



# Vivid in the Loddon Region

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Creating a community  
where people of all  
abilities thrive.





# About Us

At Vivid, we believe that providing quality disability support is about listening, understanding and ultimately assisting people to achieve their goals. We are dedicated to providing tailored support based on individual needs.

With sites at Echuca, Kyabram Swan Hill and Kerang, Vivid provides opportunities and support across a wide region of Northern Victoria.

Our values underpin everything that we do. They are:

- Growth;
- Innovation;
- Respect & Integrity;
- Teamwork, and
- Fun!

Vivid has a strong history in the Loddon region. Since the early 1960s we have been providing support to people with disability, working closely with local families and the wider community.



# Vivid & the NDIS

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) officially begins in the Mallee region on 1 January 2019. The NDIS gives you more choice and control about the services you receive and how you want to receive them.

Vivid is a registered NDIS provider and ready to help you with your NDIS plan.

In this booklet you can discover the ways that Vivid can support you and help you achieve your goals. Ensuring that these supports are part of your NDIS plan is important.

Vivid is here to help you get the most out of your NDIS plan.

## What We Do

Vivid provides a range of care, support and pathways for over 250 adults with a disability. Support plans are flexible and suit individual needs. Our staff will work with you to help you achieve your goals and in some cases we can provide transport for people living in rural or remote areas.

We have divided our services up into three key areas. They are:



A diverse range of active support, day programs and social opportunities depending on your needs and goals.



Paid, meaningful and supported employment in a range of work environments to suit individual needs and capacity.



If you're a supported person who would like to learn something new, Vivid Learning has a range of courses available.



# Vivid Living

- Day Programs
- Supported Accommodation
- 1:1 Flexible Support
- Break Buddies
- Transport





# Day Programs

Vivid Living's Day Programs give you choice and control about the life you want to live. Our program choices are designed to help you achieve your NDIS goals while providing positive experiences for you in the community. We will work with you to maximise your potential and provide opportunities based on your individual needs.

Programs are structured around key themes:

- Life Skills
- Healthy Living & Wellbeing
- Adventure & Recreation
- Cooking & Catering
- Gardening & the Environment
- Culture and the Arts
- Communication & Technology
- Work Experience

Vivid has a range of specific programs that fit into these key themes and individual timetables are created based on your choices.

Our day programs run between 9.30am – 3.30pm Monday to Friday in Echuca, Kyabram. Contact Vivid to find out more about the program choices available to you.

Vivid has 4 program breaks throughout the year and during that time, we encourage you to access our Break Buddies program.

If you require access to our transport services then we can arrange that as part of your support plan.

# Supported Accommodation

Vivid's accommodation is a boutique service stream with a proud history. With one shared house offering 24/7 care and support to six residents, Burke House resembles a family home. Led by our Residential Supervisor, Vivid's team of dedicated staff are committed to empowering our residents to live as independently as possible and be involved members of the house and community.





# Flexible Support

With the overall aim of enhancing independence, confidence, self-esteem and life choices, Vivid is committed to providing support that suits the needs of each individual we work with. This means that support can be delivered at any Vivid site, within the community, at home or in a group.



# Break Buddies

Break Buddies is a new program offered in term breaks that allows you to access your community in organised activities and outings. You get to hang out with your friends, visit local attractions and have a load of fun at the same time!

Break Buddies can be included in your NDIS plan and activity fees are charged separately.

Please note that this program is currently only based in Echuca.





# Transport

Vivid has its very own transport network to ensure that the people we support who live in rural and remote areas can still access the services they need to thrive.

Our bus drivers head out each morning to transit people from their home to the services that they're accessing during the day – whether that is in our Day Programs or Supported Employment. Throughout the day, our bus fleet is in use for various programs such as hydrotherapy and out and about activities





# The Hub

- Seed to Plate
- Pool & Pizza Nights
- Barista Hub
- Men's Foodies & Fun
- The Art Hub





# Seed to Plate

Seed to Plate is Vivid's original Hub program. Participants learn all about growing fresh produce in our very own garden. Caring and tending to the garden is a significant component of the Seed to Plate program and is the base for cooking and sharing delicious and healthy meals together.





