



Regional Quick Guide NDIS Area (South Western Non- Metropolitan Region)

This Regional Quick Guide complements our Through the Maze booklet, available from the Association for Children with a Disability, phone **9818 2000** or **1800 654 013 (rural callers)** or visit www.acd.org.au. If you need a language interpreter phone **13 14 50**.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) began being introduced in stages from July 2013. In Victoria, the first stage of the scheme in the Barwon area commenced for residents living in the LGA's of City of Greater Geelong, Colac Otway Shire, Borough of Queenscliffe and the Surf Coast Shire. You will need to meet certain requirements to access the NDIS. We have a separate guide for families living in the relevant LGA's covered by the NDIS.

Use 'My Access Checker' -www.ndis.gov.au/my-access-checker to determine your eligibility for NDIS. For further information visit www.ndis.gov.au, email enquiries@ndis.gov.au or call 1800 800 110.

Parent Support

Regional Parent Support Coordinator

Geelong/Colac

Carolyn McDiarmid

Gateways

Phone **5221 2984**

Email Carolyn.mcdiarmid@gateways.com.au

www.gateways.com.au

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS)

Psychiatric Triage (information, assessment & referral) 24 hour service, 7 days a week.

Phone **03 5226 7410**

www.health.vic.gov.au/mentalhealth/camhs/index.htm

Child care

Child Care Access Hotline

Phone **1800 670 305**

Continence Support Services & Assessment Clinics

National Continence Helpline

Phone **1800 330 066**

www.continence.org.au

Counselling Support Services

Carers Victoria

Carer Advisory Line - **1800 242 636**

www.carersvictoria.org.au

Family Relationship Support for Carers

Phone **1300 303 346**

www.each.com.au/family-relationship-service-for-carers/

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)

Phone **5225 1000** (Geelong)

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/structure/Pages/southwestern.aspx

Disability Services

National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

Phone: **1800 800 110**

www.ndis.gov.au

My Access Checker:

www.ndis.gov.au/my-access-checker

For a complete list of Registered Service Providers in Victoria -

www.ndis.vic.gov/document/430

Department of Human Services

Department of Human Services (DHS)
Services Connect

Phone **1800 783 783**

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/for-individuals/disability

Child FIRST - Family Information, Support and Referral Service

Phone: **1300 551 948**

<http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/for-individuals/children,-families-and-young-people/family-and-parenting-support/family-services>

Local Government

Colac-Otway Shire

Phone **5232 9400**

www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

City of Greater Geelong

Phone **5272 5272**

www.geelongaustralia.com.au/council/

Borough of Queenscliffe

Phone **5258 4132**

www.moyne.vic.gov.au

Surf Coast Shire

Phone **5261 0600**

www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au

Preschool Field Officers (PSFO)

Gateways Support Services
(Colac-Otway, Greater Geelong, Queenscliffe, Surf Coast)

Phone **5221 2984**

www.gateways.com.au

Koorie Early Childhood Field Officer

Phone **5225 1000** (Geelong)

www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/structure/Pages/southwestern.aspx

Recreation

Disability Sport & Recreation
Phone **9473 1033** (General enquiries)
Sportrec Access Line: **1800 234 648**
www.dsr.org.au

Leisure Networks
Phone **5222 3911**
www.leisurenetworks.org

Nican
Phone **1800 806 769**
www.nican.com.au

VICSRAPID (Victorian Sport & Recreation Assn. of Persons with an Intellectual Disability Inc)
Phone **9926 1380**
www.vicsrapid.syte.com.au

Respite care

Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre (CRCC)

Phone **1800 052 222** Free call

Phone **1800 059 059** (AH)

www9.health.gov.au/ccsd/index.cfm

Respite Barwon South West
www.respitebarwonsouthwest.org.au

Respite Victoria
www.respitevictoria.org.au

Other Respite care

Gateways Support Services
Phone **5221 2984** (Geelong)
Phone **5562 8271** (Warrnambool)
www.gateways.com.au

Interchange -Gateways Support Services
(Geelong & Colac)
Phone **5221 2984**
www.gateways.com.au

Sibling Program Directory
www.acd.org.au/siblings/directory.htm