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**Be Safe**

**Be Respectful**

**Be A Learner**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all our families for term 4. What a beautiful start of the term we have had with our warm weather & sunshine. The school garden is thriving! We would also like to welcome the new families and 10 new students who have started with us this term. We hope you have been made to feel welcome in your classrooms and enjoy being a part of our school community.

In Other news Mrs Owen will be off on leave for an extended period of time this term due to breaking her hip during a fall last week. She is currently recuperating in hospital after her operation and continues to check in with us regularly. During this time I will be taking over as Acting Principal supported by Melissa Watson & Ana Gonzalez in the office. We will keep you updated on when we expect her to return to school.

### **No Hat – No Play**

Starting this week every child must wear a hat out in our yard whilst playing. As stated in our SunSmart Policy hats must be worn outside for all of term 4 and all of term 1. Students who do not have a hat for playtime must play in the following areas; The gunyah, under the veranda along the foundation – yr 3 building or under the shade sails next to a building (this includes the red playground next to the gunyah or the sandpit next to the kindergarten). Please check your child's bag and make sure they have a hat for playtimes. If you need to purchase a new one they are available from the office for \$15 each.

### **Bee Excursions**

Starting last week our years 3-6 students will be attending an Excursion to Beechworth Honey Bee School. This is an additional excursion organised as part of our Kitchen Garden Program. Students will attend a practical hands on learning experience about the role of Bees in pollination/production of honey including a tasting. This excursion was made possible from a grant by the BATES Foundation. Keep an eye out for photos from our Bee Excursions in the next link letter.

## Boys to the Bush

Yesterday our MYOS group had the opportunity to attend the Boys to the Bush Gala Day at Willow Park in Wodonga. A number of schools from our local area participated in various group activities that were focused on the BTTB core values of Respect, Community and Engagement. Students also enjoyed a BBQ lunch and lots of fantastic tunes from well know DJ Steve Bowen.

## School Planning for 2025

During term 4 we will begin to undertake planning for the 2025 school year. If you have a child who you wish to enrol for next year in our Kindergarten or Foundation/any year level, or know of family or friends intending to enrol can you please ask them to do so ASAP. They can contact the school for an enrolment pack or download one from our school website. If you are also intending to leave the school at the end of the year, can you also please let us know as soon as possible. This will help us make decisions for staffing positions, class grade levels and student class placements over the coming months.

## RESPECT

This term we are really focusing on ensuring that all members of our school community show respect towards each other. This could mean respect between peers, respect between teacher and students or respect between students and visitors to the school / external community members. I have spoken directly with several of our senior classes regarding respect and discussed the expectations for our school around this. One particular area as a school we want to focus in on, is the body language and facial expressions used by students in situations in which they are feeling frustrated. Often it is not the message or words that are being used that are most hurtful but the manner in which our communication is delivered. We encourage all of our community to openly talk together about Respect, what this looks like and how we can manage ourselves in challenging situations. Discussing strategies that have worked for us in different situations can be helpful for children to think about adopting for themselves. We as a school will also continue to work through this through our Respectful Relationship lessons and other classroom programs. Working together on this issue will ensure that our school community is a safe and respectful place to work learn and visit.

Regards,

Britt Hartley  
Assistant Principal



Please remember  
that our school  
yard is not  
supervised by a  
teacher until  
8.45am

## Important Dates

18th October	Beechworth Bee Excursion Year 3-6
25th October	Beechworth Bee Excursion Year 3-6
28th October to 1st November	Junior School Swimming OOP / OIC / 12A / 12S / 23B
1st November	Beechworth Bee Excursion Year 3-6
7th November	Kanga Cricket Excursion Year 5-6
29th November	Wodonga Gold Cup Holiday Pupil Free Day
17th December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 6pm at Wodonga Senior Secondary

# School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers

## About the School Saving Bonus

The Victorian Government is making life that little bit easier for families by providing a one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

This support will help cover the cost of school uniforms, textbooks, and school activities like camps, excursions and sports.

