

Peak organisation and other community services

ABI Behaviour Consultancy

123 Albion Street, Brunswick 3056

Phone: 9383 7176

Fax: 9383 7278

Web: www.abibehaviour.org.au

Email: info@abibehaviour.org.au

Provides behaviour management support to people affected by acquired brain injury (ABI), and specialist services to families and professionals dealing with acquired brain injury resulting from situations such as accidents or illness. Core functions include direct counselling services to families, consultation and training services to professionals and research on family adjustment to ABI. The service is funded to work with people aged 18 to 65 years who have an ABI and are not receiving compensation payments, their families and associated service providers. Can advise compensable clients (TAC, Workcover) on how to access related services.

ADEC

175 Plenty Road, Preston 3072

Phone: 9480 1666

TTY: 1800 626 078

Fax: 9480 3444

Web: www.adec.org.au/

Email: info@adec.org.au

For people with disabilities who are from ethnic communities, or their carers. Provides respite groups for carers and people with disabilities; community education for service providers and government agencies; training in sensitivity around ethnic and disability issues for service providers; individual advocacy for clients whose rights are not being upheld.

Alzheimer's Australia Vic

98-104 Riversdale Road, Hawthorn 3122

Phone: 9815 7800 or National Dementia Helpline 1800 100 500

Web: www.alzheimers.org.au

Email: alz@alzvic.asn.au

Offers professional counselling and support, runs education programs on dementia and dementia care, provides leadership in policy, and encourages and participates in research. The drop-in centre in Hawthorn features a well-stocked library, multimedia gallery and exhibition space. Information is available in 23 languages, and interpreter services are available.

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annecto Disability Services

41-43 Ringwood Street, Ringwood 3134 PO Box 4067, Ringwood 3134

Phone: 9876 0122

Fax: 98760133

Web: www.annecto.org.au

Email: eastern.office@annecto.org.au

Provides Community Aged Care Package (CACP), Extended Aged Care at Home (EACH) and Extended Aged Care at Home – Dementia Specific (EACH D) packages in the City of Maroondah. These packages are designed to support people living in their own home and may include assistance with Home Care, Personal Care, basic garden maintenance. Clients who receive one of these programs will be allocated a case manager who will get to know them and together, design a support package of services.

Also an approved provider of the Department of Human Services Respite for Older Carers program. This program is designed to give carers who have a son or daughter with a disability a well earned rest by actively engaging with the person who has a disability and linking them into the appropriate services.

AQA Victoria

440 Heidelberg Road, Fairfield 3078

Phone: 9489 0777

Fax: 9482 4371

Web: www.aqavic.org.au

Email: admin@aqavic.org.au

A provider of support and services for people who sustain spinal cord injuries (quadriplegia and paraplegia) and similar physical disabilities. Provides a well established attendant care service (AQA Qualcare) for clients living with spinal cord injury and other disabilities.

Also provides a valued information/peer support service that operates on two levels:

- raising awareness and educating the community about the issues of spinal cord injury (SCI)
- motivating and assisting those with SCI during their rehabilitation and re-integration in the community.

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Arbias Ltd

27 Hope Street, Brunswick 3056

Phone: 8388 1222

Fax: 9387 9925

Web: www.arbias.org.au

Email: arbias@arbias.com.au

Specialist support services for people with acquired brain injury, specialising in alcohol and substance related brain injuries. Provides neuropsychological assessments, case management, community programs, accommodation, and specialised training and education courses for service providers.

Fee-for-service case management and behavioural assessment, and strategy support can be accessed upon request. All initial enquiries can be directed to the Intake and Response Case Manager.

Archicentre Home Services

530 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn 3122

Phone: 9815 1900

Fax: 9819 5413

Web: www.archicentre.com.au

Email: info@archicentre.com.au

Architect inspection of homes to check on health, safety and maintenance items or any problems relating to the property. This service is funded by the Department of Human Services, for the purpose of assisting people living safer and longer in their own homes.

