SHOUT MATTERS

Providing connection and developing community capacity





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NEW MEMBER -Abilities Unlimited Australia

Provide Social Inclusion and Capacity Building Programs See Page 9 for details

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A WORD FROM THE CEO:

Hello everyone,

There is so much happening now we are in Spring and everything is opening up again. It seems so good just to see the sun and feel the warmth again. Please remain vigilant and safe, especially when in crowds where the possibility of Covid transmission is higher.

It is the time of tulips and daffodils and I certainly am looking forward to attending Floriade and Tulip Tops again this year after two years of missing these amazing gardens due to Covid.

Like many of you I was saddened to hear of the death of Queen Elizabeth, and I believe she was an amazing woman, who had the ability to relate to people of all backgrounds and ages, a true leader who gave everything she had to her life's work.

At SHOUT we are honoured to have been successful in gaining funding for the Jubilee walk, marking 70 years of her reign as Queen, and it is a poignant year to celebrate this great woman with a walk of flowering trees in her honour.

Happy Springtime!! Carol Mead

SHOUT MEMBERS

Corporate Members

Abiliities Unlimited Australia ACT Deafness Resource Centre

ACT Disability, Aged and Carer Advocacy

Service (ADACAS)

Advocacy for Inclusion Inc

Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT

Asthma Australia

Arthritis ACT

Australian Breastfeeding Association ACT NSW

Australian Medical Association (ACT) Ltd.

Australasian College of Road Safety

Borderline Personality Disorder Awareness

ACT/NSW Region

Canberra Circle of Women

Cancer Council ACT

Caring Approach Pty Ltd

Coaching with Mick

Diabetes Association NSW ACT

Directions Health Service

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Epilepsy ACT

Everybody Wins

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Greenleaf Disability Service

Hartley Lifecare

Imagine More

Invisible Disabilities Australia

Kidsafe ACT

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LDK Seniors' Living – Greenway Views

Leo's Place, Palliative Care ACT

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People with Disabilities

Perinatal Wellbeing Centre

REACH for Training

Reliance Disability & Ageing Care

Rotary Club of Woden Daybreak

Skipper Care Australia

The Personnel Group

Tuggeranong Community Arts Association

Women with Disabilities ACT

Members

ACT Down Syndrome Association

Bosom Buddies

Brain Tumour Alliance

Canberra Queanbeyan ADD Support Group

Motor Neurone Disease NSW

Parkinson's ACT

Prostate Cancer Support Group

Affiliates

AbilitySeer

ACT Neighbourhood Watch Association Inc

Adoption, Kin and Fostering Families

Association of the ACT and region (AKFFA)

AIRA

Al-Anon Family Groups Australia ACT

Better Hearing Australia, Canberra

Canberra Lung Life Support Group

Canberra Refugee Support Inc

Canberra Region Kidney Support Group

Canberra Region People With MS

Days for Girls Tuggeranong ACT

Good Omen Goodeze Inc.

Haemophilia Foundation ACT

Healthcare Consumer's Association

Hepatitis ACT

Mental Health Foundation ACT

Mindful Self Compassion

Roundabout Canberra

SATB2 Gene Foundation Australia

Sharing Places

Sleep Apnoea Association ACT

Solace ACT Inc.

Spinal ACT

Yoga for Birth & Beyond

SHOUT Membership Forms can be downloaded from our

Web of Support at: www.shout.org.au

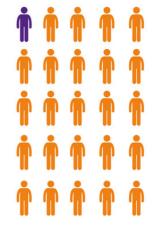


1 to 25 October



1 in 25

Australians will develop epilepsy at some stage in their lives



Support them this October with the Walk for Epilepsy!



Join in the fun and walk your local streets to support:

your local epilepsy organisation!

Learn more at walkforepilepsy.org.au





Please Join us at Perinatal Wellbeing Fest

Monday 10th October
10am-1:00pm
Perinatal Wellbeing Centre
Playspace 6 Minns Pl Weston,
ACT

For Mental Health Month we are hosting a free community festival to promote awareness, belonging and connection

GIGGLE & WIGGLE
RAFFLE & PRIZES
FACEPAINTING
STALLS & MOREL

For more info: (02) 6287 3961 kate@perinatalwellbeing.org.au





FAMILY DAY

Join us for a day of fun and games, while raising awareness and funds to support people with Down syndrome and intellectual disabilities in the ACT and surrounds.

