



Affiliate Members:

Community Living and respite Services, Kyabram District Health Services, Victoria Police, School focused Youth Services.



YOUTH PARTNERSHIPS

COORDINATING SERVICES TO HELP
YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY ON TRACK

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE COMMUNITY CARE

CYPS MEETING DATES 2025

TERM 2

Tuesday 6 May, 9 - 10am at
Venue TBC.

TERM 3

Tuesday 5 August, 9 - 10am at
Venue TBC.

TERM 4

Tuesday 21 October, 9 - 10am at
Venue TBC.

FINAL 2025

Tuesday 9 December, 9 - 10am at
Venue TBC.

OTHER DATES TERM 2

18 April - Good Friday
19 April - Easter Saturday
20 April - Easter Sunday
21 April - Easter Monday
22 April - Term 2 commences
25 April - ANZAC Day Day
11 May - Mother's Day
12-18 May - National Careers Week
20-24 May - National Volunteer Week
22 May - Tomorrow Bound Bendigo
26 May - National Sorry Day
27 May - 3 June - National Reconciliation Week
2 June - National Reconciliation Day
5 June - World Environment Day
9 June - King's Birthday Holiday
17 June - General Achievement Test (GAT)
4 July - Term 2 Finishes



WELCOME TO ISSUE 2 OF OUR BULLETIN

Nearing the end of Term 1

Wow, can you believe Term 1 is almost over?

We've had an amazing couple of months packed with awesome programs commencing for our young people. It's been fantastic to see so many of you getting involved and making the most of everything on offer. Let's keep this energy going into the next term and continue making great things happen together!

We'll keep sending out our quarterly bulletins at the end of each term. If you have any information you'd like to include in future bulletins, please send it to:

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- Organisation updates
- Upcoming events

Lockers for homeless in Echuca

Council partners with Victoria Police and Anglicare to Provide Lockers for Rough Sleepers in Echuca.

Campaspe Shire Council is partnering with Victoria Police (Echuca) and Anglicare Victoria in an effort to support the homeless community by delivering lockers for rough sleepers in Echuca. These lockers will provide a secure place for individuals to store their personal belongings, rather than leaving them out in the open or having to carry them everywhere they go.

Campaspe Shire Council, Victoria Police (Echuca), Anglicare Victoria and Njernda Aboriginal Corporation came together to form a working group to better support each other's work with people experiencing homelessness. This resulted in a larger Housing and Homeless Partnership Network which now also includes Department of Families, Fairness and Housing. This network meets regularly to discuss the common concerns facing those experiencing homelessness in the Echuca area and it was this network that identified the impact secure lockers could have on improving the lives of those in this position.

Mayor of Campaspe Shire, Cr Daniel Mackrell expressed his enthusiasm for the project and said the initiative is a testament to Council's commitment to supporting the most vulnerable members of our community.

"By providing a secure place for rough sleepers to store their belongings, we are helping to restore their dignity and sense of security," Cr Mackrell said.

Inspector David Bowler from Victoria Police (Echuca) also highlighted the importance of the project.

"We are proud to be part of this collaborative effort to support the homeless community in Echuca. The installation of these lockers is a practical step towards ensuring the safety and well-being of those in need," said Inspector Bowler.

Anglicare Victoria Youth and Community Services Program Manager Cam Turnbull said his organisation was proud to be part of the collective effort to improve the lives of some of the most marginalised people in Echuca.

"For most of us, having somewhere secure to put our belongings is something that's easy to take for granted. These lockers will give peace of mind to people in town who don't currently have a home, and I'm really pleased to see this project come together," Mr Turnbull said.

Six lockers will be installed in March at the Echuca Police Station, providing those accessing lockers with a central and safe location with good lighting. Council will be funding the \$8,500 cost of the lockers, Victoria Police (Echuca) will install them on the site of their headquarters in Echuca, and Anglicare will oversee the administration of the lockers to those in need of the service.

Anglicare provide support to people aged 16 years onwards experiencing or at risk of homelessness.



L2P Chery is on the move!

The official launch of the new L2P Chery vehicle, housed in Rochester, took place on the 25 February. Attending the event were:

- Members of the Rochester SES
- Community Bank Elmore, Lockington and Rochester representative, Lauren Ross
- Rochester Secondary College Principal, Matthew Koutroubas
- Rochester L2P Mentors; Paul Butler and Anne Chirnside
- Learner Driver Archie
- Jane Reid and Nikki Harris from the CCLLEN



Having a vehicle housed permanently in Rochester has meant that the program is able to support learners from smaller surrounding communities, such as Elmore and Lockington.