To be eligible for this service people must either own their own home or rent from a private person and be receiving either a full Aged, Disability or Veteran's Affairs pension. This service is also available for a carer of a child with a disability.

Australian Huntington's Disease Association Victoria (AHDA)

607 Warrigal Road, Ashwood 3147

Phone: 9563 3922 or 1800 063 501 Freecall

Web: www.huntingtonsvic.org.au

Email: info@huntingtonsvic.org.au

Employs a team of professionals to provide specialist HD services to individuals, families, carers, and professional service providers. Services include information and education, counselling and advice, assessment and referral, service planning and coordination, support for carers, and individual and systemic advocacy.

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Australasian Society for the Study of Intellectual Disability (ASSID)

PO Box 84, Rosanna 3084

Phone: 1800 644 741

Fax: 9497 4567

Web: www.assid.org.au

Email: assid.nat@bigpond.com

Provides and promotes mechanisms for the generation and sharing of knowledge and debate among people in the field of intellectual disability.

Autism Victoria

24 Drummond Street, Carlton 3053

Phone: 9657 1600

Web: www.autismvictoria.org.au

Email: admin@autismvictoria.org.au

The peak body for Autism Spectrum Disorders in the state of Victoria. Conducts policy analysis at both a state and national level, provides a forum for members to communicate with each other, and lobbies to support their interests. Also provides specialist information and advice to the families and services caring for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, funded by the Victorian Department of Human Services.

Better Health Channel

Level 16, 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne 3000

Phone: 1800 126 637

Web: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Email: betterhealthchannel@dhs.vic.gov.au

Contains details of more than 2,500 related services for people with disabilities, their families, friends, and carers of all ages.

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beyondblue: the national depression initiative

PO Box 6100, Hawthorn West 3122

Phone: 9810 6100 or 1300 224 636

TTY: Phone 133 677 and ask for 1300 22 4636

Web: www.beyondblue.org.au

www.youthbeyondblue.com

Email: bb@beyondblue.org.au

An independent, not-for-profit organisation working to increase awareness of depression, anxiety, and related disorders throughout Australia. Works with health services, schools, workplaces, universities, media and community organisations, as well as people living with these disorders, to bring together their expertise.

Brain Injury Matters (BIM)

4th Floor, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Phone: 9639 7222

Web: www.bim.org.au

Email: office@bim.org.au

Facilitates self-advocacy and community education for people living with an acquired brain injury (ABI). BIM provides events, training, education and public speakers.

Brainlink Services

The Nerve Centre, 54 Railway Road, Blackburn 3130

Phone: 9845 2955

Web: www.brainlink.org.au

Email: info@brainlink.org.au

A service dedicated to improving the quality of life of people affected by conditions of the brain, and providing support to their families. BrainLink's primary service group are people with conditions of the brain occurring after birth, which includes those affected by stroke, head injuries and brain tumour; people with progressive neurological diseases; their families and service providers.

Brainlink assists all people affected by brain disorders to live as independently as possible in the community through the provision of information and support services. The service also monitors and researches current issues for improvements in ABI services, and pilots projects to meet perceived service gaps.

Respite opportunities that are unique and flexible are available, from one day support activities, to overnight retreats in a range of formats e.g. for carers only, for people with ABI only, for the person with ABI and their carer at the same time.

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Cerebral Palsy Support Network (CPSN)

86 Herbert Street, Northcote 3070

Phone: 94457488 1300 277 600 (1300 CPSN 00)

Web: www.cpsn.info

Email: cpsn@cpsn.info

Offers a range of support services including 'The Buzz', a bi-monthly newsletter containing interesting information about Cerebral Palsy; telephone information and support service; information seminars; support groups; links to members in other locations; recreational groups; workshops; a respite brokerage program; online services - email, website and message boards.

Continence Foundation of Australia

AMA House, 293 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052

Phone: 9347 2522 Helpline 1800 330 066

Fax: 9347 2533

Web: www.continence.org.au

Email: info@continence.org.au

The national peak body for continence management, promotion and advocacy. A not-for-profit organisation, the Continence Foundation of Australia has branches or representatives in each State and Territory and a State Resource Centre in New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and Western Australia.