SUNDAY, 16 OCTOBER

10am - 1pm Kambah Adventure Playground

Featuring:

Circus workshop with Warehouse Circus
The chance to sit on a real police bike
Face painting by the Gecko Gang
Music by Dennis the DJ
BBQ by Belconnen Lions Club
Family-friendly party games



Register Now!
Or turn up on the day





14th COGNO ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING Brisbane, 16th - 18th October 2022

Patient Education and Information Forum Sunday 16 October 2022

9.30am-10.00am Registrations

10.00am

- A/Prof Eng-Siew Koh: Forum Opening
- Dr Frank Saran: Medulloblastoma A journey through time
- A/Prof Matthew Foote: Radiation Therapy and Stereotactic Radiosurgery for Brain Tumours
- A/prof Craig Gedye: Latest Trials PICCOG, MAGMA and LUMOS2
- Q&A
- A/Prof Haryana Dhillon: Portals & Pathways. Can we deliver intergrated support to people with brain tumours and their families?

12.00pm - 12.45pm Lunch

12.45pm

- A/Prof Kerryn Pike: Strategies to manage Memory and Thinking Difficulty after Brain surgery
- Dr Helen Haydon: Website for carers
- Dr Elizabeth Coyne: Balancing recovery: Acknowledging the challenges and looking for new ideas
- Fiona Hassman: National Advocacy Service: Accessing NDIS, My Age Care, Centrelink, Carer Gateway

2.15pm-2.30pm | Q&A and Closing Remarks

Registrations: btaapatientforum22.eventbrite.com.au





An Introduction to Health **Care and Health Literacy**

FOR COMMUNITY WORKERS

Health literacy describes the ability to get, understand and act on health information. Good health literacy helps us to find information, navigate the health system and get better health outcomes.

This FREE workshop for community, aged care and disability workers will support you to:

- Understand what health literacy means
- Know how health literacy affects health outcomes
- Understand your role in supporting your client in the health system
- Recognise the signs someone is experiencing high demands on their health literacy
- Know what questions to ask to get the most out an appointment with a health professional

Time: 1-3pm, 20 October 2022 Location: Online via Zoom

Register: hcca.org.au/events or contact 6230 7800



Free Health Seminars

COMING UP

Making the Most of Your Health Appointment

Time: 12:30-2pm, 11 October 2022 Location: HCCA, Maitland House, 100

Maitland Street, Hackett

Managing Your Mental Wellbeing

Presented by Megan Layton, Accredited

Mental Health Social Worker

Time: 6-7:30pm, 12 October 2022

Location: Online via Zoom

Consumer Participation Training

Consumer representatives are the voice of your community in the health system. Learn how you can participate and become a representative in this 2 day course.

Time: 10am - 3pm

Date: 29 October and 5 November 2022 Location: HCCA, Maitland House, 100

Maitland Street, Hackett.

To register for our upcoming events, go to:

hcca.org.au/events



hcca.org.au

02 6230 7800 | adminofficer@hcca.org.au





ENRICHing Survivorship Live well, feel good.

20 October- 8 December 2022



This free program for cancer survivors and their carers helps to restore physical and emotional wellbeing after cancer treatment.

Facilitated by a Dietician, Exercise Physiologist, Yoga Instructor and Peer Support volunteers, it is held each Thursday in Deakin over 8 weeks.

Registration is essential 6257 9999 | cancerinformation@actcancer.org | www.actcancer.org

Cancer Council ACT Wig Service Style that's a head above the rest.

The Cancer Council ACT Wig Service provides a wide selection of wigs turbans and hats for people who lose their hair through cancer treatment. In a comfortable and confidential setting, our trained staff can assist you to find products to suit your needs, by appointment.







Building capability, capacity and confidence of children with diverse abilities to safely, actively and meaningfully participate in sport and physical recreation.



"MY CHILD'S SMILE
SAYS IT ALL. SHE IS SO
HAPPY! STAFF ARE
ENERGETIC, FUN,
PATIENT, EFFICIENT,
KNOWLEDGEABLE,
KIND, TALENTED AND
WONDERFUL WITH THE CHILDREN. EVERY PARENT LOVES THEM. YOU GUYS GET AN

> **EACH CHILD'S** ABILITIES ARE **EMBRACED AND NURTURED TO FOSTER AN ENVIRONMENT** WHERE EVERYONE CAN LEARN, GROW, **DEVELOP AND** SHINE.

