address	Level 2, 159 High Street, Prahran, VIC, 3181
SERVICE OVERVIEW	Since 1992 we have been connecting and empowering job seekers and employers because we believe our community benefits when everyone is supported to achieve their potential.



Program Name	Yarra Valley Nocturnal Zoo
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Website	www.yarravalley nocturnal zoo.com.au
Address	125 Clegg Road, Mt Evelyn, VIC, 3796
SERVICE OVERVIEW	After working in the disability field for 25 years each we wanted to create a unique disability day service where NDIS participants worked with animals and were able to learn all aspects of zoo keeping and animal husbandry while enhancing their job skills. We always said to everyone that we are in for a cool ride and where we get off is anyones guess. Our NDIS Zoo Keeper Program gives participants from the age of 16 the chance to be part of an Australian First Zoo Keeper Program. You will learn all aspects of animal husbandry in a fun, hands on, educational environment.



Program Name	Yarra View Nursery (Knoxbrooke)
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Website	www.yvbn.com.au / www.yarraviewgardencentre.com.au
SERVICE OVERVIEW	Yarra View & bushland flora nursery stands apart as the largest and most successful social enterprise nursery in Australia. We employ 85 adults with a disability across 3 sites and produce over 3 million plants per year for the retail sector, commercial landscape and large infrastructure projects. These projects have allowed us to employ more people with a disability and have created approximately 120,000 hours of paid employment per year. We have successfully supplied plants to beautify Victorian state government level crossings removals in Bayswater, Seaford and Kororoit creek road, the Mernda rail and Mordialloc freeway. But our proudest successes come from our highly valued employees. their skill, team spirit and strong work ethic have made us what we are today.



Program Name	Multiple Programs
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Address	511 Whitehorse Road, Mitcham, VIC, 3132 OR Suite 5/796 High Street, Kew, VIC, 3102
SERVICE OVERVIEW	Yooralla supports people with disability to achieve their National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) goals with tailored, flexible and quality services. We are one of Victoria's largest not-for-profit disability service providers, with over 100 years' experience in supporting people with disability of all ages and needs. In the Inner and Outer East region, Yooralla offers: Community Hubs and Supports Specialist Children's Supports Life Skills Recreation Assistance with daily living Job Skills and Employment Pathways Respite Communication and Assistive Technology Accommodation Therapy Positive Behaviour Support For more information about the NDIS or Yooralla's services, you can contact the Community Engagement team on 03 9666 4500, or alternatively on ndis.infohub@yooralla.com.au



Program Name	Multiple Programs
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SERVICE OVERVIEW	Established in 2013, YourDNA Creative Arts is a community based arts or-organisation committed to developing the lives of people of all abilities through arts based programs including drama, TV, film, animation, song & dance, creative writing (literacy), instrumental music, photography, visual arts and even health. Your DNA Creative Arts specializes in making these programs accessible to people of all ages who have physical and intellectual disabilities. YourDNA Creative Arts focuses on the development of daily living and life skills to increase the participants' ability to live as autonomously as possible. Training is provided through group activities and includes skills in daily life activities, communication and social skills, problem solving and much more all wrapped up under a fun and creative guise. Furthermore, it is a goal of YourDNA Creative Arts to not only provide accessibility to the arts but to provide its students with the skills to go on and find meaningful employment within the arts industry within the students chosen specialisations. YourDNA Creative Arts understands that each person's support needs vary depending on the nature of the program, task, the person's disability and their environment. At YourDNA Creative Arts we find that young adults who have not previously learnt daily living skills can, with appropriate supports, make significant steps towards independence. YourDNA is recommencing their After School Courses for 14-17 year olds in 2023. Courses in Drama, Song and Dance and Digital Productions are held on Tuesday afternoons from 4:30pm till 6:00pm. Courses run over 13 weeks in Terms 2 and 3 with a performance at the completion of each course in our purpose- built in-house Theatre. NDIS funding is required to attend these programs



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