

## community participation (PSO/CP) - centre based with community access



Northcott Disability Services Community Participation programs offer structured programs for school leavers with a disability who have moderate to very high support needs. Group programs, which are run across NSW, provide opportunities for people to work towards achieving greater independence, building self-esteem and confidence and participating fully in community life.

### About the service

Group programs operate from spacious, fully-accessible facilities in the community. Each service provides transport during the course of the program by way of accessible vehicles. Assistance with transport to and from the program is available. Activities for individuals and small groups take place both in the centre and in the community. Each participant develops an Individual Program Plan to identify their interests and areas for development which are incorporated in the overall program for the centre. Centre-based activities may include numeracy and literacy, independent living skills, computer skills and pursuing interests such as cooking, gardening and music. Activities accessed in the community may include swimming, gym programs, and recreational activities such as movies, shopping and bowling.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the program, the individual must:

- Be in receipt of PSO or Community Participation funding provided by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care

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- Have a disability which meets the criteria of the individual services – this criteria varies between locations. Contact the manager for further information.

### Geographical Areas

The Group Programs operate in the following areas:

- Roselands - located in the south-west Sydney
- Parramatta - located in the Western Sydney
- Tamworth
- Dubbo
- Blue Mountains
- Hawkesbury
- Penrith
- Ballina
- Coffs Harbour
- Cootamundra
- Parkes
- Clarence Valley
- Bega Valley
- Manly/Pittwater/Warringah

### Hours

The number of hours is dependent upon the funding band allocated by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care

Moderate and high funding bands receive 24 hours of support per week. Very high and exceptional funding bands receive 30 hours of support per week.

### Fees

Costs associated with programs, such as pool entry and movie tickets, are the responsibility of the individual. Where assistance with transport to and from the program is required a daily transport fee is applied and must be covered by the individual. If the transport fee does not cover the cost of the transport provided a minimal amount of support hours may be used by mutual consent to cover the cost of transport.



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**Roselands Office**, 69 Payten Avenue, Roselands NSW 2196 Ph: (02) 9750 4466

**Parramatta Office**, 1 Fennell Street, North Parramatta NSW 2151 Ph: (02) 9890 0100

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