



Frequently Asked Questions

Western Melbourne and Brimbank Melton NDIS roll-out

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When does the roll-out commence for the NDIS in Western Melbourne and Brimbank Melton?

The NDIS will commence in these regions from 1 October, 2018.

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What local government areas do these regions cover?

The Western Melbourne area covers the local government areas of Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Moonee Valley and Wyndham. The Brimbank Melton area covers the local government areas of Brimbank and Melton.

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What is the role of the Brotherhood of St Laurence?

The Brotherhood will provide Local Area Coordination (LAC) and Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) services across Western Melbourne and Brimbank Melton areas.

Local Area Coordination is the implementation of the NDIS at a community level. The role of the LAC is to assist people to navigate the NDIS. As part of this, we provide planning and coordination for people with disability to maximise the choice and control over the services they use.

This includes supporting people with disability to navigate community and other government services and increase their capability to be an active part of their community.

Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) is designed to assist families of children under seven years old to access the right supports at the right time, which may include access to the NDIS if appropriate.

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How many staff will be recruited in these areas?

The Brotherhood will create over 100 new jobs in the region and are keen to employ as many local residents as possible so as to capture local knowledge and connections to the community organisations in the region.

The Brotherhood encourage applications from people with a lived experience of disability, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

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How many offices will be opened across the Western Melbourne and Brimbank Melton areas?

There will be five Local Area Coordination offices opened across these areas.

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How will you engage with communities and local services?

Community engagement is a priority for the Brotherhood of St Laurence. We will provide support for the community to engage with and understand the NDIS by utilising and maintaining strong connections of existing community networks and supports.

Our community engagement activities will also include attending various community events and sharing information on Brotherhood LAC services.

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What work will be done to engage with service providers in the regions?

The Brotherhood will be actively engaging with provider networks, attending expos, workshops, as well as hosting forums for service providers across the Western Melbourne and Brimbank Melton regions.

If you're a service provider and would like to share details of the services you provide, email communications.ndis@bsl.org.au

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How will I know if I am eligible for the NDIS?

If you are a person with disability and want to join the NDIS, you need to meet the access requirements. To determine whether you meet these requirements you can complete the access checklist.

www.ndis.gov.au/people-disability/access-requirements.html

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If I don't meet access to the NDIS, can I still get support?

Yes. The role of the Local Area Coordinator includes providing support to people with disability who do not meet access to the NDIS. This includes assistance in linking people to relevant community and other government supports where appropriate.

You can contact our team for further details on 1300 275 634.

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How can I learn more about the NDIS?

The Brotherhood in partnership with the NDIA will be hosting regular NDIS information sessions across the west to help people with disability, their families and carers understand the NDIS and its processes.

Details of these sessions will be updated on the Brotherhood LAC website and Facebook page over the coming weeks.

There is further information about the NDIS available on their website at www.ndis.gov.au

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How can I prepare for my planning meeting with the Brotherhood?

In the lead up to the NDIS roll-out, the Brotherhood will be hosting 'Getting Plan Ready' workshops which are designed to assist people with disability, their families and carers to prepare for their NDIS planning meeting.

These sessions will give you the opportunity to ask questions to our experienced staff. Details of these sessions will be available across the coming months on our website and Facebook page.

There are resources available online to assist you in the lead up to your pre-planning sessions.

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How can I keep updated on the roll-out?

Regular updates and resources will be shared on:

- the Brotherhood LAC website (ndis.bsl.org.au)
- the Brotherhood LAC Facebook page (facebook.com/NDISBrotherhoodofStLaurence), and
- the NDIS website (ndis.gov.au)