- **EMPOWERING**
- INCLUSIVE
- WELCOMING
- **EVIDENCE BASED**
- TARGETED
- TRANSFORMATIVE
- WHOLE FAMILY FRIENDLY
- POSITIVE, FUN LIFE CHANGING



SOCIAL INCLUSION AND CAPACITY BUILDING **PROGRAMS**

DEVELOP CONFIDENCE, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL SKILLS, BALANCE, STRENGTH, COORDINATION **ENDURANCE AND SO MUCH MORE....**





CYCLABILITITES

Step 1: At Cyclabiliities Balance

and Glide build spatial-awareness,

dynamic balance skills and learn

to cycle program through

individualised 1:1 support.

Step 2: Cyclabilites On the Pedals

is the gateway to starting your

cycling adventure independently,

ensuring strong road safety skills

and knowledge.







Shredabilities skateboarding program combines life skills, fun freedom and creativity through skateboarding.

Builds resilience, self assurance and self esteem. Friendships are made and confidence soars.

Beginners and intermediate options available.

All 1:1 support in a small inclusive group setting.





MOVEABILIITES

Moveabilities is a peer group physical health and wellbeing program, creating pathways for inclusion for children with disabilities so they can develop strength, balance and fitness, confidence, positive wellbeing, make friends and connect meaningfully with the community.





WATERABILITIES

Waterabilities is and individualised, targeted and intensive drowning prevention and swim skill program, providing opportunities for children to develop social and communication skills whilst building swim biomechanics, swim movement patterns, balance, coordination, water safety and drowning prevention skills. In water components are 1:1.

Step 3: Cyclabilites Out the gates builds freedom, independence and endurance leading riders onto different terrains, up and down hills, along bike paths to experience "real" cycling.

www.abiliitesunlimited.com.au info@abilitiesunlimited.com.au

SELF-HELP/SUPPORT GROUPS

Self-help groups or support groups are groups of people who can provide mutual support for each other. In each group the members share a common condition, disease or addiction. To learn that you are not alone, that you are not the only one facing the problem, can be an enormous relief. For those who might be lacking support and empathy from friends and family, the environment of a self-help group who has members with similar experience can be a critical part of recovery.

While every group is different the self-help experience in these groups reduces stress and isolation through shared experience, understanding support and information sharing. The model of self-help is empowering as the participants are dependent on themselves, on each other and the group. Through self-disclosure, members share their stories, stresses, feelings and recoveries. Together they learn to understand and control the issue in their lives, by giving emotional, social and practical support to each other.



BRAIN TUMOUR ALLIANCE AUSTRALIA

Support Group Meeting:

Hi to all of our ACT Support Group Members,

All Brain Tumour patients, carers, family and friends are invited to attend the next Brain Tumour Support Group meeting. New members are especially welcome.

DATE: Sunday, 23 October & 27 November 2022

TIME: 11:30 am

LOCATION: Canberra Southern Cross Club, Woden - Community Room 1

CONTACT: Catherine Hindson **PHONE:** 1800 857 221 or

EMAIL: <u>catherine@hindson.org</u>



Sleep Apnoea Association Inc

Next Meeting Dates October & November 2022

- Saturday 16 October 2002.

Annual General Meeting and presentation of Annual reports and Election of Committee for 2022-23.

- <u>Saturday 19 November 2022.</u>

General Meeting open to all members

and guests. Special Guest speaker, Ms Jessi Claudianos, ACT Regional Manager Australian Red Cross.

All meetings take place at the Woden Canberra Southern Cross Club - ground floor Community Room, commencing 2.00pm.

All Welcome - Enquiries phone 02-62316001

Prostate Cancer Support Group — ACT Region



Bringing together men and women who have a passion for helping those impacted by prostate cancer. Most members have had a direct experience of prostate cancer, either as a patient or a partner and family member

Coffee Mornings

Our coffee mornings take place at 10:00 am on the second Tuesday of each month (except January) and alternate between the Woden and Jamison venues of the Canberra Southern Cross Club. All are welcome to attend. Just turn up.

Our next coffee morning will be held at <u>10 am on Tuesday</u>, <u>11 October 2022</u> at the Canberra Southern Cross Club, WODEN. Just come along - we'd love you to join us for a chat.

Group Meeting, 7 pm Wednesday, 19 October 2022

Our next meeting will be held at the Icon Cancer Centre, 1 Broula Street, Corner Broula and Allawoona Sts, Bruce. This is on the University of Canberra campus.

Icon staff will give a presentation on prostate cancer treatments and a tour of the Cancer Centre.

