



# FAMILY SUPPORT NEWSLETTER

Spring 2025

*Social opportunities for the families of children and young adults with disability, living in Melbourne's outer east. A variety of affordable outings, camps and weekends away for parents and carers, siblings and grandparent carers to relax and unwind, meet others and build their community.*

## Family Camp

### LICOLA FAMILY CAMP

**When:** Friday 24- Sunday 26 October, 2025  
**Where:** Licola Wilderness Village, Licola

### PHILLIP ISLAND FAMILY CAMP

**When:** Friday 7- Sunday 9 November, 2025  
**Where:** CYC – The Island, Phillip Island

**Expression of interest now open**  
<https://forms.gle/LjDiWZTGAsUBBNuk6>  
 Applications close: Friday 5 September

## FAMILY FUN DAY

**When:** Sunday 23 November, 11am – 3pm  
**Where:** Box Hill Miniature Steam Railway  
**Cost:** Free  
**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DDKCH>

## Dads Social Group

### Maniax Axe Throwing & Pizza

**When:** Saturday 20 September, 7pm – 9pm  
**Where:** Westfield Ozone, Wantirna South  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DDZDF>

## Mums Social Group

### Roll With Us – Rice Paper Roll Making Class

**When:** Friday 12 September, 6pm – 8pm  
**Where:** IOE, Ferntree Gully  
**Cost:** \$15  
**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DDZDZ>

## Carer Support

*Our Carer Support Program gives parents and carers of children and young adults with disability the chance to connect with each other in a relaxed and social environment.*

### ART CLASS FOR CARERS

**When:** Tuesday 4 September / 7 October / 18 November, 10am – 12pm  
**Where:** IOE, Boronia  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DDZCD>

### MORNING MELODIES & LUNCH

**MORNING MELODIES & LUNCH**  
**When:** Thursday 4 September / 2 October / 6 November, 10am – 1pm  
**Where:** Ferntree Gully Hotel  
**Cost:** \$10  
**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DDZBJ>

### CARER SOCIAL GROUP

**The Whispering Jack Show**  
**When:** Saturday 25 October, 7:30pm – 11pm  
**Where:** Karralyka theatre  
**Cost:** \$30  
**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DEABQ>

### CARER SOCIAL GROUP

**Jingle & Mingle Race Day**  
**When:** Saturday 29 November, 10am – 5pm  
**Where:** Yarra Valley Racing Centre.  
 Transport available from IOE FTG  
**Cost:** \$30  
**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DEAEP>

## Sibling Support



*Our Sibling Support Program gives children and teens, who have a brother or sister with a disability the chance to have fun and make friends with others who understand their situation. To access the program you must have a sibling with a disability. This program is not for individuals who have a disability themselves. Activities and camps for siblings are FREE to attend, thanks to the generous support of the Freemasons Victoria.*

### SIBLINGS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

#### Werribee Open Range Zoo

Primary aged sibs 5-12 years

**When:** Thursday 25 September, 10am – 5pm

**Where:** Transport from IOE, Ferntree Gully

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DDZEO>

### SIBLINGS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

#### Melbourne Royal Show

Secondary aged sibs 12- 17 Years

**When:** Tuesday 30 September, 1pm – 9pm

**Transport:** From IOE, Ferntree Gully

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DDZFE>

### SIBLINGS ACTIVITY

#### Luna Park

All Ages 5 – 17 years

**When:** Sunday 19 October, 10am – 5pm

**Transport:** From IOE, Ferntree Gully

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DEABU>

### YOUNG ADULT SIBLINGS SOCIAL GROUP

#### Luna Park

16-24 years

**When:** Friday 10 October, 5pm – 10pm

**Where:** IOE, Ferntree Gully

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DEACN>

### SIBLINGS ACTIVITY

#### Treetops Adventure

All Ages 5 – 17 years

**When:** Sunday 30 November, 10am – 5pm

**Transport:** From IOE, Ferntree Gully

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DEAFJ>

## CROCS FAMILY PLAY SESSION

**When:** Saturday 13 June, 5-8pm

**Where:** Crocs Playcentre, Ringwood

**Cost:** \$5 per person

**BOOK:** [www.trybooking.com/CYCAO](http://www.trybooking.com/CYCAO)

*The final session for 2025 is on Saturday 6 December and can also be booked in nowr*

## Carer Social Dinners

### SEPTEMBER DINNER

#### Knox Club

**When:** Wednesday 17 September, 6pm – 8pm

**Where:** Boronia Rd, Wantirna South

**Cost:** \$15 – drinks at own cost

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DDZCM>

### OCTOBER DINNER

#### Bella Piatto

**When:** Thursday 30 October, 6-8pm

**Where:** Main St, Croydon

**Cost:** \$15 – drinks at own cost

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DEABE>

### NOVEMBER DINER

#### The Coach

**When:** Tuesday 18 November, 6-8pm

**Where:** Maroondah Hwy, Ringwood

**Cost:** \$15 – drinks at own cost

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DEAEH>

## Grandparent Carers

*FREE get-togethers to recognise the unique role of grandparents who are full-time carers/guardians of their grandchild(ren) with disability. Connect with others who share this role and enjoy some company.*

### SEPTEMBER LUNCH

#### Karunga Paperbark Cafe

**When:** Monday 15 September, 12-2pm

**Where:** York Rd, Mt Evelyn

**Cost:** Free (drinks at own cost)

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DDZFM>

### OCTOBER LUNCH

#### Knox Club

**When:** Wednesday 15 October, 12-2pm

**Where:** Boronia Rd, Wantirna South

**Cost:** Free (drinks at own cost)

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DEADW>

### NOVEMBER LUNCH

#### Ora D'oro

**When:** Wednesday 12 November, 12-2pm

**Where:** Hewish Rd, Croydon

**Cost:** Free

**Book:** <https://www.trybooking.com/DEAFO>

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