Paper applications to cease

The Department of Transport have advised that they will no longer be accepting paper-based applications from Learners and/or Mentors. All new program applications must be made online through the applicant's myVicRoads account, with the exception of Mentors who hold an interstate licence. Mentors who hold an interstate licence can email L2P@transport.vic.gov.au to request a paper-based application form.

L2P Program Graduates

Congratulations to our recent L2P graduate, Alisa, who successfully passed her drive test in February. Alisa is pictured below with her Mentor, Tineke. This is Tineke's first learner graduate so it was an exciting and eventful day for them both!



We are always looking for enthusiastic people who can commit 1-2 hours a week to help young learner drivers gain the experience they need to get a licence. Please contact Nikki on 0428 474 014 for further information.

Junior Park Rangers

The Junior Park Rangers program kicked off on Monday 3 March with an enthusiastic group of students from Kyabram P-12 College, Echuca College, Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School, Rochester Primary School and Rochester Secondary College. Over the next ten weeks, these budding rangers will have the unique opportunity to go behind the scenes and experience daily operations of the park. From feeding kangaroos and meeting koalas, to painting nesting boxes and interacting with reptiles, the students are set to gain invaluable hands-on experience.

The Junior Park Ranger Program is a testament to Kyabram Fauna Park's commitment to education and community engagement. By fostering a love for wildlife and the environment in young minds, the program hopes to inspire the next generation of conservationists.



For more information about the program, please contact Cath Elms at elms.c@ccllen.com.au or on 0422 606 773.

Save the Date



Kyabram
**YOUTH
FEST**

21 March 2025

9:00am - 1:00pm

Kyabram Sports & Entertainment Centre



For further information please call
Nikki Harris on 0428 474 014 or send an email to harris.n@ccllen.com.au



Update

What's On at Kyabram Community & Learning Centre Inc.

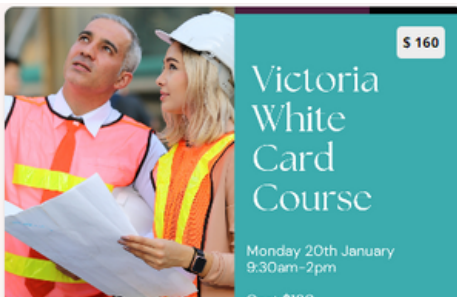


FREE

KYABRAM
Don't Dementia It - Dementia Peer Support Group

THU, 27 MAR 2025, 1:00 PM

Join our dementia support group for compassionate guidance, understanding, and a supportive community to navigate the challenges of dementia together



\$ 160

Victoria White Card Course

Monday 20th January
9:30am-2pm

Cost \$160

KYABRAM
White Card - Accredited Letizzia's Training

MON, 07 APR 2025, 9:15 AM

Prepare to work safely in the construction industry



\$ 85

Responsible Service of Alcohol

Tuesday 21st of January
9:30am-1pm

Cost \$85

KYABRAM
RSA - Responsible Service of Alcohol - Accredited Letizia's Training & Development

TUE, 08 APR 2025, 9:15 AM

RSA - Responsible Service of Alcohol



\$ 130

Excel in food safety with the Food Handlers Course

Wednesday 22nd January
9:30am-1pm

Cost \$130

KYABRAM
Food Handlers - Accredited Letizzia's Training

WED, 09 APR 2025, 9:30 AM

Excel in food safety with the Food Handlers Course



\$ 160

Provide First Aid Training Essential Skills for Safety and Emergency Response

This course contains HLTAID009 - Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

Friday 24th January
9:15am - 3pm

Cost \$160

KYABRAM
Provide First Aid - Accredited Letizzia's Training

THU, 10 APR 2025, 9:15 AM

Provide First Aid - Accredited Letizzia's Training - HLTAID011 - Provide First Aid This course contains HLTAID009 - Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation



\$ 160

Prepare & Serve Espresso Coffee

Thursday 23rd January
9:30 - 1:00pm

Cost \$176

KYABRAM
Barista Course - Accredited Letizia's training & development

FRI, 11 APR 2025, 9:30 AM

Prepare & Serve Espresso Coffee

For more information about these programs, please visit
<https://www.socialplanet.com.au/at/kyabram-community-learning-centre-inc>

