## MY CONNECTION

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## Say Hello to our directors!

Hello and welcome to Connect Support Services & Solutions. We are Rachel and Sheree. Connect was founded in 2019. We have been part of the Ballarat Disability and Mental Health Community for over 20 years. We felt there was a gap in the NDIS services in Ballarat, with meaningful support and activities.

At Connect, we aim to be a leading provider for the NDIS in the Ballarat area. We believe in a holistic based approach and see the participant as a whole person. We do this through goal dedicated support, participant focused activities and our developing farm and Activity Centre.

While Connect is still new, we hope to become a leading provider in the NDIS program with new innovative programs and state of the art facilities to come.



"Be a rainbow in someone else's cloud

#### **WELCOME TO MY CONNECTION!**

My name is Chloe and I am participant and worker at Connect! My role is in office administration and I am excited to be bringing this newsletter once a month.

I am always on the lookout for participants to feature in our Say Hello section. If you are interested, please ask your support worker to let me know.

## WELCOME TO THE HIVE





### Your one stop Centre for fun and learning

The Hive is our new activity Centre in Central Ballarat. The address is 303 Latrobe Street, Redan.

We have a range of different activities. It's a great way to learn new skills, make friends and have fun at the same time. The activities offered are gardening, sports, arts & crafts, choir, numeracy, sewing

The farm is a fun and safe, hands on environment where participants can learn new life skills and make friends. It's also a lovely place to relax, unwind and enjoy the view.

<u>Time</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	<u>Friday</u>
9:00 to 12pm	Gardening	Sports	Arts & Crafts	Cooking	Cooking
12:30 to 3:30pm	Farm Activities @ The Farm	Choir	Numeracy	Sewing	Social Groups

To book in, please don't hesitate to contact us on 0450 109 176 or email admin@connectsss.com.au

# Participant Corner



#### Say hello to Keshie

Keshie is a very busy girl who loves purple. She owns her own business running music and video workshops teaching songwriting and performing skills. She is also a passionate advocate of disability rights and loves learning new information every day. She says, "My favorite thing about connect is that I am seen as an individual who has goals and ambitions and I am supported in achieving them". In her spare time, she loves to pamper her cats Mr. Binks and Tortie.

#### Jokes Corner

I love to laugh, and I am always on the lookout for new jokes!

If you think you have a good one, please tell your support worker to write it on your shift sheet.

Each month I will pick a winner. The winner will receive \$10 to buy a treat and will have their picture in the next edition!

\*\* Please keep the jokes clean

## WHAT DO YOU CALL A PIG THAT DOES KARATE?

A pork chop.

Parado

#### **Clothes Box**

We have taken a variety of clothing to the Hive for participants to look at, try on and take if they choose (no cost). Currently there is lots of larger size ladies clothing, but we are hoping to expand.

We are also accepting items. They need to be clean and free of stains, rips and damage. Please show the support worker present at the Hive before placing in the box.

## MARCH EXCURSIONS

Connect are proud to present the March Excursions list. We offer a range of different trips on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, both during the day and evenings. They are a great way to meet new people, learn new things and experience different places.

We are always looking for new participants. We can accommodate your support needs. Generally, the ratio is 1:3, but we can accommodate 1:1 if needed.

Please contact Amy on admin@connectsss.com.au or 0450 109 176

Please note: Some activities may have costs associated with them.

Date	Time	Location	
Sunday March 1st	9:30am - 3:30pm	Thai New Year "Songkrank" Festival	
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	9:00am - 5:00pm	Beaufort Truck and Car Show	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am - 5:00pm	Day in Melbourne	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am - 5:00pm	Mystery Trip	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	4:00pm - 10:00pm	Redline Raceway, Buningyong	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am - 5:00pm	Clunes Farmer's Market & Truck Show	
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	4:00pm - 10:00pm	Redline Raceway, Buningyong	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am - 5:00pm	Friday Funday	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am - 4:00pm	Hanging Rock	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	5:00pm - 10:00pm	Pizza, Games and Movies night	
	5:30pm - 10:30pm	Mental Health Awareness Night @ Ballarat Trotting	
Friday 20th March		Club	
Saturday 21st March	9:00am - 5:00pm	Fishing Trip and BBQ	
Saturday 21st March	4:00pm - 9:00pm	Redline Raceway, Buningyong	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am - 5:00pm	Edgar's Mission	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	9:00am - 5:00pm	Day Out in Daylesford	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	10:00am - 4:00pm	Ballarat Wildlife Park	