The School Saving Bonus is in addition to existing and continuing means-tested supports for Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) and the Affordable School Uniforms Program.

The School Saving Bonus will be provided to schools and families in Term 4, 2024.

## Who receives the School Saving Bonus

The School Saving Bonus is available for parents and carers of all Victorian government school students from Prep to Year 12 in 2025, except for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

## Actions for parents and carers

Parents and carers of children who meet the School Saving Bonus eligibility above are required to do the following by Friday 18 October 2024:

- Complete enrolment

If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025, please complete enrolment. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).

- Check your contact information

Ensure your contact information is up to date with your school. You can check this information by contacting your school directly.

## Accessing the \$400 School Saving Bonus

You do not need to apply for the School Saving Bonus.

The Department of Education will email you in November 2024 with your \$400 School Saving Bonus. You will be able to access it via an online system.

You can decide how to best use the School Saving Bonus for your family's needs. You can choose how to allocate the \$400 in the online system.

The bonus can be used towards 2025 school costs, which may include:

- camps, trips, excursions and incursions
- swimming and sporting programs
- outdoor education programs
- graduations
- school uniforms
- textbooks.

The bonus can be used at your school's approved textbook or uniform suppliers either in-store or online, or through State Schools' Relief. The list of suppliers may include a school uniform or bookshop. Any amount that you choose to allocate to textbooks and uniforms will be valid until 30 June 2025. It will then transfer to your child's school account for future activities.

Funds will roll over for use in future years if it is not all spent in 2025.

### Families with more than one eligible child

Families who have more than one child at the same school can combine their School Saving Bonus payments to use on one child, or for a specific activity. So, for example, a family with 3 children who are all government school students would receive support to the value of \$1,200 and choose how they spend those funds. The School Saving Bonus cannot be combined across different schools.

### More information

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus visit [vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus](https://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus). Translated information will also be available on the [School Saving Bonus website](https://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus) in the next few weeks.

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For more than 100 years, the annual RSL Australia **POPPY APPEAL** has supported Australian veterans and their families.

By purchasing items through the Poppy Appeal, you will help the RSL continue to deliver life-changing support to our veterans when they need it most.

From Monday 28th October, students will be able to purchase POPPY APPEAL merchandise at school

**Items available to purchase range from  
\$2 - \$5 each**

Grade 6 students will visit all classrooms to give students the opportunity to purchase items





# WELLBEING NEWS

Wodonga Eyecare are providing bulk billed consultations and free scans for children under the age of 13 for the month of October.

To make an appointment or for further information please call Wodonga Eyecare on 60564000

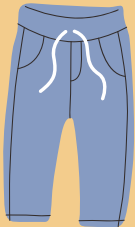


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If you require a FREE breakfast pack please see Mrs Potter



Our Kindergarten is seeking donations of unwanted pants and shorts in sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Donations can be dropped into the Kindergarten or office.



**UV AHEAD**

SunSmart

Slap! on your **hat** and Slop! on **sunscreen**, when the UV is 3 or above.

Even on cool and cloudy days.

In Victoria, UV is 3 and above generally from mid-August to the end of April.

sunsmart.com.au

Use all five forms of sun protection: Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide.

Cancer Council Victoria



WHEN THE INDEX HITS **3** COVER UP FROM **UV**



It's that time of year again – time for sun protection.

Being outdoors where students can be active and have fun is great. But being outdoors means students can also be exposed to UV radiation. With UV levels in Victoria now reaching 3 and above, it's time for everyone to start using sun protection again.

It's time to remind students, staff and families at your school to wear sun protective hats, clothing and apply sunscreen before heading outdoors.

When the UV is 3 or above, use all five forms of sun protection:

- Slip on sun protective clothing
- Slop on SPF50 or SPF50+, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen
- Slap on a broad-brimmed hat
- Seek shade
- Slide on sunglasses


# Anaphylaxis

**CHILD  
SAFE HOT  
TOPIC**

Here at WWCC we are very aware that many children have allergies including anaphylaxis which can be fatal. As an anaphylaxis aware school and with students in our care who suffer allergies including anaphylaxis we are committed to their safety. Please read the attached information sheet about anaphylaxis so you are aware of the signs & symptoms which can occur in people with these allergies. The staff of WWCC participate in twice yearly briefing about the management of anaphylaxis and risk management is a high priority for the school. We ask that if you are sending in food packaging to the art room or sending in food products that may contain items such as whole nuts that you please refrain from doing so. This will assist us to make sure everyone here at school can participate in our environment in a safe manner.

