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Strengthening Parent Support Program

Parent to Parent Gippsland Info List – March 2018

NEW **Bairnsdale Parent Group**

All parents & family members welcome
1800 010 453 / 0430 209 641
p2pg@noahsarkinc.org.au

Parents of children with disability, learning difficulties or developmental delay aged birth – 18 years

Are you interested in meeting another parent who has a child with a disability or developmental delay?

Would you like to be involved in a small group of parents who get together to share stories and learn from each other?

Would you like information on a topic of interest to families of children with developmental delay or disability?

Let us know & let's get together



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NEW

CP / Physical Disabilities Parent Group

All parents & family members welcome

1800 010 453 / 0430 209 641 p2pg@noahsark-inc.org.au

Parents of children with cerebral palsy or physical disability aged birth – 18 years

Do you have a child with physical disability / Cerebral Palsy? Would you be interested in meeting other families? Do you live in or near the Latrobe Valley region?

If you would like to register your interest, contact Natalie on jnradford@hotmail.com 0407 642 989

Down syndrome Parent Group

Are you interested in meeting other parents who have a child with down syndrome?

You are invited to join us on **Thursday March 15th from 10am – 11:30am** -Traralgon Maternal & Child Health Centre (meeting room), corner Breed & Kay Sts.

If you are interested contact Cher 0437 700 511 or Yvonne 1800 010 453 / 0430 209 641 yvonne.waite@noahsarkinc.org.au



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Sale Parent Group invites you!
Parents of children with disability or developmental delay aged birth – 18 years

Would you like to be involved in a small group of parents who get together to share stories and learn from each other?

Join us at Mr Raymond Café, 268 Raymond St for coffee & cake or lunch (at your own expense). **14.3.2018** from **10 – 11:30am**. All welcome.

Please RSVP for booking Yvonne 1800 010 453 0430 209 641 yvonne.waite@noahsark-inc.org.au

Bass Coast Parent Group
Parents of children with disability or developmental delay aged birth – 18 years

Join us at the Inverloch Hub 16 A'Beckett Street on **Wednesday March 21st from 10:30am – 12noon**. Parents welcome to bring children

Parent To Parent Gippsland provides support & information to families in the Gippsland region.

Contact Yvonne 1800 010 453 / 0430 209 641
yvonne.waite@noahsarkinc.org.au



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Association for Children with a Disability

ACD is hosting a Guest speaker session that will be about **ECEI** pathway on **March 15th 10am – 12noon** at the ACD office 1/587 Canterbury Rd Surrey Hills with guest speaker Stefanie Perri, Community Engagement Manager NDIS ECEI

The session will cover:

- What is NDIS ECEI?
- Benefits of ECEI approach
- What is developmental delay?
- What should I do if my child has a developmental delay?
- The ECEI pathway
- Getting ready to meet with Link HC
- Getting a NDIS plan
- About Link HC
- Contacting Link HC

Although the session is being presented by Community Engagement Manager NDIS ECEI who is based in the east of Melbourne the information will carry across other roll out areas.

Book online: bit.ly/acdstefanieperri



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Inverloch & District ASD Support Group

Parents, family & carers of children who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (autism, aspergers syndrome, pdd-nos etc) are warmly invited

10.30am - 12.30pm – March 7th Inverloch Hub – large meeting room that opens out to the playground 16 A'Beckett St
Tea & Coffee provided

For more info contact Tona 0407 622 949 tonaleo@me.com

ACD Connect

ACD Connect groups provide a place where you can share experiences, information, gain support & make local connections. ACD Connect groups provide facilitated peer support to families raising children with disability. Peer support groups provide an opportunity for people who are living similar experiences to share those experiences & support each other. Each group is supported by an experienced ACD Connect Facilitator. Morning tea is provided. If you would like to find out more, please contact ACD 1800 654 013 or email Kylee Brealey kyleeb@acd.org.au

Details:

Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning House – 11 – 13 Breed Street
9:30am – 11:30am

Tues 13th March 8th May & 5th June

Warragul SCOPE – 12 George Street 10am – 12noon

Tues 6th March, Tues 17th April, Tues 22nd May & Tues 12th June



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Write-ability Own Voices Forum

WHY WRITING MATTERS

Wednesday 7 March 2018

9.45am to 4pm

Moe RSL 63–67 Albert Street

The Own Voices Forum in Moe in March 2018 will explore how writing and storytelling can help develop new ways of thinking about the self, disability and community.

The forum is for people with disability (including people with sensory or physical impairments, ongoing medical issues, learning difficulties or mental health conditions) as well as arts and community development workers, disability and health service providers, teachers, local councils and libraries. Anyone who experiences barriers such as lack of physical access, communication barriers, discrimination or other people's attitudes because of an impairment or condition, this opportunity could be for you.

Following the forum, there will be a monthly writing group held at the Moe Service Centre from March until October 2018. For more information and to register:

Email regional@writersvictoria.org.au or phone 9094 7855 Joanne Bedford at Latrobe City Council phone 5128 5775 or joanne.bedford@latrobe.vic.gov.au



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Marveloo Mobile Access Restroom

The Marveloo is a fully accessible restroom which allows people with severe or profound disability the chance to enjoy public events in comfort. Its key features are the overhead hoist and adult sized change table.