The Icon Cancer Centre will be providing refreshments for attendees. So, to help with catering for this, please confirm your intention to attend and indicate any dietary restrictions by <u>Sunday 15 October</u> to the Secretary at:



Supporting individuals and families living with chronic lung disorders.

Having trouble breathing? Looking for information? Seeking support?

We can help you!

COME AND JOIN US!

We offer support, education and friendship for people with conditions such as COPD, bronchiectasis, pulmonary fibrosis, dust disease, lung cancer etc.

We do this through:

- Monthly meetings that often feature guest speakers, covering topics such as; chronic illness, medical information, social information, sustaining quality-of-life.
- Regular social events and outings.

WHEN: Meets the second THURSDAY of every month

WHERE: The Weston Creek Labor Club, Teesdale Close, Stirling ACT

TIME: 10.15 – noon (interested members continue with an

affordable lunch at the club)

Contact us through our email: lung.life1@hotmail.com

Do you or someone you love have a Hearing Loss?
Do you travel frequently on your own?

Would you or them hear an alarm when asleep?

The Bellman & Symfon Vibio can help!



Mental Health Month Trail

This October, you are invited to follow the Mental Health Trail: a personal journey to improve your wellbeing and that of those around you.

Complete daily activities to support positive mental health in yourself and our community. You can follow along on social media, our website, the MHM ACT App, or using the calendar on the next page.

Once you have completed all the activities, enter our prize draw and you could win a Wellbeing pack!

Don't forget to share your Trail experiences with us on social media: tag us for more chances to win, and we might even share your posts to inspire others!



(1) @MentalHealthMonthACT

#MentalHealthMonthACT #AwarenessBelongingConnection



Mental Health Month ACT is coordinated by the Mental Health Community Coalition ACT (MHCC ACT) with funding from ACT Health and in partnership with WIN Network and Riotact.









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1	Immerse yourself in nature. Go for a walk, smell the plants and feel the fresh air on your skin.	Become a mental health ally. Learn how to make our community safer and more supportive for people experiencing mental health challenges.	Phone a friend. Support each other by staying connected. Do a video or voice call, share a cuppa or a meal, or just catch up.
4	Start a gratitude journal. Record the things you are grateful for in a written journal, visual journal or app—whatever works for you.	5 Start a conversation. Talk with a colleague or friend about mental health stigma and why it needs to change.	6 Connect with your community. Look into social or community groups near. If you can't find one that suits you, think about creating one!
}	Be creative. Do an activity like colouring in, writing, crafting, music or baking, and be mindful in the moment.	Feel safe. Think about where you feel safest: it could be a place or a situation. Write or draw about how it makes you feel and what it means to you.	9 Write a note. Pick up a pen and paper and write a letter to a neighbour or a loved one.
10	Take a break. Knowing when and how to rest is as vital for mental health as physical. Take a bath, get a massage or start a daily mindfulness or meditation routine.	Learn the signs. Find out what to look out for that suggests someone is having a rough time.	Care for your environment. Head out to a park, communit area or around your neighbourhood to collect rubbish.
13	Move a new way. Try an exercise, dance move or something restorative like yoga or tai chi.	Do something nice. Open the door for someone, shout a stranger a cuppa, give a compliment, or make another intentionally kind gesture.	15 Celebrate uniqueness. Send a message to someone telling them what unique thing makes them awesome.
16	Make nature art. Collect fallen leaves, pine cones, bark and rocks and make a mini-sculpture. When you're done, return the items to where you found them.	Be thankful. Thank someone who was there for you when you needed support, no matter what type or how big an impact they made.	Sharing is caring. Learn something new today, whether it's the answer to a burning question or a random fact, and share it with someone you think will enjoy it.
19	Ground yourself. Stop and list 5 things you can see, 4 things you can hear, 3 things you can touch from where you are, 2 things you can smell and 1 thing you can taste.	Be curious. Take time to listen to and engage with someone else's experience or story. Would you react similarly or differently?	Start a new hobby. Having a hobby is a great way to unwind. You can find social groups to connect with for almost any hobby.
22	Practice self-compassion. Treat yourself as you would a friend and say	Touch base. Reach out to someone you haven't spoken to in a while or who has been feeling down. Let	Play games. Whether in person or online, enjoying games together is a great

something nice and supportive to yourself. them know you're thinking of them.

bonding experience and a chance for some fun!

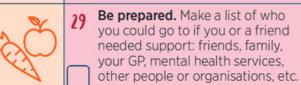
Breathe deep. Find a quiet, private space, close your eyes and spend a few minutes focusing on your breath.

