



NEWSLETTER

SEP 2019

Welcome to ADEC's newsletter.
Read all about what we've accomplished and what activities we have coming up.
New offices, events, services, how to get involved and much more.

ADEC News

ADEC's New Offices

ADEC is excited to announce the opening of our 2 new offices located in Werribee and Dandenong. Our growth in these areas meant that we needed to find new office space to accommodate our staff and all of the communities we support.

On the 14th of February, we celebrated the official launch of our new Werribee office with the local community. A mime, balloons and chocolates enticed Werribee residents and service providers to come and say hi and find out all about our services.





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Werribee office address: 4A Watton Street, Werribee, 3030
Telephone: (03) 9480 7000
Email: werribee@adec.org.au

We are currently settling into our new Dandenong office and look forward to hosting an official launch in the near future. Stay tuned to find out when. In the meantime, you can still come down to our office and meet our friendly staff.

Dandenong office address:
Suite 1/50 Thomas Street
Dandenong 3175
Telephone: (03) 9480 7000
Email: info@adec.org.au



Conferences

Family & Community Autism Expo Cranbourne



In May, ADEC participated in the Family & Community Autism Expo. It was exciting to meet the Cranbourne community and talk to them about our services. We would like to thank everyone who visited us on the day and shared their stories



✚ Frankston Growing with Autism Conference

In June, ADEC staff took part in the Frankston Growing with Autism Conference. It was a great opportunity to learn practical strategies for supporting individuals on the spectrum. ADEC would like to thank the wonderful speakers, exhibitors, parents and educators that came together to make this event so successful.



✚ National Disability Summit 2019

In August, ADEC attended the 10th Annual National Disability Summit 2019 at the Crown Conference Centre. Our speakers Mini Dahiya, Projects Manager for our Capacity Building branch, and Jane Ogbah, Capacity Building Officer for our Dandenong office discussed important issues relating to access, the NDIS and our ethnic communities.



They brought their wealth of knowledge and experience in the area, it was a success!



Current Activities

NDIS Transition Services

ADEC is currently supporting people from ethnic backgrounds to transition to the NDIS.

Our service offers:

- information about the NDIS and eligibility
- assistance with pre-planning
- support at planning meetings
- assistance with submitting reviews if you are not happy with your plan

NDIS information sessions can be provided to individuals or groups. Interpreter can be arranged if required. If you would like information about the NDIS, please contact ADEC to speak with one of our NDIS transition support specialists. Interpreters can be arranged if required.



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Future Activities

Facebook Live

From October, ADEC will launch Facebook live videos about the NDIS services we offer. These videos will provide information about our programs, how our staff can help, the benefits of our programs, eligibility and more.

This is an opportunity for you to interact with our staff in real time. Stay connected with our social media channels to find out when they are viewing.

ArtAbility

ArtAbility is celebrating its 15th Anniversary and we want to celebrate with you!

ArtAbility is an inspiring visual arts program run by ADEC that unites a range of talent artists of all ages. As we celebrate our 15th Anniversary, ArtAbility is inviting people who are living with a disability or an experience of mental ill health and people who come from culturally diverse backgrounds across Victoria to participate and join us in this celebration.

If you would like to be part of the event please stay connected with us, an expression of interest will be released soon!

For more information send us an email to artability@adec.org.au or call (03) 9480 7000.



Work with us!

Would you like to be a part of the ADEC family? We have some fantastic volunteer opportunities waiting for you.

We are currently recruiting for Volunteer Board of Management members with skill sets in the legal, strategic planning and marketing fields. If you have skills in these areas and would like to join our Board of Management please visit this link for information about the role and how to apply.

<http://www.adec.org.au/images/2019/Jobs/Board%20Members%20job%20position.pdf>



ADEC is also looking for a dedicated volunteer to assist our Disability Ambassador with computer and administration tasks. The position is from 10:30am-3:30pm, Monday and Thursday at our Preston office. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Shemiran Gevergizyan on 9480-7000.



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ADEC TIPS



Start thinking about all of the different services you have used in the past and whether you will require these services into the future. If so, be sure to ask for them during your planning meeting.



Be sure to discuss your transport requirements with your NDIS planner so that transport funding can be allocated to your plan.



Don't just think about your short term goals, also consider your long term goals and what supports you will need to achieve them.



Consider new services that you think could assist you. The NDIS is different from traditional disability services and it is a good time to discuss alternative programs/therapy/equipment and more!



Have trusted friends, family members or advocates support you at your planning meeting. It can be valuable to have additional input regarding your supports and also a good way to ensure you don't forget anything on the day.



ADEC thanks you

ADEC would like to say a very big thank you to Elizabeth Hoye, Sonia Zobel and Ivanhoe Girls' Grammar School for their generous donation. Elizabeth and Sonia competed in and won the 'My Vote, My Voice' competition run by the national Council of Women. The ladies discussed employment barriers people with disability face, a very important issue that many of ADEC's clients experience. They have kindly donated their prize money to ADEC so we can continue to support our clients to overcome their access barriers.

Well done ladies and thank you!





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