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LINKS FOR LIFE Disability Expo

TAMWORTH Town Hall

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Ability Options

Contact: Andrew Warren

Business Address: 224 Pacific Highway Charlestown NSW 2290

Phone Number: 1300 4 ABILITY or 1300 422 454
Email Contact: andrew.warren@abilityoptions.org.au

Website: www.Abilityoptions.org.au

Description ofService offered:

Ability Options offers statewide self managed programs including: Community Participation

Life Choices, Active Ageing, Supported Living

Fund, Community Support Program

Drop in Support, Individual Accommodation

Support and Flexible Respite.

Under our Individualised funding service, we partner with you to manage your funding package. We effectively cut through the constraints and create new pathways for people to achieve life-changing outcomes.



Acacia Medical

Contact: Nettie Gigli

Business Address: 216 Marius St Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 67666760

Email Contact: customercare@acaciamedical.com.au

Website: <u>acaciamedical.com.au</u>

Description of Acacia Medical sell, hire, recommend and service offered: service a full range of Disability, Aged Care and

Rehabilitation equipment. Stocking the latest products and with over 20 years expertise, we

can help with every requirement. The Northwest and the New England and

surrounding coastal areas.



Aidacare

Contact: Scott Mason

Business Address: 3/248 Peel St Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 0407 662 661

Email Contact:scott.mason@aidacare.com.auWebsite:http://www.aidacare.com.au

Description of Aidacare offers a comprehensive range of service offered: Healthcare, Disability and Rehab equipment

including a hire and service department. Our friendly team will ensure we find the right product to suit your individual needs. At

Aidacare "We care for your care"

Australian Hearing

Contact: Australian Hearing

Business Address: 422-426 Peel St Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 6768 1900

Email Contact: lucinda.blanch@hearing.com.au

Website: www.hearing.com.au

Description of Australian Hearing provides a FREE services to service offered: Children till 26years, Pensioners (any type) and

indigenous communities. We look after the hearing needs of individuals and provide listening devices at assist people to hear better. These devices range from Telephones, TV Devices, and Door Bells to Hearing Aids. We cover the New England and

North west area

Australian Business Apprenticeships Centre

Contact: Raelene Hoy

Business Address: Suite 2, Level 2 454-456 Peel St Tamworth NSW

2340

Phone Number: 0409 110 350

Email Contact:raelene.hoy@australianbusiness.com.auWebsite:www.apprenticeshipscentre.com.au

Description of Specialist and independent provider of Australian service offered: Apprenticeships services in NSW & ACT. We offer

guidance and assistance regarding the sign up process, information on incentives and the ongoing management and support to employers

and employees

APPRENTICESHIP

Australian

Hearing

BEST Employment Ltd

Contact: Anna Cloake

Business Address: 500 Peel St Tamworth

Phone Number: 02 67666533

Email Contact: tamworth@best.com.au
Website: www.best.com.au

Description of The Disability Employment Service is a specialist service offered: program designed for helping people with a

disability to find and maintain suitable work. Our service is tailored to suit the individual needs of

our clients.

North West and New England regions of NSW

and Warwick region of QLD.



Billabong Clubhouse

Contact: Michael Herden
Business Address: 500 Peel St Tamworth

Phone Number: 02 67669960

Email Contact: pir@billabongclubhouse.org.au

Description of Adult Mental Health

service offered: Psychosocial rehabilitation, support and social

activities for adults with a mental illness

Support in the areas of:

- Studies

- Employment(transitional and supported)

Acquiring practical skillsSocialising and activities

- Safe environment free of judgement

- Advocacy

Non-clinical supportHealthy living programs

Plus much more.

Centacare NENW

Contact: Annabell Williams

Business Address: 201 Marius St Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 6762 9200

Email Contact:a.williams@centacarenenw.com.auWebsite:www.centacarenenw.com.au

Description of Mental Health Education, Psychology and Family

service offered: Relationship Centre.

Community Participation, Lifestyle Choices, Active Ageing Program and Individual Accommodation Support Packages.



Challenge Community Services

Contact: Graham Dooley

Business Address: 476 Peel St Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 67631823

Email Contact: graham.dooley@challengecommunity.org.au

Website: www.challengecommunity.org.au

Description of Challenge Choices: Group homes, community

service offered: living, day choices and respite services.

Children's Services: Residential support, foster care

and respite services.



Department of Education

Contact: Rebecca Maybury

Business Address: 155-157 Marius St Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 02 6755 5000

Email Contact: Rebecca.Maybury@det.nsw.edu.au

Description of service offered:Birth - pre school
Transition to school

School

Transition - school to post school
The Department of Education offers
support for students with a disability or
additional support needs from early
childhood, throughout their schooling and

planning for post school options.



DEJAY Medical

Contact: Adrian Whittaker

Business Address: 9 Anvil Rd Seven Hills NSW 2147

Phone Number: 0407 662 661

Email Contact:adrian@dejay.com.auWebsite:www.dejay.com.au

Equipment trials are organized with the attending

therapist.

