

Supporting & Empowering People with a Disability



Therapy

Gateways has a 30 strong team of speech pathologists, psychologists and OTs with expertise in Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), developmental delays, intellectual disabilities such as Down Syndrome, other disabilities and complex medical needs.

We provide individual and small group programs for children (2-12) in all our service areas, as well as therapy services for adolescents and adults in the Geelong region.



106 Children attended group therapy programs

346 Children aged 2-12 received NDIS funded therapy

62 Adolescents and/or adults received NDIS funded therapy

Highlights

- Service user surveys; ECIS, Strengthening Parent Support – Satisfaction 100%
- 14 children participated in group therapy programs in Werribee, funded by The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation

Kindergarten Inclusion

Kindergarten Inclusion Support Packages provide additional staffing and other supports to enhance kindergarten inclusion for children with severe disabilities in the Geelong and Barwon region, Warrnambool and the South West.

The Preschool Field Officer program helps educators in State funded Kindergarten programs 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.

523 Children received support through the PSFO service

176 Children received support through the KIS program

93 Children were provided with an Autism Assessment

70 Children received an ECIS (Early Childhood Intervention Service)

Highlights

- Preschool Field Officer Survey - Service User Satisfaction 100%
- Kindergarten Inclusion Support Survey - Service User Satisfaction 92%
- Commenced Early Intervention and NDIS Therapy Services in Western Melbourne

Support Coordination

Gateways has more than 5 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.

Additional parent support is provided by our Strengthening Parent Support Coordinator.

460 NDIS participants assisted

125 Financial Intermediary participants



Lindy Crouch wins gold in Taekwondo

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.

500 Recreation participants

16 Overnight Camps for adults, teenagers and children

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

3 Skill development programs for adults

Highlights

- Junior in house Holiday Program, Geelong, now running 5 days a week
- Gateways participants take part in Geelong Cats' All Abilities Clinic
- Prime Movers and Café Care Connect well attended by dementia/frail aged participants
- Gateways Participant, Joshua attends camp and reports he has had a great time and has developed new friendships



Individual Support

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

Overnight & day 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.

178

Individual support participants

170

Active Volunteers – Individual Support and Fundraising



Highlights

- Lindy wins Gold at World Taekwondo Competition. Plus, has mastered cooking with the support from staff
- Thomas Warren (Terrarium business) and Ally Deller (Moopster Munchies) running their own businesses with support from Individual Support staff

Supported Accommodation

Shared and independent living services support people with a disability to have a good life and real home 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 also provided at 3 houses in Geelong funded by the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services.

123

Participants

3

Homes for children

8

Shared accommodation houses

7

Flexible living homes

1

Respite house

Highlights

- Anthony Bird, travelled independently for the first time and represented Victoria in Australian Rules football, National Inclusion Carnival in Tasmania

2017 – 2018 Snapshot

- New office opened in Werribee offering therapy, support coordination and recreation services
- Successful merger with Interchange Western, providing services to Western Melbourne
- Expansion of Social Connect, adult skill development program with a 2nd Geelong site
- Effectively managed Western District transition to NDIS

“The staff. Their compassion, energy and love for what they do shines bright and rubs onto the kids they support.”
– Parent



Anthony Bird. Photo by Solstice Digital

About Gateways

Gateways Support Services is a community organisation that has been making a positive difference in the lives of children and adults with a disability or additional need for more than 20 years.