Parenting Program

The "Help, I've got Kids" programs and resources support parents and carers to:

Learn about effective family functioning

Identify family strengths,
Planning for safety,
Planning for the future



Understand the meaning of children's behaviour, impact of trauma and cumulative harm



Learn more about brain development in children and its influence on their thoughts, feelings, and behaviours

When: Every Thursday starting May 1st until June 12th (Except the 22nd)

Time: 10:30am until 1:00pm

Where: Kyabram Community and Learning Centre. 21-25 Lake Road

Cost: Free

Facilitators: Family Support Services KCLC

To Book: Contact Reception at KCLC on 58520000



Community lunch provided after each session. A certificate of completion is available for participants who attend every session.



Update

Launch of Cycle 2! I CAN Online - Cycle 2 Now Open for Registration!

We're excited to announce that Cycle 2 of I CAN Online has officially launched! While sessions don't start until April 28th, we want to give you plenty of time to explore the program, [express your interest](#) and prepare for the upcoming fun.



Session Themes for Cycle 2

I CAN Online offers safe, supportive spaces where autistic/neurodivergent young people aged 7-22 can connect with like-minded peers under the guidance of autistic mentors. We offer a wide range of themed sessions to cater to different interests in our online mentoring programs including:

- 🎨 Drawing & Art
- 💬 The Emotion Navigators
- 🐕 Dogs & 🐱 Cats
- 🧠 Executive Functioning (ages 13-22)
- 🏳️‍🌈 LGBTQIA+ (ages 13-22)
- ⚡ Percy Jackson
- 🎭 Cosplay

Plus, fan-favourite topics like:

🎮 Gaming, Roblox, Anime, Minecraft, Dungeons & Dragons & Pokémon!

Program Details:

- 📅 **Dates:** April 28th – June 6th
- 🕒 **Sessions:** 6 x 1-hour sessions over 6 weeks
- 💰 **Cost:** \$306 (NDIS claimable)

With so many great options, there's sure to be a program that suits you or your young person. View the full schedule on our website and secure your spot today!

Don't see the group you love? Send through an application and we can put you on our waitlist and let you know when a spot becomes available.



Dungeons & Dragons These School Holidays Beginner & Intermediate Adventurers Welcome

During Week 1 & 2 of the April School Holidays, we will be hosting 3 x 2 hour sessions of Dungeons & Dragons.

Beginner Adventure

- 📅 **Dates:** 15-17 & 22-24 of April
- 🕒 **Time:** 12:00-2:00pm AEST & 5:00-7:00pm (3 days each, 2 hours per day)
- 💰 **Cost:** \$306

No prior knowledge is required - this adventure is perfect for first-time players! Our Dungeon Master (DM) will guide participants through the game, helping them navigate exciting scenarios. All players need to do is describe their actions, and the DM will handle the rest. The more creative and adventurous you are, the more fun the journey will be!

Intermediate Adventure

- 📅 **Dates:** 15-17 April & 22-24
- 🕒 **Time:** 5:00-8:00pm AEST & 5:00-8:00pm (3 days each, 3 hours per day)
- 💰 **Cost:** \$459

This campaign is designed for players with a basic understanding of D&D rules. The Dungeon Master (DM) will lead an engaging adventure, where players use creativity and strategy to overcome challenges. While support is provided, participants should be familiar with rolling dice, character abilities, and turn-based combat. The more tactical and inventive your choices, the more thrilling the experience!

Both adventures offer an immersive and inclusive space to explore, imagine, and create stories together. No matter your experience level, there's a campaign for you!

Other Programs These School Holidays Something for everyone to enjoy

Also in the School Holiday program are our:

Regular Groups (4 days x 1 hour per day)

- 📅 **Dates:** 15-17 April & 22-24
- 🕒 **Time:** 6:30-7:30pm AEST
- 💰 **Cost:** \$204

- 🧱 **LEGO Masters (Ages 8-22)** – Build, create and tackle fun LEGO challenges together!
- 🎮 **Roblox (Ages 8-22)** – Explore, create and play your favourite games with peers.
- 💙 **Heartstopper (Ages 13-22)** – A cosy space for fans of the books & Netflix series to connect!
- 🐾 **Animal Crossing (Ages 8-22)** – Share builds, tips and adventures in the world of Animal Crossing!
- 🌸 **Sanrio (Ages 8-22)** – For fans of Hello Kitty, My Melody, Cinnamoroll & all things cute!