Face the facts. Share facts about mental health with your friends (e.g., that almost half of Australians have had a

Get to know someone. Talk to someone you don't know well and find out more about them.



Eat fresh. Make a meal using a range of fresh fruit and vegetables to nourish your body and mind.



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Create with a friend. Show you care by giving a handmade gift, doing an art workshop with a mate or three, or asking a family member to teach you a new creative skill.



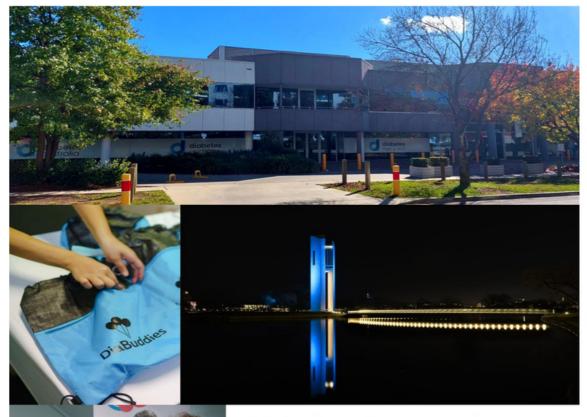


Look back over all you've done this last month. Whether you did every activity or just a few, you deserve to feel proud of yourself.

If you completed all of them, enter our prize draw at www.MentalHealthMonthACT.org/theTrail

mental health condition).





We're here for you Canberra

You've probably talked to us at the show or your workplace about your risk of Type 2 diabetes. Maybe one of our health professionals has visited your kids' school? Perhaps you've seen our Diabetes Educator or Dietitian at our specialist clinic in Turner.

If you haven't, then call our Canberra office on 02 6248 4500.

We're here and ready to help!





NAVIGATING THE AGED CARE SYSTEM

Here's a shout out to you, your family, your mates, your co-workers and your clients!

If you're worried that someone you know is being taken advantage of by their friends or family, service provider, or perhaps, have an issue with a residential aged care facility or matters related to a hospital stay – ADACAS are here to help with our <u>free</u> advocacy services.

ADACAS have friendly, skilled advocates on hand to help navigate the health and welfare system. With the person's permission, you can confidentially refer someone to ADACAS and, we'll provide free, confidential help – or connect them to someone who can assist through our extensive network.

See us in person at the following events:

Thursday 13th October – 9am to midday

Westfield Belconnen (near Aldi)

Friday 14th October – 9am to midday

Westfield Woden (outside of Baker's Delight)

If you or someone you know wants advocacy help, please contact ADACAS:

Phone: 02 6242 5060

Email: adacas@adacas.org.au
Web: www.adacas.org.au













Take Control – Live Well

Do you have a chronic condition and struggling to make changes? If yes, this is the program for you!

Canberra Health Services is offering a free 3-week course for adults with a chronic condition. You will receive a handbook of resources and develop your own health action plan to take away. Connect with others and get support in making positive changes to take control and live well.

Over 3 weeks, you will learn:

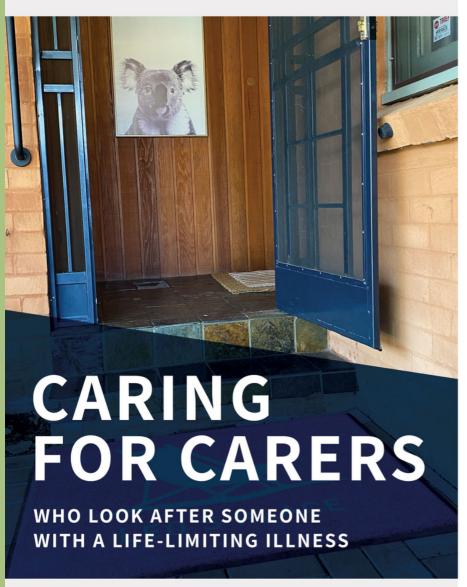
- What are chronic conditions?
- How to make positive changes to live well.
- Exercise and eating to help your health.
- The mind-body connection.
- How to get the most out of your health appointments.
- Local services available to you.
- How to set goals and achieve them.

Ongoing support to make changes can be provided for up to 6 months via SMS.

The next programs will be run **Online** (October) and **Gungahlin** (November).

Bookings are made on a first-in, first-served basis. Secure your spot today by calling **Central Health Intake on 02 5124 9977**.

See the Canberra Health Website (canberrahealthservices.act.gov.au) for a full list of dates, times and locations or contact SelfManagement@act.gov.au.









