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Assistance available to navigate the National Disability Insurance Scheme

Are you caring for a person with a disability or a mental health condition?

Do you want to know more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?

Strathbogie Shire Council is supporting Intereach and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to deliver a variety of information sessions in the shire over the coming months.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said the sessions will provide people with information and advice to assist them in understanding and navigating the NDIS.

"From 1 January 2019, the National Disability Insurance Scheme will be available in the Goulburn region and we appreciate this may still be a daunting and confusing concept for people," Mayor McClaren explained.

"These sessions are going to address things like what is the NDIS, how is it different to the current systems and other factors such as eligibility."

"This is a significant moment for people with disability, their families and carers in the Strathbogie Shire and we encourage you to take this opportunity to make sure you get the information you need to be prepared," Cr McClaren said.

The following information sessions are taking place in the Strathbogie Shire:

Торіс	Date and Location
NDIS Information Session (General)	Tuesday 28 August 1.30pm-3.30pm
	Euroa Conference Centre Memorial Oval, Slee Street
The NDIS and Mental Health Information Session	Wednesday 19 September 10.00am – 12.00pm
	Euroa Community Conference Centre
	Wednesday 19 September 2.00pm-4.00pm
	Nagambie Regatta Centre
NDIS Information Session for Carers	Wednesday 3 October 6.00pm-8.00pm
	Euroa Community Conference Centre

If you already receive support from the State or Commonwealth Governments, you will be contacted by an NDIS representative when it is time to transition to the NDIS.

If you are not currently receiving support, live in the Goulburn region and think you may meet the access requirements for the NDIS, contact the NDIA on 1800 800 110.

If you would like more information or to register for one of these sessions, please contact Strathbogie Shire Council on 1800 065 993 or email <u>info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au</u>.

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