[www.allergy.org.au/anaphylaxis](http://www.allergy.org.au/anaphylaxis)

## Anaphylaxis Fast Facts



Visit [www.allergy.org.au/anaphylaxis](http://www.allergy.org.au/anaphylaxis) for free resources about anaphylaxis.

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## Fast Facts Anaphylaxis

- 1 Anaphylaxis is a potentially life threatening, severe allergic reaction, that should always be treated as a medical emergency. It occurs after exposure to an allergen (usually to foods, insects or medicines), to which a person is allergic. Not all people with allergies are at risk of anaphylaxis.
- 2 Anaphylaxis symptoms include one or more of the following:
  - Difficult/noisy breathing
  - Swelling of tongue
  - Swelling/tightness in throat
  - Difficulty talking and/or hoarse voice
  - Wheeze or persistent cough
  - Persistent dizziness and/or collapse
  - Pale and floppy (in young children)
  - Stomach (abdominal) pain, vomiting (insect allergy)
- 3 In some cases, anaphylaxis is preceded by a mild to moderate allergic reaction, with symptoms such as swelling of face, lips and/or eyes, hives or welts and stomach (abdominal) pain and vomiting.
- 4 Anaphylaxis requires immediate treatment with adrenaline (epinephrine), injected into the outer mid-thigh. It works rapidly to reverse the effects of anaphylaxis.
- 5 Adrenaline autoinjectors contain a single, fixed dose of adrenaline, and have been designed to be given by non-medical people, including the patient themselves (if they are well enough).
- 6 ASCIA Action Plans for Anaphylaxis include infographics to illustrate the first steps of action for anaphylaxis:
  - 1 Lay person flat - **DO NOT** allow them to stand or walk. If unconscious, place in recovery position. If breathing is difficult allow them to sit
  - 2 Give adrenaline autoinjector
  - 3 Phone ambulance - 000 (AU) or 111 (NZ)
  - 4 Phone family/emergency contact
  - 5 Further adrenaline doses may be given if no response after 5 minutes
  - 6 Transfer person to hospital for at least 4 hours of observation

If in doubt give adrenaline autoinjector. Commence CPR at any time if person is unresponsive and not breathing normally.

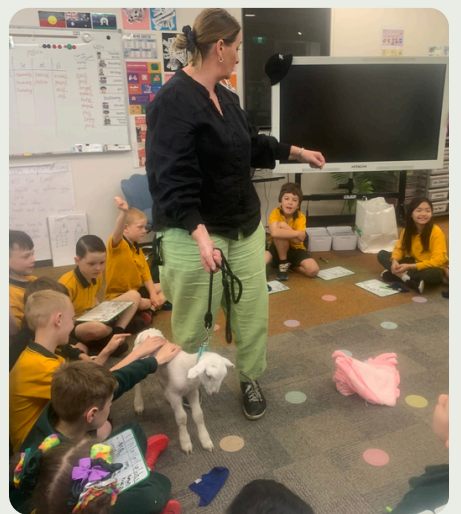
More information: [www.allergy.org.au/anaphylaxis](http://www.allergy.org.au/anaphylaxis)  
Other Fast Facts: [www.allergy.org.au/patients/fast-facts](http://www.allergy.org.au/patients/fast-facts)

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On Wednesday Mrs Watson organised for a very special little visitor to spend the day at Wodonga West. Barbara the lamb visited the classrooms and the students were able to interact with Barbara whilst learning lots about lambs. Barbara was very popular amongst the students and enjoyed lots of pats during her visit. Thank you Mrs Watson!



