



# FAMILY SUPPORT NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2024/25

BOOKINGS OPEN AT 7PM ON FRIDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2024

Semester 1, 2025 Family Camp Applications included

Social opportunities for the families of children and young adults with disability, living in Melbourne's outer east. A variety of affordable outings, camps and weekends away for parents and carers, siblings and grandparent carers to relax and unwind, meet others and build their community.

## Carer Social Dinners

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

Club Kilsyth

When: Thursday 5 December, 6pm – 10pm

Where: 1-15 Canterbury Rd, Bayswater North

Cost: \$30 – drinks at own cost

Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUUBO>

### FEBRUARY DINNER

Lilydale International

When: Wednesday 19 February, 6-8pm

Where: 471 Maroondah Hwy, Lilydale

Cost: \$15 – drinks at own cost

Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWIUH>



## Carer Support

### ART CLASS FOR CARERS

When: Tuesdays

10 December

25 February,

10am – 12pm

Where: IOE, Boronia

Cost: \$10

Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWITQ>

Our Carer Support Program gives parents and carers of children and young adults with disability the chance to connect with each other in a relaxed and social environment.

### MORNING MELODIES & LUNCH

When: Thurs 5 December/6 February. 10am – 1pm

Where: Ferntree Gully Hotel

Cost: \$10

Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWISG>

### MANIAX AXE THROWING & PIZZA

When: Friday 28 February, 7pm – 10pm

Where: Knox Westfield OZone

Cost: \$40

Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWJDT>

## Sibling Support



Our Sibling Support Program gives children and teens, who have a brother or sister with a disability the chance to have fun and make friends with others who understand their situation. To access the program you must have a

sibling with a disability. This program is not for individuals who have a disability themselves. Activities and camps for siblings are FREE to attend, thanks to the generous support of Freemasons Victoria.

### SIBLINGS ALL AGES CAMP

Ages 5-17 Years  
When: 10am Wednesday 15 January to 5pm  
Friday 17 January  
Location: Peninsula Outdoors, Merricks  
Transport: From IOE, Ferntree Gully  
Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWJFY>

### GUMBUYA WORLD

Ages 5 – 17years  
When: Sunday 23 February, 10am – 5pm  
Where: Transport from IOE, Ferntree Gully  
Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWJDC>

### YOUNG ADULT SIBLINGS SOCIAL GROUP MOONLIGHT CINEMAS

Ages 16-24  
When: Friday 21 February, 6pm – 11pm  
Where: Transport from IOE, Ferntree Gully  
Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWORR>

## Grandparent Carers

FREE get-togethers to recognise the unique role of grandparents who are full-time carers/guardians of their grandchild(ren) with disability. Connect with others who share this role and enjoy some company.

### DECEMBER LUNCH

Ora'D'Oro, Croydon  
When: Monday 9 December, 12-2pm  
Where: 28 Hewish Rd, Croydon  
Cost: Free  
Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWISZ>

### FEBRUARY LUNCH

Schokolade Cafe  
When: Tuesday 18 February, 12-2pm  
Where: 213 Stud Rd, Wantirna South  
Cost: Free  
Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/CWJEH>

*All welcome. Families do not need to be registered with IOE to be involved.*

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## BOX HILL MINIATURE RAILWAY

FREE

# FAMILY FUN DAY

for children with a disability, their families & carers!



Train Rides Animal Farm Sausage Sizzle  
Magic Show Face Painting Raffle ...and a visit from SANTA!

Sunday 24 November 2024 from 11am to 3pm

Bookings essential - register online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUBPL>

For more information contact Interchange Outer East on 9758 5522 or [familysupport@ioe.org.au](mailto:familysupport@ioe.org.au)

Covered shoes essential for train rides!

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Book: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUBPL>

## CROCS FAMILY PLAY SESSION

**When:** Sat 7 December, 5pm-8pm  
**Where:** Crocs Playcentre, Ringwood  
**Cost:** \$5 per person  
**BOOK:** [www.trybooking.com/COYYW](http://www.trybooking.com/COYYW)

# FAMILY CAMPS 2025



Applications are now open for our Term 1 2025 Family Camps for families who have a child/young person with disability.

