

National Disability Insurance Scheme FAQ

For Clients



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What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?

The *National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)* is an Australian Government initiative designed to increase choice and control for people with a disability, their families and carers. To be eligible for the *Scheme*, potential participants must be under the age of 65 and have a significant and permanent disability, which has an impact on daily life.

When does the NDIS roll out in Frankston City?

The *NDIS* roll out commences in Frankston City and the Bayside Peninsula Area on 1 April 2018.

What will change for people with disabilities under the NDIS?

Funding will be individually packaged and participants can choose how, when and where they purchase their services to suit their individual needs. Participants will choose which organisation they want to provide their services.

What will change for Council?

Council will no longer be funded to provide disability services to those who are eligible for the *NDIS*.

The *NDIS* replaces a variety of Victorian and Australian Government funding agreements and programs. There will no longer be block funding for programs such as *Home and Community Care (HACC)* for people who are eligible for the *NDIS*.

How will the NDIS impact on people who are not eligible?

For those clients who are not eligible for *NDIS* and meet the criteria for Victoria's *HACC Program for Younger People (HACC-PYP)*, services from Council will continue. The Victorian Government has guaranteed funding for *HACC-PYP* until 30 June 2019.

Who will be responsible for the NDIS?

The *NDIS* will operate through the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA). The NDIA is an independent statutory agency, whose role is to implement and govern the *NDIS*.

The Brotherhood of St Lawrence has been appointed for Local Area Co-ordination (LAC) to co-ordinate the *NDIS* at the Regional level.

Who can access the NDIS?

In order to be eligible for the *NDIS*, people must:

- have a permanent and significant disability that significantly affects their ability to take part in everyday activities;
- be aged less than 65 when they first access the *Scheme*; and
- be an Australian citizen, live in Australia and hold a permanent visa or hold a Protected Special Category Visa.

What will happen when the NDIS rolls out?

The *NDIS* is a different way of looking at support and the needs of people with a disability. When the *NDIS* rolls out funding for clients who are eligible for the *NDIS* will be individually packaged. This

means that participants will be able to choose how, when and where they purchase their services. Council will support families until they transition to the *NDIS*. The transition will commence from April 2018.

Council will work with the Brotherhood of St Laurence the new Local Area Coordinator (LAC) for the Bayside Peninsula Region. The LAC works with people with a disability to develop their *NDIS* plans.

How will I receive the support we need in the future?

Under the *NDIS* all clients will have an individual support plan. The plan will outline the reasonable and necessary supports and identify where these supports will be purchased. There will be a range of options and choices to consider.

What will Council's role be in disability in the future?

At a Council Meeting on 20 November 2017, Council made the decision to not register as a service provider under the *NDIS*.

The Council is committed to a continued role in planning, advocacy and leadership in disability support across the municipality.

How will Council support clients in the transition to the NDIS?

Council has an Officer who will work with clients by assisting with preparation for *NDIS* roll out.

They can be contacted on 97841999

The Council will also engage with the community to seek feedback regarding Council's future role in planning, advocacy and leadership.

How can I get further information?

For further information regarding *NDIS*, please visit their **ndis.gov.au**