# Pool & Pizza Nights

The Hub's Pool & Pizza nights run monthly and are a fun, regular night on the calendar.

Hanging out with mates, sharing food together and enjoying a game of pool is the best way to spend the evening.





# Barista Hub

The Barista Hub is supported by industry professionals who share their skills in the fine art of making coffee.

Using cafe quality coffee machine, participants can learn new skills and brush up on techniques in making and serving coffee. These skills are able to be transferring during supported and open employment.



# Men's Foodies & Fun

A brand new social program brought to you by The Hub at Vivid, Men's Foodies & Fun is held every second Thursday of the month.

The group meet at Vivid and then travel to a local Club or pub for a meal together.

Enjoy social interaction within the community, a meal and each others company while gaining knowledge and independence within the community.

## The Art Hub

The Art Hub is held at Vivid's Francis Street site and is a chance for participants to come along and enjoy being creative in a social environment. Create special pieces for yourself or gifts for your loved ones. Learn new techniques in pottery and trending designs with the support of Vivid's budding artists.









# Vivid Work Crew

- Supported Employment
- School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES)
- Labour for Hire





# Supported Employment

Vivid Work Crew is an Australian Disability Enterprise that offers paid, meaningful employment in a supported environment. Vivid has three 'Crews' – Echuca, Swan Hill and Kerang. Each site and crew is unique, partnering with local businesses to get the job done!

Vivid Work Crew is made up of a team of Supported Employees and Support Workers. With the overall goal of building capacity, learning new skills and challenging ourselves, Vivid Work Crew is a vibrant and fun employment setting.





# School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES)

If you're a school leaver and would like to make the transition into the workforce, then SLES (School Leaver Employment Supports) is a new supportive service available as part of the NDIS.

SLES offers you individualised support for up to two years after finishing year 12 to help get you ready for work and plan your pathway to employment. Your SLES plan will be tailored to meet your individual employment goal within our Vivid Work Crew sites.

SLES will help to build your skills and confidence; learn about money, travel and time management and connect you with a supportive team.

SLES is available for young people who have just completed Year 12 and will help to build your skills and confidence; learn about money, travel and time management and connect you with a supportive team.





# Labour for Hire

The path between supported employment and open employment can often feel like a big leap! Vivid Work Crew are excited about their partnerships with businesses that make this transition as smooth as possible.

Our Labour for Hire contracts mean that businesses can get the help of supported employees from Vivid Work Crew on a variety of jobs and tasks. Our Crew members are given as much support as they need. Sometimes that can be a phone call before their shift, a weekly de-brief or someone to be there for their first introduction on a new job.





# Learn New Things

Vivid Learning has a range of short courses on offer to help build your skills and independence. Our courses run out of regular program hours and are facilitated by industry professionals.

You're going to have a lot of fun with friends and you'll be recognised for your efforts at our annual Vivid Learning Graduation.

The current courses on offer are:

- Creative Gardens
- Creative Kitchens
- Employment Ready
- Event Planning

The availability of each course in Swan Hill and Kerang depends on interest and enrolments. Be sure to tell us if you are interested in one of the courses.

Vivid Learning is a Learn Local organisation.







# Support Coordination

Having a choice of providers (people who assist you with day to day living supports) is important in making sure that you get the support you need, how and when you need it.

A Support Coordinator will assist you with making appointments and connecting with providers.

Support Coordination provides assistance to strengthen your ability to organise and choose the support you need to participate fully in life and in the community

Support Coordination can assist you by:

- Exploring options and identifying the services that will meet your needs outlined in your NDIS Plan;
- Overseeing and coordinating services providers and support;
- Communicating with Government, NDIA and agencies on your behalf;
- Coordinating the type and timing of supports, including Service Agreements;
- Directing you to the correct providers in relation to a query or concern;
- Enabling information sharing between service providers;
- Obtaining quotes for services;
- Linking you with your local community;
- Working with you to develop skills, capacity and resilience;
- Linking you with new service providers and your local community.





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# Contact Vivid

## Administration & Support for your NDIS Plan

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03 5853 1990

## In Echuca

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Echuca VIC 3564  
(enter via Hospital Avenue)  
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Vivid Living  
228-230 High Street  
Echuca VIC 3564  
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Vivid Living  
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