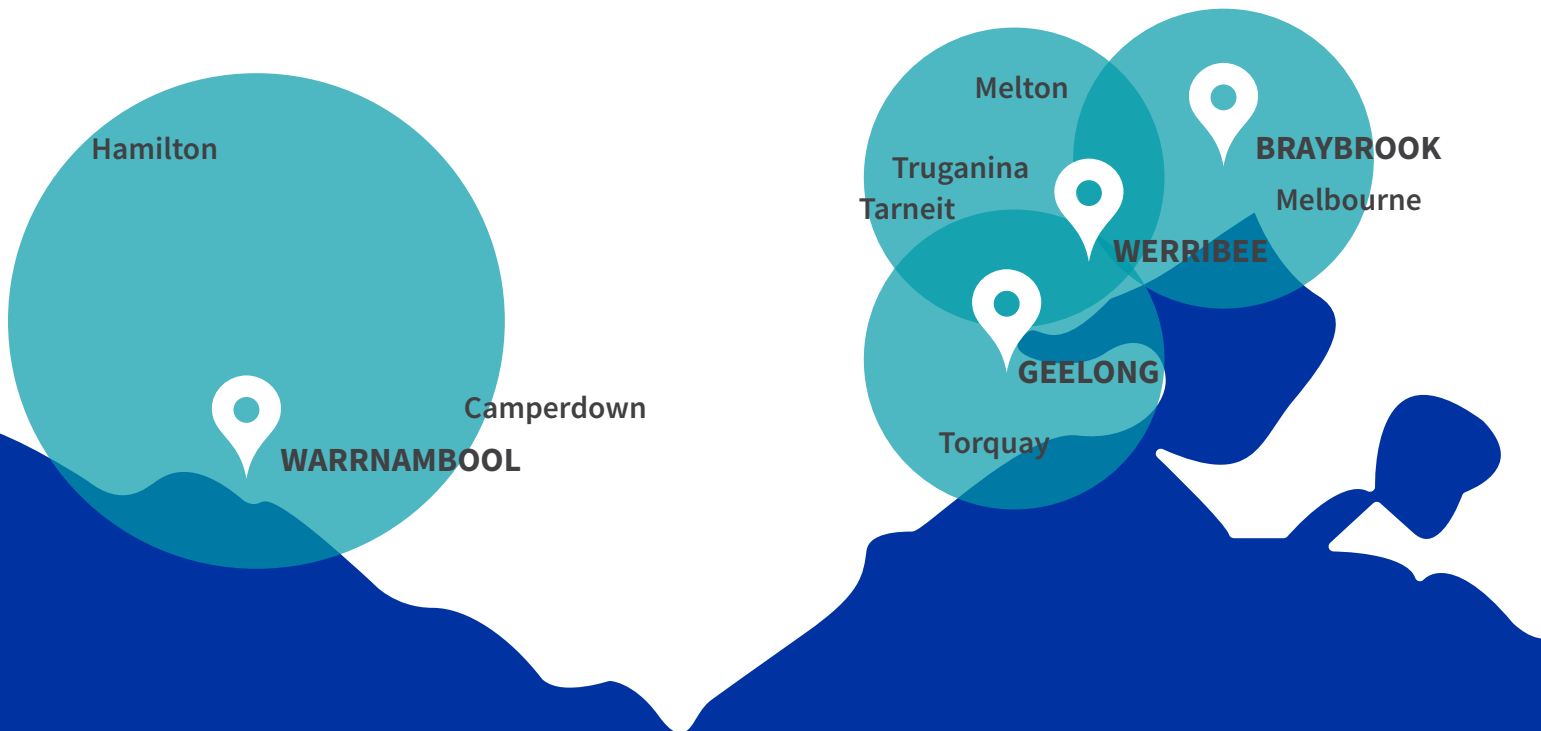
In 2017/2018 we expanded our services into Werribee, Wyndham, Western Melbourne and Brimbank Melton incorporating services provided previously by Interchange Western plus new early childhood intervention packages.

Organisational Strengths

- Specialise in supporting people with intellectual disability, autism or developmental delay
- Assist more than 2,000 children, adults and their families each year
- NDIS and DHHS registered disability service provider with quality accreditation.
- Over 530 qualified and trained staff working from offices in Geelong, Werribee, Braybrook and Warrnambool.
- More than 5 years NDIS experience



Service Area & Office Locations



Supporters

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

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

Your support enables us to provide children and adults with a disability with the support they need.

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Gateways Auxiliary Special mention Ben Richards, Joel Crucitti and Autism Walk

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