The Foundation manages the National Continence Helpline (1800 33 00 66) on behalf of the Australian Government. The National Continence Helpline is a free service that provides confidential advice about bladder and bowel control problems. The Helpline also provides free information brochures and information about local continence services.

Cystic Fibrosis Victoria (CFV)

80 Dodds Street, Southbank 3006

Phone: 9686 1811

Fax: 9686 3437

Web: www.cfv.org.au

Email: admin@cfv.org.au

Provides information, advocacy and support services to children, adolescents and adults with Cystic Fibrosis, and their care givers. Services include counselling and referral, equipment lending, outreach support program, holiday and respite accommodation facilities, information services, financial assistance program and an accommodation assistance program for rural members. CFV conducts awareness programs for the general public.

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Down Syndrome Association of Victoria

219 Napier Street, Fitzroy 3065

Phone: 1300 658 873

Web: www.dsav.asn.au

Email: info@dsav.asn.au

A not-for-profit, membership-based association seeking to represent the needs and views of Victorians with Down syndrome and their families. The association can provide parents, families, and friends of children and adults with Down syndrome with support, encouragement, information and resources.

EACH - Self Directed Support

46 Warrandyte Road, Ringwood 3134

Phone: 9871 1850

Fax: 9876 0100

Web: www.each.com.au

Email: dsakko@each.com.au

Involves a range of personal support, either in the home or the community. Responds to the needs of people who have physical, intellectual, sensory, and/or cognitive disabilities.

Personal support activities may include:

- assistance with mobility, including transfer with aids, rehabilitation, exercises, therapy, and associated supports
- accessing recreation, leisure and cultural activities, using local facilities and services including shops, banks, public transport and recreational activities
- accessing generic services normally used by individuals to enable them to maintain independence
- assistance with personal hygiene (bathing, grooming, dressing etc.) including bowel and bladder care, general self-care (eating, drinking, taking medication etc.).

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Eastern Volunteer Resource Centre Inc.

Suite 1A, 1st Floor, 36 New Street, Ringwood 3134

Phone: 9870 7822

Web: www.easternvolunteers.org.au

Email: info@easternvolunteers.org.au

A not-for-profit organisation established in 1976 providing volunteer assisted transport for the frail-aged, and people with disabilities. Eastern Volunteers also recruit, refer, and train volunteers for over 300 community service organisations. They work in partnership with all levels of government, peak volunteer organisations, other volunteer resource centres, and a wide range of community service organisations and local businesses. Eastern Volunteers' main office is located in Ringwood, with small part-time outreach offices located at Box Hill and Lilydale.

Epilepsy Foundation of Victoria

818 Burke Road, Camberwell 3124

Phone: 9805 9111 or Australia wide 1300 852 853

Web: www.epinet.org.au

Email: epilepsy@epilepsy.asn.au

Provides support for people living with epilepsy, and their families, to help them live better lives. Services include information, library services, advice and support, epilepsy counselling, workshops, support groups and practical assistance, as well as education and training, research and advocacy on behalf of people with epilepsy.

Guide Dogs Victoria

Chandler Highway, Kew 3101 Private Bag 13, Kew 3101

Phone: 9854 4444

Fax: 9854 4500

Web: www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au

Email: referrals@guidedogsvictoria.com.au

Provides mobility training programs for people with a vision impairment, that will enable them to enjoy safety, independence and equal rights, opportunities and responsibilities.

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Guide Dogs Victoria - Acquired Brain Injury Mobility Service

Chandler Highway, Kew 3101 Private Bag 13, Kew 3101

Phone: 9854 4444

Web: www.guidedogsvictoria.com.au/acquired-brain-injury-mobility

Email: referrals@guidedogsvictoria.com.au

Previously known as Neurological Mobility, provides specialised assessment and training for clients who have a vision loss caused by a brain injury. Assessment aims to determine mobility needs and ascertain whether specific training can help the client develop compensatory scanning skills to enhance the use of remaining vision and the other senses.