Minecraft Social Server (3 x 2-hour sessions over 3 days)

- 📅 **Dates:** 22-24 April
- 🕒 **Time:** 5:30-6:30pm AEST
- 💰 **Cost:** \$306



Update

Minecraft Social Server Program Spots available - Join today!

Enrolments open for:

- 2-hour sessions on a single Saturday: 22nd March and 5th April 10am - 12pm AEDT and 12th April 10AM - 12PM AEST
- 2-hour sessions over 3-days: April 22nd - 24th, 5:30pm - 7.30pm AEST

Our Minecraft community is designed for autistic young people who love to explore, build, and connect. Led by autistic mentors, our social servers provide a safe and supportive space to collaborate, be creative and enjoy exciting adventures together!



🌟 Exciting April Break Sessions – Join the Fun! 🌟

Looking for holiday fun this April? Our highly anticipated I CAN Online April Break Sessions are happening April 14th–24th!

Roblox | Animal Crossing | Sanrio | Lego Masters | Heartstopper – We've got something for everyone!

👉 [Express your interest now and be part of the excitement!](#)

April Break Program - Week 1: 14th - 17th April

[Regular Groups - 4 x 1 hour sessions](#)

Dates: April 14th - 17th ~ NDIS Claimable
PROGRAM TIMES: 6:30pm - 7.30pm AEST
COST - \$204 for 4 x 1 hour sessions

LEGO Masters (Ages 8-22), Roblox (Ages 8-22), Heartstopper (Ages 13-22), Animal Crossing (Ages 8-22), Sanrio (Ages 8-22).

[Dungeons & Dragons - Limited Spaces](#)

Dungeons and Dragons Online Campaign

- Beginner Adventurer (no prior knowledge required) OR
- Intermediate Adventurer (basic understanding of D&D rules).

Beginner Adventure - 3 x 2-hour sessions

Dates: April 15th - 17th (12pm-2pm) ~ NDIS Claimable

Intermediate Adventure - 3 x 3-hour sessions

Dates: April 15th - 17th (5pm-8pm) ~ NDIS Claimable

[See the website for more details](#)

April Break Program - Week 2: 22nd - 24th April

[Dungeons & Dragons - Limited Spaces](#)

Beginner Adventure - 3 x 2-hour sessions

Dates: April 22nd - 24th (5pm-7pm) ~ NDIS Claimable

Intermediate Adventure - 3 x 3-hour sessions

Dates: April 22nd - 24th (5pm-8pm) ~ NDIS Claimable

[Minecraft Social Server - 3 x 2-hour sessions](#)

Mentees will explore and connect with fellow Minecraft enthusiasts in a secure, friendly and supervised autistic-led Minecraft server.

Dates: April 22nd - 24th (5.30pm-7.30pm) ~ NDIS Claimable

Upcoming I CAN Online Cycle 2

[Express Your Interest & Secure a Spot](#)

Join us in [Cycle 2!](#)

Program Details:

Dates: April 28th – June 6th

\$306 for 6 x 1-hour sessions over 6 weeks ~ NDIS claimable

Minecraft, Drawing and Art, Emotion Navigators, I CAN Imagination Club, Warrior Cats, Pokemon, Dogs, Gaming, Harry Potter and many more...

View the full schedule on our website and secure your spot today!