## SLC NEWS



The SLC wear orange fundraiser day that was held on the last day of Term 3 raised \$488!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the SLC fundraiser, our local SES Branch will be thrilled with their donation from Wodonga West Primary School.





# PE NEWS



## Regional Athletics Carnival

Once again, a busy few weeks in Athletics, with a Carnival every Friday this Term! Congratulations to our 7 students who competed in the Upper Hume Division Athletics last Friday. All students were great ambassadors for our school showing good sportsmanship. As only the first two placegetters advance to Region, Harmony Lavea and Jacob Tevita were fortunate to qualify in track events. Many thanks to Jacob's Mum for helping transport students to the Division Carnival! Your help is much appreciated.



## Sporting Schools Basketball

Students in Years 3/4 will be participating in a 4 week 'Ford Aussie Hoops' program, run by Wodonga Basketball Association instructors. Please encourage any interest in the sport as students make great progress learning a new sport.

## Junior Swimming Term 4

All students in Years Foundation - 2 & 2/3B will participate in a daily swimming session for one week beginning on 28th October at the Indoor Leisure Centre. Information notes have been given to students involved and permission slips need to be returned ASAP.

## Kanga Cricket Carnival

All MYOS students will participate in the Kanga Cricket Carnival to be held on Thursday 7th November, at Willow Park. As the weather is warming up, make sure you bring plenty of water, a packed lunch, your school hat and any asthma medication needed.

Parents are welcome to attend to cheer on our teams.

Susan Macdonald  
P.E. Co-ordinator



# SAKG NEWS

The first two weeks of term 4 have been very busy in SAKG!

During week one, our lunchbox challenge continued for those classes who hadn't had a chance to cook that last term. The tomato pesto and parmesan scrolls were a big hit! This week our new rotation on the menu is Sushi! It's been fun (and challenging) watching the children explore the techniques of rolling (or folding sushi) and then tasting some new flavours like sauteed spinach and tuna.



In the garden we are preparing beds and paths for the rest of spring and summer and Ms Nicol's class spent a solid hour cleaning up and re-discovering the frog pond from many years back. This project is something the Year 6 children will be completing as a legacy project to celebrate their time at WWCC.



Reminder

SAGK Term 4 payments  
are now due.  
Payments can be made in person or  
by calling the office





## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Term 4 has started with some big changes for the children and families. Having a temporary new entry to kinder and not being able to use the playground, has been very different for everyone. The children have shown great independence as they say goodbye to their family members and carers on arrival. I would like to thank our families and carers for their flexibility during these changes. Our playground renovation is progressing very well and is starting to look great. It is very exciting and we can't wait to see it finished so we can use it again!



Space week was observed between 4th - 10th October, so the children have been discussing and learning about all things space. After looking at a variety of different space related pictures, the children indicated that they would like to learn more about the sun. We have been learning facts about the sun and how the Earth moves around it.

The children have also been enjoying arts and crafts. They have been using a combination of drawing and pasting collage pieces to create their pictures.





# KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

## 2025

- ✓ Fully funded (no cost)
- ✓ 3 and 4 year old
- ✓ Enrol now for 2025

Enrolment packs are  
available from the office

*To secure your place  
please submit your  
enrolment form asap*

*For tours and enquiries*

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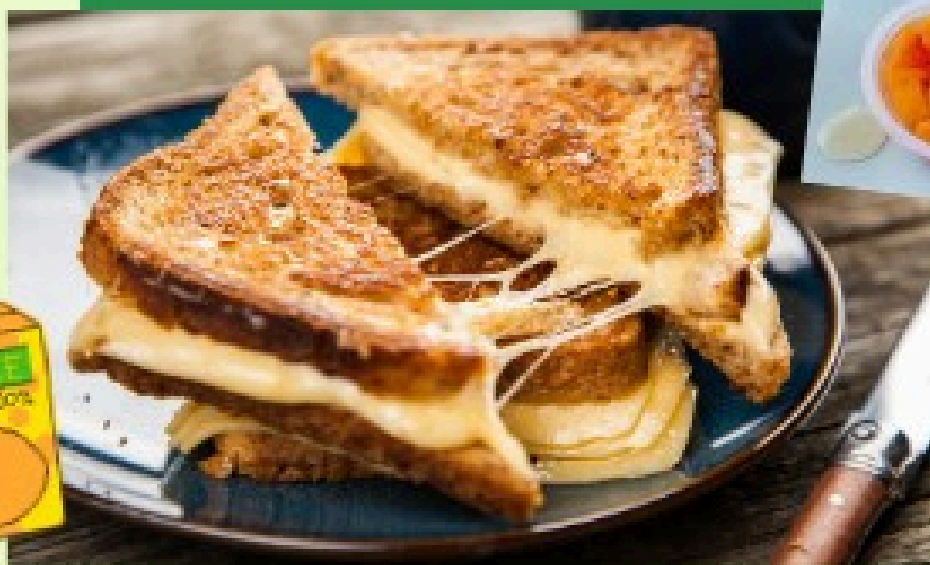
WODONGA WEST CHILDREN'S CENTRE

# BREAKFAST CLUB

Toasted Sandwiches  
Fruit Cups  
Primas

**EVERY MON & WED**

**8.30-8.50AM**



- Running for Term 2!
- All kids welcome
- Held in the SAKG Kitchen



# Holiday Recap!

**23/09/2024 – 04/09/2024**

Yet again what a BUSY school holiday we have had! This school holidays we started off the first week with only 4 days. We had a slight hiccup and the beginning of the holidays with renovations and massive updates being done to the kinder yard. But unfortunately, it was a safety risk for all involved us staying in the building, so we made a very quick move to the gym where we remained into term 4. This was a huge change for the children due to the lack of resources and supplies we were able to get before being unable to enter the building again, but the staff and children made this a positive move. The children settled in fantastically and we enjoyed our new space.

Some of our highlights through the holidays were: Intercity. This was the first time that West got to go to Intencity and it was so, so much fun. 2 hours of free games with friends.. what more could you want. We also made a huge mess with our AFL slime kits, each child received a kit full of clear glue, white glue, activator, glitter, charms and foam balls to mix into their slimes. To say It was messy was an understatement, but our friends literally got elbow deep in slime and creating their master pieces.

We had the pleasure of watching Wild Robot at the movies, whilst enjoying our popcorn and drinks. This movie was an amazing eye opener for a few of our children who really resonated with the emotions that were in the movies. As a result of watching the movie, our service had some amazing group discussions about all our emotions and feelings. It also tugged of the heartstrings of many of the educators who attended some even having tears well up in their eyes and roll down their cheeks. . And of course, our ALF footy fever day. The children got the opportunity to grow their ball skills strength and motor skill. With over 12 stations every 10 minutes a rotation would occur where we would move to the next station and learn a new skill. And of course, our silent disco. With everyone wearing headphones and signing to their hearts content and as loud as they possible could it was entertaining to take your headphones off and listen to the very out of tones tunes being sung. Friday was our last day, and our service embraced the weather and hide inside and enjoyed a movie with popcorn and friends. Thank you to all our friends that joined us for the holiday program we can't wait for the next one to come.





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Wodonga West  
Children's Centre





# SEEKING PLAYERS

SEASON 2024-2025



**THE WODONGA RAIDERS CRICKET CLUB  
ARE SEEKING PLAYERS FOR THE  
WOOLWORTHS BLAST PROGRAM 5-10YRS  
& JUNIOR GRADES AGES 11-15YRS  
FOR THIS SEASON**

**FOR ALL ENQUIRIES CONTACT MICHAEL:**



**0427949762**



**MIRLEAND1970@GMAIL.COM**

## WODONGA WARRIORS WANTS YOU!

**Wodonga Warriors Softball Club  
are recruiting Senior & Junior players for its  
2024\25 Summer Season.**

**We offer.**

**U12's, U14's & U16's Boys & Girls Mixed Comp  
Senior Women and Senior Men Comps  
If you've ever wanted to play, or are looking  
for a club, Contact us today for more info.**

**Training starts**

**Thursday, 19th of September**

**Juniors 4:45pm**

**Seniors 6pm**

**Gayview Park, Wodonga.**

**Contact Tracey 0407592722**



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**Friday  
October 25**

The Cube, Wodonga  
from 6pm

headspace Day 2024



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Albury Wodonga

**FREE**

# outdoor cinema

**activities & entertainment from 6pm  
movie starts 7:30pm**



Bring family & friends &  
a picnic blanket

popcorn, lollies, bubble  
tea, lawn games & more!