Housing Choices Australia

Level 4, 333 Queen Street, Melbourne 3000

Phone: 1300 312 447

Fax: 1300 312 737

Web: www.hcau.org.au

Email: info@hcau.org.au

Has recently merged with Melbourne Affordable Housing and now has over 40 dedicated staff members. Aims to provide and manage a wide range of affordable accommodation solutions, especially for people with a diverse range of disabilities, including physical, sensory, or intellectual disabilities and acquired brain injury, as well as mental and chronic illness.

Housing Resource & Support Service Inc.

Suite 2.01, 2nd Floor, 60 Leicester Street, Carlton 3053

Phone: 9340 5100

Fax: 9340 5102

Web: www.hrss.com.au

Email: admin@hrss.com.au

Assists people with disabilities to participate in the greatest range of life choices as active community members. Services provided include planning and facilitation; resource coordination (case management); service coordination (purchase of attendant care or other approved services); housing options for people with disabilities.

Recognises the particular needs of people with disabilities from indigenous and CALD backgrounds, and of women with disabilities.

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Independence Australia

208 Wellington Street, Collingwood 3066

Phone: 1300 704 456

Fax: 1300 704 451

Web: www.independenceaustralia.com

Email: theteam@independenceaustralia.com

A not-for-profit organisation which helps people regain, retain, and extend their independence by providing a range of specifically tailored services and products. Has particular expertise in the area of spinal cord injury and poliomyelitis, and also supports people with a wide range of disabilities. Services include attendant care, case management, accommodation, counselling support, creative arts, Polio Network Victoria, information services, and health/wound care/continence products.

Infoxchange - Disability News

Web: www.disabilitynews.infoxchange.net.au

A popular interactive noticeboard for people with a disability, their friends, families, carers, as well as service providers, used to share disability related news, events, activities and education notices.

Life Supports - Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Specialist Counselling Services

Level 1 / 401 Whitehorse Road, Balwyn 3103 PO Box 1265, Box Hill 3128

Phone: 1300 735 030

Web: www.lifesupports.com.au

Email: info@lifesupports.com.au

Provides a range of specialist acquired brain injury (ABI) counselling services aiming to improve the lives of people who have been affected by an ABI.

ABI specialist services include:

- support in adjusting to life with an ABI
- trauma counselling
- grief and loss counselling
- family counselling
- relationship counselling
- parenting support
- sexuality counselling
- anger management counselling
- anger management course
- suicide prevention counselling
- secondary consultation to case managers
- professional development training for organisations.

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Limbs 4 Life

Suite 2A, 303 Burwood Highway East Burwood 3151 PO Box 282, Tunstall Square, East Doncaster 3109

Phone: 1300 782 231

Fax: 9886 8269

Web: www.limbs4life.com

Email: info@limbs4life.com

A not-for-profit organisation which offers information, social activities, free publications and peer support to amputees, their families and primary care givers.

ME/CFS Australia (Victoria)

21-23 Livingstone Close, Burwood 3125

Phone: 9888 8991

Fax: 9888 8981

Web: www.mecfs-vic.org.au

Email: admin@mecfs-vic.org.au

A not-for-profit charitable organisation dedicated to providing information, support and advocacy for the Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome community. Services include a support and information line, support groups, a directory of health practitioners, crisis care and support service, awareness raising and community education.

ME/CFS support groups meet monthly in Maroondah and most other local government areas. Contact ME/CFS office for further details.

Melbourne City Mission - ABI Unit

230 Normaby Avenue, Thornbury 3071

Phone: 9487 9242

Fax: 9487 9220

Web: www.melbournecitymission.org.au

Email: info@mcm.org.au

Offers case management for people who have an acquired brain injury. Various services available with differing eligibility. Contact the Information and Referral Case Manager for more information or to discuss a possible referral.

