

Connections 2025 – Gold Coast Qld, October 24 - 28

AusDoCC is the peak national support group for all people diagnosed with a corpus callosum disorder (CCD) and their families, caregivers and professionals.

A CCD is a rare brain condition in which people are born without the corpus callosum, the 250 million nerve fibres that form the communication pathway between the two hemispheres of the brain. A CCD causes a heterogeneous range of cognitive, physical and psychological impacts ranging from mild to severe. Examples of typically occurring impacts are slow processing, anxiety and difficulties with learning, memory, mobility, communication, social engagement, impulse control, mental health and executive function.

Professional knowledge is limited and CCDs are often inadequately recognised and undersupported. People in the CCD community typically struggle to gain equity in social and economic participation. Research reports that people with CCD have significantly reduced personal wellbeing in all domains, particularly in relationships.

Connections 2025 is the only opportunity for children, adults, parents, carers and professionals in the CCD community to come together and meet others with professional and lived experience, who understand this disability and its impacts. Connections 2025 is the peak opportunity to engage in training, coaching and support, share knowledge, learn new skills and build supportive relationships with peers and professionals, specifically around disability impacts of a CCD. The event will equip everyone with a CCD to identify the best supports, meet goals and live more informed, better quality lives.

A CCD is a disconnection that connects us all.

Aims of Connections 2025

- Reduce social and geographical isolation of individuals with a CCD, their parents and carers
 - Provide training in advocacy and leadership skills for individuals with CCD
 - Provide training for carers and parents to support their dependant's unique needs.
 - Build capacity for our CCD community with targeted group and individual participation opportunities for social and community participation
 - Provide peer support activities to apply leadership skills
 - Provide accurate information about corpus callosum disorders and their disability impacts to improve knowledge and wellbeing for all members of the CCD community
 - Build safe, positive relationships in an inclusive environment
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- Increase skills and build capacity for independence and community participation for all with a CCD
 - Deliver programs, informed by the latest research and best practices
 - Bring our socially and geographically isolated CCD community members together in a unique, safe, nurturing environment to enhance growth and development.

Programs at Connections 2025

Relationships and friendship
Consent
Sexuality with disability
Managing a rare condition
Dealing with isolation
Communicating one to one
Communicating with peers
Parenting a child/adult with CCD
Education tips
Disability parenting hacks
Team building skills
How to be a peer leader
Surfing is for everyone
Walking in groups
Explore your natural surroundings
Get your dancing feet on
Games, games and more games - building confidence and teamwork
Getting active with pickle ball
Arts and crafts

NDIS Plan suggested line items

Ref: NDIS <https://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/pricing-arrangements>

04_210_0125_6_1 Community Social and Recreational Activities

This support item is designed to enable providers to claim reimbursement for the costs of enabling a participant to independently engage in community, social and recreational activities when costs of participation exceed an affordable level and without, the participant would be at risk of social isolation. This support item is designed to enable providers to claim reimbursement for the costs of enabling a participant to independently engage in community, social and recreational activities when costs of participation exceed an affordable level and without, the participant would be at risk of social isolation.

09_008_0116_6_3 Innovative Community Participation

This support item is designed to enable providers to offer new and innovative services to participant and is for mainstream providers who want to enable participants to access mainstream activities.

09_011_0125_6_3 Community Participation Activities

This support item is designed to cover the costs of tuition fees, art classes, sports coaching and similar activities that build a participant's skills and independence. This could include camps, classes, and vacation activities that have capacity building components.

15_038_0117_1_3 Training for Carers/Parents

Training for carers in matters related to caring for a person with disability.



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Empowered carers lead to enriched lives for participants, fostering independence and enhancing overall quality of life.

***NOTE:**

Please note that this information is general information only and all potential Connections 2025 participants should seek independent advice relevant to the structure of their individual NDIS plans and goals.



Australian Disorders of the Corpus Callosum (AusDoCC) presents

CONNECTIONS

GOLD COAST, 24-26 OCTOBER 2025

2025

Where: Qld Gold Coast - beautiful Tallebudgera Creek

When: 24 - 26 October, 2025

What: Community participation, skills training, building relationships, physical activities. In a safe, enjoyable environment

Who: limit of 60 attendees - kids/adults with CCD, families & friends

Why: connections, information, inclusion, friendships and FUN!

Venue: beautiful location close to beach and creek

Register early to secure your place.



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