Marveloo's design means that carers have peace of mind in knowing that facilities will be available to cater for the needs of their loved one in a safe and dignified manner

The Marveloo will be located at:

THE BOOLARRA FOLK FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 3 MARCH
10AM TO 8PM
Railway Park, Boolarra

A FREE annual community event with live music, art, craft and food with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Bring your friends and enjoy a wonderful day out. For more information visit <http://www.boolarrafestival.com.au>

COLLINGWOOD V WESTERN BULLDOGS
SATURDAY 10 MARCH, 1PM
Ted Summerton Reserve, Moe

Moe will come alive with two high-powered AFL teams clashing in the 2018 JTL Community Series. As parking is limited, please use public transport if possible. Tickets can be purchased via Ticketek <http://www.ticketek.com.au> or 132 849



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PLEASE NOTE: All users are required to provide their **own sling** for use of the overhead ceiling hoist

Supported by Latrobe City Council & Rural Access

Variety the Children's Charity

Love Soccer? Variety, in partnership with LeasePlan, helps children to attend football games that they may not otherwise be able to experience. We are seeking interest for tickets to the following A League Soccer game;

Melbourne Victory vs Central Coast Mariners on Sunday 18 March, AAMI Park, 5.00pm

Tickets are for regular seating. If wheelchair seating is required, please let us know and we will contact the venue to see if we can accommodate your request.

To register your interest please contact Yvonne – p2pg@noahsark-inc.org.au asap and advise the number of adults and children who would like to attend along with your name & contact details.

We will be in contact closer to the match when we have confirmed the number of tickets that are available



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Sale to Sea Disability Kayak Challenge

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One Day Challenge

Bairnsdale to Metung
Its not a race, but a challenge for all abilities



Contact: Andrew Bedggood 0407 471 539
or Email: admin@saletosea.com



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Understanding the NDIS: AFDO Disability Loop Workshop (Warragul) by Disability Loop/Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO)

The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) Disability Loop project is very fortunate to have received support from the Victorian Government to run a workshop about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) around Victoria directly for **people with disability and their families**.

This workshop was written by a team of people with disability, some who are also NDIS participants. We believe that this allows the workshop to better meet the needs of people with a lived experience of disability. This workshop has been **designed to make the NDIS easier to understand**. In a small, interactive session, we will cover lots of different parts of the NDIS; from knowing who is eligible to get into the NDIS, working out what support you can get from the NDIS in your NDIS Plan, to actually using the funds in your NDIS Plan to live a better life in the community.

If you are a parent and/or a carer of a person with disability, we encourage you to consider bringing the person with disability along to the workshop. The NDIS is about people with disability

So why not bring along the person who will benefit the most? There will be opportunities for breaks and a separate space available for resting and recovering if required.

Importantly, these workshops are only for people with disability and their families. People who don't meet the criteria are not allowed to attend.



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Understanding the NDIS Workshop

The workshop is called Understanding the NDIS. It is a **3 hour workshop**, with a short break in the middle. There are 3 workshops across three days at different times; however each workshop covers the same topics.

People with disability and their families in the **Warragul** area will be able to get detailed information about the NDIS in these workshops. Included in the workshop is a detailed participant handbook you can take home with you, as well as 5 factsheets with even more information about the NDIS.

Do I need to pay to attend the workshops?

These workshops are free for people with disability and their families. People who don't meet the criteria are not allowed to attend. If you are unsure, please contact AFDO Disability Loop first.

If your organisation would like to assist multiple people with disability and/or families to register, please contact AFDO Disability Loop on (03) 9662 3324, or email disabilityloop@afdo.org.au before registering.

When are the workshops being held?

The Warragul workshops will be held over three days at the **Mercure Warragul** as follows:

- Thursday 15th March, 11 AM to 2 PM
- Friday 16th March, 6 PM to 9 PM
- Saturday 17th March, 11 AM to 2 PM

Will AFDO Disability Loop provide accessibility supports?

For AFDO Disability Loop, accessibility is a priority. All workshops are held in accessible environments with accessible bathrooms in the same venue.



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When registering for the workshops, there is an option to tell us your accessibility needs. For example, AFDO can provide live captioning, Auslan interpreting, material in electronic formats, and other accessibility supports when they are required.

If you have any specific requests not listed on the registration form, please contact us and we can assist you where possible.

Will food be provided at the event?

Yes. For those attending a session during the middle of the day, lunch will be provided. For those attending the evening session, light snacks and/or sweets will be provided.

Where can I contact the organiser with any questions?

You can call AFDO Disability Loop on (03) 9662 3324, or email disabilityloop@afdo.org.au

Location

Mercure Warragul
23 Mason Street
Warragul, VIC 3820



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FREE Training & Bonus Mentoring

Understanding Disability in Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities

Training for Mainstream Services

Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities Inc (ADEC) are running FREE training sessions for mainstream organisations (not disability providers) who would like to improve their service delivery for people living with or caring for someone with a disability from a CALD background in the Inner Gippsland area.

Added Bonus: FREE mentoring support to eligible organisations who attend the training. Does your organisation understand the needs of clients living with a disability?

Can your organisation cater for clients from a culturally diverse background who speak a language other than English?

Would you like to improve your service delivery to CALD clients? Would you like your organisation to be welcoming to people from CALD backgrounds? Would you like FREE training for your staff on how to work effectively people living with a disability and CALD clients? (Limit 2 per organisation).

Places are open to mainstream organisations from the areas including Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Latrobe & South Gippsland. Limit of 25 people per session. Bookings are essential. Morning and afternoon tea is provided. A Certificate of Participation will be included.

For bookings or for further information please call ADEC on (03) 9480 7000 or email: info@adec.org.au

Event Information:

Friday 16th March 2018



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9.15am - 4.30pm Leongatha Memorial Hall Corner Bair & McCartin
Street, Leongatha

Wednesday 30th May 2018

9.15am - 4.30pm Moe Library 1-29 George Street, Moe
Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities Inc.
175 Plenty Road, Preston, Vic 3072

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