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Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne) - Aged Care and Disability Services

Suite 2, 27 Bank Street, Box Hill 3128

Phone: 9285 4888

Fax: 9285 4882

Web: www.miceastmelb.com.au

Email: sporteous@miceastmelb.com.au

Takes a lead role in the coordination of current, relevant information and the provision of services which strengthen and stimulate opportunities to enhance the lives of new and existing migrant populations. Can assist:

- individuals to access aged care and disability services that meet their needs
- service providers to provide culturally appropriate services
- communities to find out more about services, and how to access them.

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) Association of Victoria

265 Canterbury Road, Canterbury 3126

Phone: 9830 2122

Fax: 9830 2228

Web: www.mnd.asn.au

Email: info@mnd.asn.au

MND's Family Support Services provide four key services at no cost to service users: information services; regional advisors; aids and equipment; volunteers.

MND Victoria has developed a number of different resources to inform, assist and educate people living with MND, carers, health professionals and others interested in Motor Neurone Disease.

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MS Australia – ACT/NSW/VIC

54 Railway Road, Blackburn 3130.

Phone: 9845 2700 or Freecall MS Connect on 1800 042 138

Fax: 9845 2777

Web: www.msaustralia.org.au

Email: msconnect@mssociety.com.au

A non-profit health and disability care organisation committed to reducing the impact of MS (Multiple Sclerosis). Provides a wide range of support services, information resources and educational programs for individuals with MS, their families, carers, friends and health care professionals.

Helps people living with MS understand and manage the disease to achieve optimal health and wellbeing. It raises funds for the provision of services, programs and research, educates the community and liaises with government and other bodies on MS-related issues.

Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA)

111 Boundary Road, North Melbourne 3051

Phone: 9320 9555 or Freecall 1800 656 632

Web: www.mda.org.au

Email: info@mda.org.au

For people affected by a neuromuscular disorder, their families and carers. MDA is the peak agency for people affected by neuromuscular disorders. Services include information, community support groups, case coordination, advocacy, respite programs, education and training, and medical research.

Parkinson's Victoria

20 Kingston Road, Cheltenham 3192

Phone: 9551 1122 or Toll free 1800 644 189

Web: www.parkinsons-vic.org.au

Email: info@parkinsons-vic.org.au

Provides information, support, referrals, advice and education on Parkinson's and related issues. Services include telephone information and advice, information kits, resource packages, resource library, information sessions and seminars, a quarterly newsletter, in-service education, support groups and health promotion. There are approximately 40 Parkinson's Victoria affiliated support groups throughout the state, including Ringwood.

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Personalised Lifestyle Assistance (PLA)

Suite 2 / 18 Floriston Road, Boronia 3155

Phone: 9739 8333

Fax: 9739 8333

Web: www.plavic.net.au

Email: debrouget@netspace.net.au

A small community-based information and advisory service. Builds capacity and knowledge predominantly in people with a disability and their families, to enable them to have opportunities typical of other citizens in the community - lifestyles that are individually tailored, community inclusive and empowering. PLA is people/family-friendly and value-driven.

Physical Disability Council of Australia

PO Box 38, Willawarrin NSW 2440

Phone: (02) 6567 1500

Web: www.pdca.org.au

Email: pdca@pdca.org.au

A peak physical disability organisation, actively promoting the rights, issues and participation of people with a physical disability throughout Australia.

Scope

830 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill 3128

Phone: 9843 3000

Fax: 9843 2030

Web: www.scopevic.org.au

Email: contact@scopevic.org.au

A leading Victorian disability service provider supporting children and adults with disabilities across 94 sites. Services include specialist therapies such as speech pathology, physiotherapy and occupational therapy; respite, day and lifestyle centres; supported accommodation and employment. Scope is also committed to overcoming the attitudinal and structural barriers which prevent people with disabilities from participating in the community.

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Specific Learning Difficulties Association of Victoria (SPELD)

494 Brunswick Street, North Fitzroy 3068

Phone: 9489 4344
Fax: 9486 2437
Web: www.speldvic.org.au
Email: admin@speldvic.org.au

A non-political, non-sectarian association of parents and professional people interested in children and adults with specific learning difficulties, including dyslexia. Provides information, assessment, specialist teaching, seminars, an advisory service, a learning centre and educational psychological assessment for children and adults with learning difficulties.