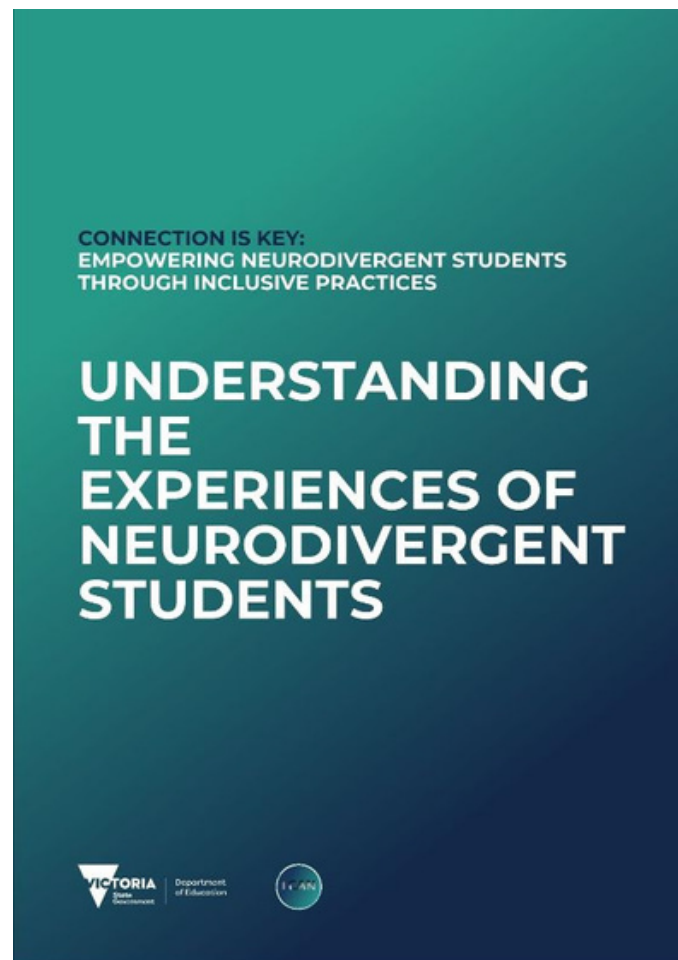


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RESOURCE: UNDERSTANDING THE EXPERIENCES OF NEURODIVERGENT STUDENTS

We understand how navigating school can be challenging at times for many neurodivergent students, especially secondary school where the academic, social and emotional demands increase.

Ahead of Neurodiversity Celebration Week 17 - 23 March 2025, we are releasing [five videos and an accompanying tip sheet](#) with the Victorian Department of Education which depict glimpses of the journeys of five different autistic/neurodivergent young adults, all of whom have recent experience in Victorian government secondary schools. Though their individual journeys are unique, they all share a common thread: each of them had champions on campus - teachers, school leaders or key staff - who created an environment of acceptance and understanding.



If you would like to book a speaker to come and speak at your school to mark Neurodiversity Celebration Week, please contact I CAN directly via their website <https://icannetwork.online>



Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals support in Bendigo, Echuca, Dandenong and Melton

Help, hope and purpose

People in the Bendigo, Echuca, Dandenong and Melton areas can now access treatment, care and support from their new Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals.

The new services are delivered in these areas by Mind Australia. They are among the nine new Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals that began service provision this week, announced by the Victorian Government.

Mind peer practitioners and community mental health practitioners are providing wellbeing support during business hours via telehealth and telephone services (see numbers below).

Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals support Victorians aged 26 years and over to get mental health and wellbeing treatment, care and support closer to home. This includes anyone experiencing mental health and substance use concerns at the same time.

All support is free, voluntary and easy to access, and you do not need a referral from your doctor to access help.

Alongside Mind's person-centred support services, people will be able to access support from key regional health organisations, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations and a variety of other targeted support organisations including LGBTIQ+ support across all regions from Thorne Harbour Health.

Bringing together each partner organisation's expertise means the Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals can provide specialised, informed and understanding support for the broadest range of people and local community needs.

Mind's qualified staff at these Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals will focus on listening and understanding your concerns so they can work with you and, if you are comfortable, your family, carers and supporters, to design a care plan that meets your goals and preferences. This may involve connecting you to other health and social services if you need them.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals will also provide education and support to families, carers and supporters of individuals experiencing mental illness and/or substance use challenges.



CITY OF GREATER
BENDIGO

LGBTIQA+ 101 for ethnic and faith communities



A workshop to understand LGBTIQA+ identities and build acceptance and allyship for LGBTIQA+ people within cultural and faith communities.

Registrations are essential.

Date: Wednesday, March 19 2025

Time: 10am to 1.30pm

Location: Bendigo Library, 259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo

About the workshop

The information, activities, and discussion included in the workshop will be delivered by Ananda Training and Consultancy.

The content is suitable for people who deliver programs and services to LGBTIQA+ communities and diverse cultural and faith communities, and community members with an interest in building acceptance and inclusion.

The workshop will run from 10am to 1pm followed by a catered light lunch from 1pm to 1.30pm.

For more information, visit <https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/events>