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HUNTER HOMELESS CONNECT DAY

Hunter Homeless Connect Day is an annual event that links people, who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness, to crisis and support services. It is delivered by a 'community coalition' of government and non-government services and volunteers, in an environment that maintains dignity, fosters a culture of connectedness, and encourages a sense of being a valued member of the community.

NFP CONNECT

NFP Connect exists to Support those working for and with local not for profits, through education, networking and shared experiences. Connect businesses with charities/not for profits for meaningful, strategic alliances. Grow the local community.

EQUAL FUTURES PROJECT

The Equal Futures Project was established to raise awareness of inequality in our workplaces, homes and community. This is achieved through engaging business leaders in Newcastle and the Hunter to create an inclusive culture where diversity is respected and valued, and women and men have an equal opportunity of success, regardless of background, race, religion, age or gender.

THE Y PROJECT

The Y has become one of Newcastle's largest all-ages creative organisations. Beginning in 2017, The Y starting throwing all-ages, safe space events with the focus of supporting young artists and activating the live music and creative arts scene for youth in the Newcastle and Hunter Region. Their motivation in their grassroots approach is to give creatives an alternative platform outside of the prescribed mainstream networks to share their work and express themselves. Newcastle and the greater Australia creative community has so much imaginative creativity to offer. They aim to create an equitable space between artists, organisers and the audience to come together and appreciate art in all its presentations.

OUT(FIT)

Out(fit) is an award-winning community engagement initiative running out of the School of Architecture and Built Environment at the University of Newcastle. Formed in 2015 to improve equity, diversity, and inclusion outcomes for women in the built environment, out(fit) aims to provide our volunteers an opportunity to develop, practice and showcase their skills while engaging in projects that make a real difference.

NORTHERN SETTLEMENT SERVICES

Northern Settlement Services was established in Newcastle in 1981 as a Migrant Resource Centre by the Federal Government, to assist migrants & refugees in their settlement into Australian life. Northern Settlement Services Ltd (NSS) is an entirely independent not for profit organisation

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providing a range of services in the areas of settlement, aged care, youth and vulnerable families across the Hunter, Central Coast and New England regions of NSW.

SETTLEMENT SERVICES INTERNATIONAL

Settlement Services International (SSI) is a community organisation and social business that supports newcomers and other Australians to achieve their full potential. We work with all people who have experienced vulnerability, including refugees, people seeking asylum and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities, to build capacity and enable them to overcome inequality.

FAMILY SUPPORT NEWCASTLE

Family Support Newcastle provides services that promote the well-being of children and their families, of individuals, and communities. They often work in partnership with other services to provide more options for the families they support. They are inclusive of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from other culturally diverse backgrounds and those who experience discrimination and disadvantage.

FIRST CHANCE

Firstchance is a not-for-profit organisation that provides early intervention and school-aged programs for children aged 0-12 years with a disability or developmental delay, and their families. They accept referrals for children aged 0-9 years. They are a multidisciplinary team with significant expertise in assisting children with a range of disabilities – and this includes developmental delay, autism, chromosomal disorders, and genetic conditions. Based in Newcastle, Firstchance has been serving the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, and Port Stephens region for over 40 years.

HUNTER MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

Hunter Multicultural Communities Inc (HMC) is a non-profit public benevolent organisation serving established, new, emerging and established multicultural communities in the Hunter Region. They provide social support and community programs for CALD, Multicultural communities and their carers from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds. This helps them to live independently in their own home and to prevent early admission to permanent residential care. In addition they engage with multicultural youth groups in a variety of projects to enable them to settle and feel part of the wider community. They provide education and awareness to the community on cultural diversity, and multicultural issues.

HUNTER TENANTS ADVICE AND ADVOCACY SERVICE

Hunter Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service offers free telephone advice, information, advocacy, and (where appropriate) representation at the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT). They assist people renting privately through a landlord or Real Estate Agent, tenants in Public and Community housing, tenants renting Caravan Parks, homeowners in Land Lease Communities and residents of Boarding Houses. Their services are available to renters in Newcastle, Lake Macquarie,

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Port Stephens, Maitland, Cessnock, Singleton, Upper Hunter, Muswellbrook or the Great Lakes areas of Mid Coast Local Government Area.

MULTICULTURAL NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

The Multicultural Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated promotes the education and support of children, young people, individuals and families from non-English speaking backgrounds in reaching their full potential within the community by initiating and participating in social capital ventures, providing a range of services and programs, establishing and maintaining networks and working partnerships with local services and agencies, which enables enhanced community and individual capacity and development.

THE CANOPY

The Canopy is a non-profit organisation that provides multiple services for families, children and the community, including managing a number of community centres and halls. The Canopy operates its administration from Cameron Park Community Centre but services extend throughout the Lake Macquarie and Newcastle regions.

THE FAMILY ACTION CENTRE - UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

The Family Action Centre (FAC) is a research, teaching and practice centre at the University of Newcastle focused on families and their communities. The Centre delivers family support and outreach services, parenting programs, family inclusive practice programs and health evaluation initiatives, and all these activities ground the teaching and research.

MULOOBINBA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Muloobinba Aboriginal Corporation was established in 1991. The organisation was formed to provide a support service to Aboriginal families and individuals in Newcastle and surrounding Local Government Areas. Muloobinba is a not for profit, community-based organisation that is specific to the needs of Aboriginal individuals and families.

WANDIYALI

Wandiyali is a Newcastle-based Indigenous community organisation. Their services operate throughout Newcastle, Lake Macquarie, Hunter Region and Port Stephens. Each year Wandiyali assists hundreds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members through the delivery of its many services. Their services cater for various ages, ranging from birth to elders. The aim of Wandiyali and its services is to 'Keep our Culture Strong'. They do this by focusing our services on children, families, strength, culture and community.

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MERCY SERVICES

Mercy Services provides community and in-home support across various parts of Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and the Lower Hunter region of NSW, Australia to older people, people with disabilities, people affected by drug and alcohol abuse, the socially disadvantaged, and families.

NEWCASTLE PCYC

Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) Newcastle has operated in the area for over 80 years. The Youth Case Managers work closely with schools and engage many of the Fit 4 programs. They offer large gymnastics program that caters for all from 1-year-old up. Their Vacation Care, Afterschool Care and holiday activities are a great support to occupy and engage young people.

JUSTIZ COMMUNITY

Justiz Community is an Aboriginal-owned and operated leading provider of disability services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and communities servicing the Lower Hunter and Maclean Valley regions. Justiz helps people in need of support, their families, carers and service providers to achieve their aspirations. Support is offered through various culturally appropriate means in consideration of the individuals and communities we serve. Their services include grassroots coordination of supports, cultural supports, social groups, mentoring, and programs for businesses.

CONNECT ABILITY

Connectability provide property development & project management consultancy services to disability service providers, community groups, families & individuals to deliver socially responsible accommodation, housing & community infrastructure for people living with disability.

COMMUNITY DISABILITY ALLIANCE HUNTER (CDAH)

Community Disability Alliance Hunter (CDAH) are committed to building the capacity of peers to develop, organise and lead peer groups and develop peer mentoring relationships that enable peers to share their experiences and learn together. They are an independent, collective voice committed to full inclusion and active citizenship. They are the first peer-led organisation established to prepare people for the national disability insurance scheme.