IOE Family Camps aim to create a welcoming and open community for all involved. We aim to:

- Provide an environment for families to connect, exchange information and learn from & support each other.
- Have lots of fun and laughs; and
- Have a relaxing time.

You are welcome to apply for more than one Family Camp from the list below. Your preferences will be requested in the application form.

## Myanmar Family Weekend/Excursion

Friday 07 February 2025 to Sunday 09 February 2025

Location: CYC- The Island, Cowes, Victoria

[www.theisland.cyc.org.au](http://www.theisland.cyc.org.au)

Cost: Free

Please only apply for this weekend if you are a carer from the Myanmar community or are applying on behalf of a carer from the Myanmar community. Carers from the Myanmar community are welcome to attend this weekend with their families. This includes carers of someone with disability, an elderly family member, grandparent carers etc. This is a fun and relaxing weekend at Phillip Island. Activities include archery, giant swing, flying fox, beach play, trampolines, pool, low ropes, art & craft, soccer and badminton tournaments. CYC The Island has good phone reception and limited Wi-Fi available.

Applications Close: Sunday 8 December.

Apply Here: [https://ioe.formstack.com/forms/bfw\\_2024\\_copy](https://ioe.formstack.com/forms/bfw_2024_copy)



Do you need interpreter?  
Free interpreter (TIS) on 13 14 50

## Coonawarra Family Camp

Friday 07 March 2025 to Monday 10 March 2025

Location: Coonawarra Farm Resort, Glenaladale Victoria

[www.coonawarraresort.com.au](http://www.coonawarraresort.com.au)

Cost: \$80 per person, capped at \$320 per family.

Hosted over the March long weekend Coonawarra Family camp is our largest Family Camp hosting a strong community feel. Activities include, giant swing, pool, flying fox, canoeing, raft making, archery, soccer game and table tennis tournament and our annual IOE Talent Show. Coonawarra offers a range of accommodation options including some ensuite rooms, however the majority of rooms share bathroom facilities with other campers. Coonawarra Farm Resort has little to no phone reception (depending on provider) and limited Wi-Fi available. A public phone is available at the campsite.

Applications Close: Sunday 8 December.

Apply Here: <https://forms.gle/nZDz2qojQurpTLYL9>

## Phillip Island Family Camp

Date: Friday 28 March 2025 – Sunday 30 March 2025

Location: Phillip Island Adventure Resort, Cowes, Victoria

[www.piar.cyc.org.au](http://www.piar.cyc.org.au)

Cost: \$80 per person, capped at \$320 per family.

Phillip Island Adventure Resort is the perfect environment for families to come together for a weekend of fun and relaxation. Activities include, giant swing, flying fox, pool, low ropes, all in soccer game, canoeing, art and craft, beach play and trivia night. The adventure resort boasts modern facilities and families will be allocated their own ensuite room. Phillip Island Adventure Resort has good phone reception and limited Wi-Fi available.

Applications Close: Sunday 8 December.

Apply Here: <https://forms.gle/nZDz2qojQurpTLYL9>

## Manyung Family Camp

Date: Friday 23 May 2025 – Sunday 25 May 2025

Location: Camp Manyung, Mount Eliza Victoria

[www.camps.ymca.org.au/camp-manyung](http://www.camps.ymca.org.au/camp-manyung)

Cost: \$80 per person, capped at \$320 per family.

If you have always wanted to attend an IOE Family Camp but have been concerned about the physical accessibility of the venues, Manyung Family Camp is what you have been waiting for. Camp Manyung is a coastal adventure camp which is committed to ensuring accessibility for everyone. Families will stay in their own cabin with accessible ensuite bathrooms. The campsite is located on a hill and can be steep in parts, but wide paths are available for travel between buildings and across the campground. Universally designed activities include accessible archery, bike riding (using adaptive cycles), flying fox, giant swing

Applications Close: February 23, 2025

Apply Here: <https://forms.gle/nZDz2qojQurpTLYL9>



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