

community participation (PSO/CP) - individual programs



Northcott Disability Services Community Participation programs offer school leavers with a flexible, innovative and highly individualised service. Programs provide opportunities for young adults to work towards achieving greater independence, building self esteem, confidence and participating fully in community life.

About the service

Individual Community Participation (PSO/CP) programs operate in the community.

Each participant develops an Individual Program Plan that identifies goals and strategies to be achieved during the course of the program. Each program must be consistent with Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care's Community Participation guidelines. Goals may include further education through TAFE or community colleges, travel training, volunteer work and developing independent living skills. The plan may also include community access such as leisure, recreation and social skills development.

Staff support is arranged for each person when and where they need it. Programs can be accessed independently in the community, with one-to-one staff support or, in some instances, small groups.

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The individual nature of the program allows for extensive flexibility in structuring a plan to meet an individual's needs.

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

Hours

Due to the highly individualised nature of the program support is based on the individual need rather than hours. The goals of the individual will determine how the funding is utilised and the hours of support received.

Fees

Costs associated with programs, such as train fares and movie tickets, are the responsibility of the individual. A Coordination fee is charged against the individuals funding package.

Geographical Areas

Individual Community Participation (PSO/ATLAS) programs cover the following areas:

- Metropolitan Sydney (Roselands, Parramatta and Penrith)
- Dubbo and surrounding areas
- Coffs Harbour and surrounding areas
- Tamworth and surrounding areas.



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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

Dubbo Office, 6 Quinn Street, Dubbo NSW 2830 Ph (02) 6882 1115

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Penrith Office, 9/28 Coombes Drive, Penrith NSW 2750 Ph: (02) 4720 4400