Featured Movie title:  
**"Christopher Robin"**

Rated General Audience (G)

brought to you by:



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# COULD YOU FOSTER A CHILD?

We **URGENTLY** need **Foster Carers in your area.** Enquire now on how you can help change a child's life.

[CanIFoster.com.au](http://CanIFoster.com.au) | 1800 932 273



## OUR NEXT SESSION IS: 5th October 2024

What do you do with broken household items?  
You can fix them at the Repair Café!

Our experienced repairers will help you repair them – for free!

**First Saturday of the month**  
**10am to 1pm**  
**Wodonga Senior Citizens Centre**  
**15 Havelock Street**

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## Engagement Support vouchers are available to you

When you engage with the ParentsNext program CVGT Employment can

offer Engagement Support vouchers following attendance at face-to-face appointments.

During your appointment, we will discuss your personal preferences and the type of vouchers that will offer the greatest benefit to you.

- The vouchers are designed to assist with the rising cost of living
- Up to \$250 in vouchers are available per eligible participant

### Initial Engagement Support – \$100 voucher

Offered to new participants who commence in the program after attending an initial face-to-face appointment

### Ongoing Engagement Support – \$50 voucher

Offered to existing participants in the program who attend ongoing face-to-face appointments

Scan the code for more information or to request a callback from one of our Transition Support Coaches.



132 848  
[cvgt.com.au](http://cvgt.com.au)



DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN AGED 0-12?

JUNCTION SUPPORT SERVICES PRESENT:

# EARLY HELP PROGRAM

WE CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT WITH:

- Developing & Maintaining Routines
- Understanding and learning how to respond to children's big behaviours.
- Building and strengthening attachment and connection between parent, child and siblings.
- Supporting School Attendance
- Regulating Screen Time
- Promoting Participation in the Community
- New Parent Adjustments
- Supporting children to meet developmental milestones



**THIS PROGRAM IS COMPLETELY FREE & WE CAN TRAVEL TO YOU!**

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE...

155 Melbourne Rd  
Wodonga VIC

0280 437 400

[https://junction.org.au](http://https://junction.org.au)

- You can access the Early Help Program by self-referral with the team at Junction Support Services
- Speak with your local school, kinder, childcare or maternal health team.



# Positive Parenting Telephone Service

Our free 6 to 10 week program helps you to:

- have stronger, more positive relationships
- set rules and limits
- manage everyday behaviour problems.

Our program is for parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 2 to 12 years.

Participants complete a workbook and are supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls with a trained parenting educator.

All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

 1800 880 660

This is a **FREE** service, and enrolments are taken all year round. Call us for more information or to enrol.

# Bookings for Term 4 parenting programs now open



Sessions are free.  
Bookings required.

Gateway Health runs group-based parent education programs and information sessions for parents and carers of children aged from 0 to 18 years.

Scan the QR code to explore available programs.



Freecall: 1800 657 573  
[gatewayhealth.org.au](http://gatewayhealth.org.au)

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# Hello, Albury!

## FREE NDIS NETWORKING EVENT

 Thursday 07/11/2024

 9:45 AM to 12:30 PM

 Commercial Club Albury 61  
Dean St Albury NSW

### WHO?

Support coordinators, support workers, people with disability, teachers, parents and carers are all welcome.

### WHY?

Get to know NDIS providers servicing your local area and boost your contacts in a fun and informative networking session.

### HOW?

Register at [oncommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect](https://oncommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect)

# JOIN US

## EVENT SPONSORS