Spina Bifida Foundation of Victoria

4th Floor, Ross House, 247-251 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Phone: 9663 0075
Web: www.sbfv.org.au
Email: info@sbfv.org.au

For people with spina bifida, family members and interested / supportive community members. An independently funded not-for-profit organisation, it provides information and programs to people with spina bifida and their families. Dedicated to helping people with spina bifida to lead better lives.

St John of God Accord

PO Box 151, Mooroolbark 3138

Phone: 9727 1822
Fax: 9727 2709
Web: www.st.johnofgod.org.au
Email: cstaub@st.johnofgod.org.au

Provides a range of support services to people with an intellectual disability. Services include disability employment services, conference and training packages, individualised support arrangements, assessment and planning for positive behaviour supports, lifestyle options, accommodation and in-home supports.

The organisation is positioned to respond to the new individualised Support Packages and offers tailored support through socially inclusive and highly individualised support arrangements.

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Stroke Association of Victoria Inc.

Level 1, Office 7, Ross House, 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne 3000

Phone: 9670 1117 Helpline 7 days
Office: 9077 1246
Web: www.strokeassociation.com.au
Email: admin@strokeassociation.com.au

For information about stroke recovery and living with a stroke. A lead body for stroke support groups in Victoria providing telephone support groups; telephone peer support, counselling; referrals to other service providers; home and hospital visits (where possible). It also provides speakers, coordinates activities for Stroke Week, organises respite weekends for survivors and their carers, and publishes a quarterly newsletter for members.

Tinnitus Association of Victoria

PO Box 731, Woodend 3442

Phone: 9770 6075
Web: www.tinnitus.org.au

Promotes awareness of tinnitus in the community, assists tinnitus sufferers to successfully manage their tinnitus and aims to improve the level of understanding of tinnitus among health professionals. Provides opportunities for tinnitus professionals to further their knowledge of tinnitus treatments, and regular seminars for tinnitus sufferers.

Tourette Syndrome Association of Victoria

The Nerve Centre, 54 Railway Road, Blackburn 3130

Phone: 9845 2700
Fax: 9845 2777
Web: www.tsavic.org.au
Email: tourettes@mssociety.com.au

A voluntary non-profit organisation consisting of people with Tourette Syndrome (TS), their families, professionals and other interested individuals.

Its objectives are to:

- support individual and families with TS through counselling and advocacy
- disseminate educational material to health care workers and educators
- increase public awareness of TS through mainstream media networks
- maintain a membership base of TS sufferers and their families
- conduct public meetings for members and other interested persons
- provide resources and information on TS
- organise family outings throughout the year for members and their families.

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UnitingCare Harrison - Independent Accommodation Network (IAN)

1012 Little Burwood Highway, Wantirna South 3152 PO Box 4503, Knox City 3152

Phone: 9871 8700
TTY: 9800 3569
Fax: 9801 3134
Web: www.unitingcareharrison.org.au
Email: ian@harrison.org.au

A free matching and referral service operating metropolitan-wide to link people with a disability to others who may or may not have a disability and are looking to share a flat or house. The network endeavours to connect people with similar interests, needs, goals and aspirations so they can share and maintain ideal living arrangements.

Many people with a disability have been successfully matched into their choice of independent accommodation, ranging from living alone to sharing with two, three or four people in the private rental market.

IAN provides information and resources to clients, service providers and carers/families regarding suitable housing options in the local community.

UnitingCare Harrison

1012 Little Burwood Highway, Wantirna South 3152 PO Box 4503, Knox City 3152

Phone: 9871 8700
TTY: 9800 3569
Fax: 9801 3134
Web: www.harrison.org.au
Email: Melanie.ellis@harrison.org.au

Offers a range of outreach and live-in skill development programs to assist people with an intellectual disability from the Eastern Metropolitan region of Melbourne to develop independent living skills. There is also a matching and referral service to link people with a disability to others with similar interests, needs, goals and aspirations so they can share a flat or house together.