Leo's Place is a beautiful, comfortable residential home offering non-clinical respite to clients who have been medically diagnosed with a life limiting illness.

Leo's Place can support with:

- overnight respite with stand by assistance for clients and/or carers.
- day respite providing stand-by support, enabling your carer to have a short break.
- client/carer support access to advice, information and self-care activities.



Self-referral/family referral/health practitioner referrals accepted.

There are no charges or fees.



Use this QR code to take a virtual tour, find out more information, or to make a booking.

If you know someone who might benefit from respite and want more information call 02 6171 2290 or visit leosplace.org.au

- Day Respite
- Overnight Respite
- Carer Support





Remember: You are not alone and there is always hope.

Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics (whether the alcoholic is still drinking or living) who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. We believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery.

A contact number and details of meetings are found on the Australian website at:

www.al-anon.org.au

The introduction of Zoom has enabled many to benefit from the fellowship who previously could not because of family, incapacity, isolation or travel issues.

Again Alateens, for those under 18, have been able to meet on Zoom, a medium they are comfortable with and overcomes their need to travel. Access to five Alateen meetings exists throughout Australia providing convenient times.









The Men's Group program supports men to understand their relationship with themselves and understand why this relationship is the blueprint of every other relationship in his life.

Men are encouraged to share their skills, insights, and strengths within the group and recognise that everyone in the group has experience to share.

The Men's Group is not a substitute for Professional Mental Health care (Counselling, Psychologist etc). Group members are responsible for their own wellbeing and are encouraged to look after themselves and seek support if they need it before, during or after a group meeting.

Relationships are at the core of everything we do, and all relationships are essential. The relationship a man has with his, spouse, children, parents, siblings, extended family, friends, teammates, or work colleagues are all different.

If a man has a poor relationship with himself it may manifest in behaviours like acting out, risk taking, extreme shyness, and or addictive behaviours with alcohol, drugs, sex and or cigarettes.



"THE QUALITY OF A MAN'S RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS IS REFLECTIVE OF HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIMSELF"

The Men's Group consists of 10-12 men (18+) per group.

Meeting is held on Thursday night. Waiting list open for a Tuesday night.

Each group meets 7pm - 9:30pm one night per month at

SHOUT Inc meeting room Pearce Community Centre Building 1 Collett Place

We welcome men who:

- are looking for connection and community
- are looking for opportunities to develop and gain personal growth
- are wanting to share the journey of life with other men
- are open to feedback, even when it stings
- enjoy helping other men of all ages and contributing to the group.





CONSUMER GUARANTEE

PLUMBING PEACE OF MIND



Our members are covered by a \$5,000 Consumer Guarantee.

Make sure your plumber is an MPA member plumber.
We've done all the hard work for you – checked licences,
business registrations, and liability insurance. Plus MPA
member plumbers sign up to MPA's Code of Ethics and
Consumer Guarantee. Giving you plumbing peace of mind!!!







Christmas Sparkle ** Market* ***

10 AM TO 2PM

3 & 4 DECEMBER

PEARCE COMMUNITY CENTRE *

COLLETT PLACE

PEARCE *











PEARCE COMMUNITY GARDEN VOLUNTEERING

DO YOU LOVE GROWING THINGS? DO YOU WANT TO BE INVOLVED?

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Elsa at SHOUT on 62901984 or email: admin@shout.org.au

To support our volunteers, SHOUT will arrange an assessment through an Exercise Physiologist free of charge on commencement in the garden.

This is part of the Healthy Living Inclusive Garden Program, supported by Healthy Canberra Grants.

Find us on Facebook
@PearceCommunityGardenCanberra

















Web of Support www.shout.org.au

Support Services Directory Local Canberra Information



SHOUT SERVICES

40 years of service to the community!

SHOUT is, and will continue to be, a grassroots community organisation, providing connection and developing community capacity.

Our services to our members include:

- Web of Support Directory
- Strategic Planning
- Business and Capacity Building
- Training and Development
- Newsletter
- Administration Services
- Tenancy
- Meeting Room Hire
- Contact Listing
- Promotion and Marketing



SHOUT

Building 1
Pearce Community Centre
Collett Place

Ph: 62901984

Email: admin@shout.org.au

SHOUT Membership

SHOUT offers two levels of membership which offer a range of services to organisations and boards.

- Corporate Membership \$120 pa
- Affiliate Membership \$25 pa

For more information on membership refer to the website: www.shout.org.au or email ceo@shout.org.au