Equipment quotes provided after trial
Delivery and fit of purchased equipment
Therapy and technical support with equipment



Department of Human Services

Contact: Graham Cameron

Business Address: Peel St Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 132717

Email Contact: graham.cameron@humanservices.gov.au

Website: www.humanservices.gov.au

Description of Delivering a range of payments and services for

service offered: people at time of major change



Disability Advocacy

Contact: Shaun Peters

Helen Sutherland

Business Address: Suite 2, 1st Floor 422-426 Peel St Tamworth

Phone Number: 6766 4588

Email Contact: shaun.peters@da.org.au

helen.sutherland@da.org.au

Website: www.da.org.au

Description of Provides advocacy support to people with any

service offered: disability and/or mental illness



Epps Engineering and Scooters

Contact: Rachel Bates

Business Address: Suite 4 30 Marius Street Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 02 6762 1212

Email Contact: <u>scooters@eppsengineering.com.au</u>

Description of Sales and service of mobility aids, daily living aids

service offered: and vehicle conversions

Essential Disability Group

Contact: Chris Buckman

Business Address: 591 Moore Creek Road, Tamworth

Phone Number: 0409 204 931

Email Contact: <u>Chrisb@eetgroup.com.au</u>

Description of Community participation and transition to work

service offered: services

Respite and accommodation services

Individual package services

Fiona's Minibus Rentals

Contact: Fiona Hemmings

Business Address: 1/121 Bridge Street Tamworth NSW

2340

Phone Number: 6760 9084

Email Contact: office@fionasminibuses.com.au

Website: www.fionasminibuses.com.au

Description of FIONA'S Mini Bus Rentals has mini-buses

service offered: with wheelchair access and that can be hired for a day or week or longer if

required.

The business has specialised in transport for young people with disabilities with daily transfers to and from school for

several years.

Fiona's Minibuses was a winner of the 2012 Tamworth Business Chamber Quality Business awards in 2012 for Excellence in Service and Trade, and was a finalist in the Regional Small Business Awards 2013 and 2014 for excellence in business ethics and excellence in small

business.

Fiona's Minibus Rentals
The Solution to Small Group Travel
A large selection of Air Conditioned
Minibuses. Wheelchair Access.
Fully Accredited Drivers.
Enclosed Trailer Hire. Long Term Hire.
office@fionasminibuses.com.au
www.fionasminibuses.com.au
Tel 02 6760 9084

Guide Dogs NSW/ACT

Contact: Gloria Sherwood

Business Address: 108 Brisbane Street, Tamworth

NSW 2340 NSW 2340

Phone Number: 02 6761 3152

Email Contact: gsherwood@guidedogs.com.au

Website: www.guidedogs.com.au

Description of Service provider - disability services service offered: for people with vision impairment.

Free service for people of all ages who have a vision loss which is causing them difficulty moving around safely and confidently. Training is tailored to an

individual's needs using aids such as canes, guide dogs and electronic

aids.

Guide Dogs NSW/ACT - covers all of

NSW and ACT.

Tamworth office covers the Northwest NSW area.



House with No Steps

Contact: Julia Reily

Business Address: 141 Marius St Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 57191086

Email Contact:jreily@hwns.com.auWebsite:www.hwns.com.au

Description of Choice Solutions Transition to work

service offered: Community Participation

Self-Managed Packages

Life Choices Accommodation

Respite

Children's services

Individualised support packages Transition school to post school

HWNS shows a true passion for supporting the human rights of people with a disability

and focuses on positive outcomes

for all



Horizons Early Childhood Intervention Service Inc

Contact: Donna Betts

Business Address: Po Box 1632 Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 6766 3587

Email Contact:donna@horizonei.com.auWebsite:http://horizonei.com.au

Description of Horizon provides educationally based programs for

service offered: children 0-6 years of age with a delay in

development and/or disability. Programs are

based on family goals and priorities.

Provider of 'Helping Children with Autism' and Better

Start' funding packages for children 0-7 years.

Humanware Pty Ltd

Contact: Tim Dominguez

usiness Address: Suite 2, 7-11 Railway St

Baulkham Hills, NSW, 2153

Phone Number: 029686 2600

Email Contact: tim.dominguez@humanware.com

Website: <u>www.humanware.com</u>

Description ofHumanware has been manufacturing and service offered:
servicing the Visually Impaired and the Blind

with products for the past 25 years.

We offer you old fashioned 1 on 1 service and free no obligation trials in your home school,

home or work place.



Humanware

HVTC Northwest

Contact: Paul Briscoe

Business Address: 1/121 Bridge Street Tamworth

Phone Number: 0437 488 544

Email Contact: pbriscoe@hvtc.com.au

Website:

Description of HVTC Northwest provides employment service offered: services related to Apprenticeships &

traineeships via a Group Training model -We employ the apprentice and host them to a suitable business and provide ongoing support and mentoring for both apprentices and hosts

I.D.E.A.S.

Contact: Angela van den Berg

Business Address: PO Box 786, Tumut NSW 2720

Phone Number: 1800 029 904

Email Contact: angelavandenberg@ideas.org.au

Website: http://www.ideas.org.au/

Description ofIDEAS is an independent information
service offered:
service for people with disability, their

families and carers.