The Gifford Arts Project is for adults who have a disability and who want to pursue artistic activities with a focus on visual arts. The project operates on Mondays at the Croydon North Uniting Church from 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

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Vicdeaf

Level 4, 340 Albert Street, East Melbourne 3002

Phone: 9473 1111 Voice
TTY: 9473 1199
Fax: 9473 1122
Web: www.vicdeaf.com.au
Email: info@vicdeaf.com.au

The primary source of reference, referral, advice and support for deaf and impaired hearing adults in Victoria. Services include case management, counselling, independent living skills, social groups, and shared supported accommodation.

Victorian Council of Deaf People (VCOD)

PO Box 6186, St Kilda Road, Melbourne 3004

TTY: 9521 2466 For hearing people to get in touch - call 133667
and then quote TTY number 9521 2466
Web: www.vcod.com.au
Email: info@vcod.com.au

A consumer-run organisation providing an advocacy and information service. Represents the deaf community in areas such as education, employment and community access at the government and community level, offering professional support for existing services and programs, and liaison with deaf people, educators, community workers and others.

Victorian Women with Disabilities Network - Advocacy Information Service

123 Lonsdale Street, 1st Floor, Melbourne 3001

Phone: 9662 3755
Web: www.vwdn.org.au
Email: vwdn@vwdn.org.au

Advocates on behalf of women with disabilities and provides support and information to address the needs of women with disabilities in Victoria. The service is co-located with Women's Health Victoria.

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Vision Australia

252 Dorset Road, Boronia 3155 PO Box 189, Boronia 3155

Phone: 9760 0000

Web: www.visionaustralia.org.au

Email: info@visionaustralia.org.au

A living partnership between people who are blind, sighted, or have low vision; united by a passion that in the future, people who are blind or have low vision will have access to and fully participate in every part of life they choose. Provides a range of services including low vision clinics, occupational therapy, orientation and mobility training, orthoptics, volunteer services, recreation services, and early childhood services.

Wesley Mission Melbourne - Wesley Disability Community Services

9 Civic Square, Croydon 3136

Phone: 9666 1222 and ask for Eastern Region

Web: www.wesley.org.au

Email: wdse@wesley.org.au

Offers a range of programs and services.

- Kids under Kanvas: provides respite to families of young people aged 8-18 years with disabilities.
- Young Adults programs: offered to young adults aged 18-25 years.
- Shared Supported Holidays: tailored holidays for people with an acquired brain injury and other disabilities.
- Individualised Planning: a community based service assisting individuals to participate in their chosen community, recreation, or skill-based activities.
- Adult Training Support Service (ATSS): an innovative day program for people with intellectual disabilities, which provides individual and flexible support to enhance skills development and community participation.

Also provides Community Access Planning Services for the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and Pathways to Employment for Young Adults Planning Services for the Department of Human Services (DHS).

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WIRE - Women's Information Referral Exchange

Queen Victoria Women's Centre, Ground Floor, 210 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne 3000

Phone: Phone Support 1300 134 130 Administration 9921 0870

National Relay Service 133 677

Fax: 9921 0888

Web: www.wire.org.au

Email: wire@wire.org.au, or inforequests@wire.org.au

Provides free information, support and referrals to women across Victoria. Women contact WIRE to talk issues through with a sensitive, supportive and skilled woman. Services include a phone support service, a women's information centre, and a comprehensive website with information sheets on issues including anxiety, depression, sexual assault, separation, financial and legal matters.

Women with Disabilities Australia (WWDA)

PO Box 605, Rosny Park TAS 7018

Phone: 6244 8288

Web: www.wwda.org.au

Email: wwda@wwda.org.au

A national peak advocacy group dedicated to promoting the participation of women with disabilities in all aspects of social, economic, political and cultural life. Undertakes systemic advocacy; provides policy advice; undertakes research and provides information and education.

Yooralla

6 Ellingworth Parade, Box Hill 3128

Phone: 9899 2766

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