



Overview



About OC Connections

At OC Connections, we provide important opportunities for people of all abilities to contribute to society and live happy and successful lives on their own terms.

We offer a strong network of support that enable participants to choose how they will live, work and spend their recreation time.

Each of our participants is an individual and as such, we work hard to tailor our support services to meet each person's specific needs and aspirations. All participants are supported with respect and dignity and a focus on an individuals independence and choice.

At OC Connections we aim to unlock each person's potential. We work with participants to maximise choice and control over their lives, through our accommodation, employment, skill development, day activities and recreation programs.



Our Vision

We enable people to live how they choose, in a society that values individuals for who they are, respects their rights and encourages their participation in everyday life:

We believe in **'my life, my choice'** and help people to achieve this. Our staff and volunteers work with participants so that they can:

- > have a sense of purpose and belonging
- > have opportunities to choose from
- > pursue dreams and aspirations
- > be heard and valued
- > be accepted and included
- > be treated with dignity and respect
- > develop and grow skills and experiences
- > build self-esteem and happiness
- > enjoy a healthy and safe environment
- > be encouraged to contribute.





My Home

We work hard to ensure that participants supported through the Community Living program live the life they choose supported by staff who enable individual choice and promote independence.

We offer housing options for people with an intellectual disability that aim to provide an environment where people can feel comfortable, confident and happy while living as independently as possible.

Our staff work hard to assist residents in developing and maintaining independent living skills and support them in connecting with the community and people. Most participants also work and take part in structured and learning activities.

My Life

Participants choose their own path in consultation with families or carers while staff assist people to implement these choices.

All supports and programs aim to increase participant's independence, confidence and life skills. We offer a variety of learning activities on-site and in the community; including travel, gardening, shopping, cooking, computer skills and advisory committees. Other programs strengthen health and wellbeing or develop creativity through art and music.

Alternatively support and guidance can be provided by Key Workers in working with individuals to develop tailored opportunities that enable them to achieve their life goals. All participants identify and pursue goals and dreams at their own pace.

My Work

OC Connections provides specialised and innovative employment services, as well as skill development, learning opportunities and the chance to complete workplace training certificates – all aimed at enhancing participants lives.

Employment and workplace training offers participants a sense of fulfilment, connects them with community and enables them to make a valuable contribution.

Our employment arm, OC Connections Enterprises (OCCE), employs over 100 adults, offering a range of employment options. Here they build confidence, learn new skills and build valuable relationships.

My Holidays

Holidays are an important part of everyone's life. New experiences are confidence building and inspiring helping you to break down the barriers and enabling you to continue to set and achieve new goals. Holidays can improve your physical and mental health and impact positively on your well being.

OC Connections can help you plan your next holiday. We can connect you with specialist and mainstream holiday providers, and help you to coordinate your usual supports such as self-care and community access while you are away.

OC Connections have a holiday house at Tootgarook on the Mornington Peninsula. This is a large 14 bedroom fully accessible home that can be rented directly through OC Connections on **ph. (03) 9569 0603.**



You, NDIS and OC Connections

At OC Connections, we are excited about the opportunities that the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) provides people living with a disability. These opportunities will enable people to exercise choice and control on their path to achieving life-long goals.

You, NDIS and OC Connections

OC Connections is a registered NDIS Service Provider dedicated to supporting NDIS participants across Victoria. We have 60 years of experience as a disability provider in shared living, in-home support, employment, learning and skills development and recreational activities.

Whether you are starting on your NDIS journey or changing your plans, we can work with you to make the transition as smooth as possible.

We can assist you with:

- > Information about NDIS and how it works
- > Preparing and gathering information for your discussions with the NDIA representatives
- > Information on service options and providers
- > Connecting you with services you that you choose
- > Information about the NDIS services we offer

If you have questions, we are just an email or phone call away. We can offer quick and responsive appointments to meet and discuss your needs. Our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on NDIS may answer some of your questions. We would love to hear from you to discuss how we could support your NDIS journey.

Support Coordination

The National Disability Insurance Scheme can be confusing and daunting when you first receive your approved NDIS Plan, knowing how and where to start in setting up your support services. OC Connections can assist you to navigate NDIS with practical information and support.

We work with you to find the right provider and work through issues that may arise as you implement your NDIS plan. We work with you to build your ability and confidence to manage and coordinate your services at your pace. Together we can tailor our support coordination to your budget and the assistance you need.

Email OC Connections at info@occonnections.org or call **9569 0603**.

Visit the NDIS website at www.ndis.gov.au or call it on **1800 800 1100**.



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