

Supporting & Empowering People with a Disability



Therapy

Gateways has a 36 strong team of speech pathologists, psychologists and OTs with expertise in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), developmental delays, intellectual disabilities and complex medical needs.

We provide individual and small group programs for children (2-12) in all our service areas and a growing range of therapy services for adults and adolescents.



Lego Mates Therapy Program

121 Children attended group therapy programs

362 Children aged 2-12 received NDIS funded therapy

72 Adolescents and/or adults received NDIS funded therapy

Highlights

- Therapy and Inclusion participants from Western Melbourne grew from 60 to 84.
- 18 different therapy groups were provided across all service areas.

Kindergarten Inclusion

We are a trusted partner providing Kindergarten Inclusion Support Packages to enhance inclusion for children with severe disabilities in Kinders in the Geelong and Barwon region, Warrnambool and the South West.

Gateways has delivered the Preschool Field Officer Program for more than 20 years, assisting kindergarten staff to build their confidence, knowledge and skills to provide an inclusive program that is responsive to the needs of all children.

Our Preschool Field Officers are degree qualified early childhood educators with experience in delivering high quality, inclusive kindergarten programs.

497 Children received support through the PSFO service

188 Children received support through the KIS program

76 Children were provided with an Autism Assessment

71 Children received an ECIS (Early Childhood Intervention Service)

Highlights

- Department of Education and Training funded a training grant for the Preschool Field Officer Service to upskill staff to support capacity building of educators at state funded kindergartens.
- Equipment Loan Library funded by Geelong Connected Communities and Westfield.

Support Coordination

Gateways has more than 6 years NDIS experience and our support coordination team is skilled at working closely with individuals, and their families, to make the most of their NDIS plans to achieve their day to day and broader life goals, in ways that work best for them.

Parent Support is provided in Geelong to assist parents to understand the NDIS and develop strategies to support children with disabilities. Parent / Carer Support Groups are available at Gateways in Geelong and Western Melbourne.

550 NDIS participants assisted

319 Plan Management Financial Administration participants assisted

128 Families received Parent Support services



Jude celebrates his first birthday

Recreation

An extensive range of social and recreational options for children, young people and adults with an intellectual disability or autism are provided in the Geelong and Western Melbourne regions.

Programs are designed and managed by trained staff and focus on safety, fun activities, developing life and social skills, friendships and getting out in the community.

429

Recreation participants

17

Overnight Camps for adults, teenagers and children

24

Programs, including camps, with a range of activities for children, teenagers and adults

Highlights

- 13 year old Ishan, who has autism and is non-verbal, stayed 3 nights away from home, spending time with friends on camp.
- Two new groups for Western Melbourne, Bushing Walking and Zumba, encouraging fitness, new skills and experiences.
- Aged care recreation program, Prime Movers in Geelong is also made available in Western Melbourne.



Individual Support

Gateways provides a range of in home and community based disability supports in the Geelong and Western Melbourne regions as well as programs for people who are frail aged or have dementia.

Overnight and days stays are available to children (0-18) at Boost 4 Kids in Ocean Grove and Getaway House in Warrnambool.

Young children can also access the Interchange Host / Buddy Program which matches them with a trained volunteer to enjoy recreational activities together.

143

Individual support participants

212

Volunteers



Nick with his parents Robyn and Peter

Highlights

- Marcus, a talented artist, opened his exhibition 'Birds'. Marcus is a participant in Gateways' skill development program, Social Connect.

Pictured: front cover.

Supported Accommodation

Shared and independent living services support people with a disability to live in the community. Gateways manages several shared living houses in Geelong and Camperdown for adults with an intellectual disability, autism and / or complex medical needs.

Gateways also provides individual planning and staff support for people with disabilities living independently.

Out of Home Care for young people with complex disabilities is provided at 3 houses in Geelong funded by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.

126

Participants

3

Homes for children

8

Shared accommodation houses

7

Flexible living homes

1

Respite house

Highlights

- Gateways Gardening skill development program for people with autism and disability is recognised on Sunrise Channel 7.
- Nick has a place to call his own, independent of his parents, with assistance from Gateways Support Coordinators and Independent Living Services.

2018 – 2019 Snapshot

- Assisted many participants to effectively transition to NDIS in Western Melbourne.
- Provided expert input into the development of the Geelong Cats sensory inclusive GMHBA Stadium, a first of its kind in Australia.
- Commenced a \$2 million plus project to provide 7 supported accommodation units in Geelong.
- Achieved a service user satisfaction rating of 94%.
- Full compliance to achieve quality accreditation as a disability support organisation.
- Therapy Services Client Growth 5%.
- Support Coordination Services Client Growth 20%.
- Plan Management Financial Administration Client Growth 150%.

"They are so respectful, professional and engaging and give an amazing family centred service."

– Parent Service User Survey 2018



Gateways Gardening with Sunrise reporter Edwina Bartholomew

About Gateways

A community organisation that has been making a positive difference in the lives of children and adults with a disability and their families for more than 20 years.

Gateways are recognised leaders in quality and evidence based support, therapy and individualised solutions, especially for people with an autism diagnosis. We build awareness of the power of an inclusive community.

Organisational Strengths

- Specialise in supporting people with autism, intellectual disability and complex needs.
- A support coordination and plan management team with over 6 years NDIS experience, skilled in developing individual solutions.
- Therapists with a deep understanding of autism, intellectual disability and complex needs.
- Highly responsive and individually designed small group recreational and skill development activities for children through to adults.



Gateways President, Dr Bernie Jenner at the launch of the Geelong Cats Sensory Zone.

Thank you Rosemary

CEO, Rosemary Malone retired in June 2019, after 21 years of dedicated service to Gateways Support Services.



Service Area & Office Locations



Supporters

Thank you, individuals, volunteers, fundraising groups, trusts and foundations, Victorian and Commonwealth Governments, especially Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Department of Education

and Training (DET), the Department of Social Services (DSS) and the NDIA.

You enable us to provide children and adults with a disability with support they need.

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