We provide a range of free services and products, including the IDEAS Info Line; a free telephone information service. PH: 1800 029 904, Text: 0458 296 602, website:

www.ideas.org.au. Real people, real

listening.



Joblink Plus

Contact: Rochelle Wallace

Business Address: 490 Peel Street, Tamworth

Phone Number: 6764 6666

Email Contact: rochelle.wallace@joblinkplus.com.au

Description of Transition Support is for students with a disability in yrs

service offered: 9/10 needing help developing a career path.

Transition to Work is for young disabled adults who've completed their HSC and are wanting help to establish

their career.

Employment Enablement if for adults 30-55 with an intellectual disability needing assistance gaining

employment.

Employment Services jobactive



KADS

Contact: Natalie Briggs

Business Address: PO Box 263 Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 02 5776 5000 Email Contact: <u>info@kads.net.au</u>

Description of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders support for

service offered carers, respite and through day programs



Kaleidoscope and NSW Agency for Clinical Innovation, Children, Young People and Families Health Service

Contact: Angela Myles

Business: 621 Hunter St Newcastle NSW 2300

Phone Number: 02 49257866

Email Contact: angela.myles@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

: **Description of** NSW Health Transition Care Coordinators supports service offered: and assists young people with chronic medical

conditions and their carers as they plan prepare and move from children's health services to adult

health services because of age.





Kirinari Community Services Ltd

Contact: Lorraine Legge

Business Address:PO Box 5134 Tamworth NSW 2340Phone Number:0418 194 189 or 02 6760 0351Email Contact:lorraine.legge@kirinari.com.auWebsite:Inverell@kirinari.com.au

Description of Transition:- school to post school; Accommodation

service offered: and respite; Other at home care.

At Kirinari we listen to you to deliver support

services that are tailored to best suit your individual

needs

Kirinari provides a range of supported living,

lifestyle support and home care services across the

entire New England region.



Life Without Barriers

Contact: Pam Alley

Business Address: 10 O'Connell Street, Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 0458274047

Email Contact: Pam.Alley@lwb.org.au
Website: www.lwb.org.au

Description of Older Parent Carer Program, A day program service in **Service offered:** Narrabri, Leaving Care and Community Participation

self-funded packages throughout the New England Region. Out Of Home Care New England region, Aged

Care Packages New England region.

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My Choice Matters

Contact: Ann Turner

Business Address: Level 2, 418a Elizabeth St, Surry Hills 2010

Phone Number: 02 9211 2605

Email Contact: annturner@mychoicematters.org.au

Website: Mychoicematters.org.au

Description of My Choice Matters is a not-for-profit organisation

service offered: that runs capacity-building workshops and

programs for people with disability, their families and carers in the lead-up to the rollout of the

National Disability Insurance Scheme.



Coordination Officer Program

National Disability Coordination Officer Program

Contact: Lloyd Gris

Business Address: University of New England,

Armidale NSW 2350

Phone Number: 0437315338

Email Contact: lgris@une.edu.au

Website: www.une.edu.au

Description of NDCO's work strategically with stakeholders in their

service offered: region to reduce barriers to participation, help

smooth transitions, build links and coordinate

services for people

New Horizons

Contact: Akeshia McKay

Business Address: Unit 10 454-456 Peel St Tamworth

Phone Number: 02 57123555

Email Contact: amckay@newhorizons.net.au

Website:

Description of Mental health Housing Justice **service offered:** Education, Employment, Advocacy.

Aboriginal Housing and Support Initiative Support service in partnership with health and housing, providing community access and support to people living with a mental illness to live independently in the community

Northcott

Contact: Matt Old

Business Address: 147 Gonoo Gonoo Road, Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 02 6762 4902

Email Contact: matt.old@northcott.com.au

Website: www.tamworthoffice@northcott.com

Description of service offered:Individual and family Support - Tamworth/Moree

 Support Networks Programs - North West Region

• Early Start Diagnosis - Tamworth

 Centre based, Flexible and Older Carers Respite Programs – Tamworth

 Centre based, Individual and Post School Options - Tamworth

Aboriginal Intensive Family Support - Moree

 Skill Development program - North West Region

• Inclusion & Professional Support Programs

Trans Disciplinary Support

• Pre School disability Support



Para Mobility

Contact: Louise Willemsen

Business Address: 31 / 276 New Line Road. Dural NSW 2158

Phone Number: 02 9651 4446

Email Contact: sales@paramobility.com.au

Description of Para Mobility is a manufacturer of specialised

Service offered: disability equipment.

Para Quad NSW & Bright Sky Australia

Contact: Grant Roulstone

Business Address: 6 Holker St Newington NSW 2127

Phone Number: 4969 6388

Email Contact: grant.roulstone@paraquad.org.au

Description of Paraquad supports life choices for people with a spinal cord injury through accommodation, clinical support,

occupational therapy and social work. Bright Sky provides national home delivery service of specialist

healthcare products.





Pathfinders-Ability Links

service offered:

Contact: Lynn Lennon

Business Address: 3 Glen Innes Rd Inverell NSW 2360

Phone Number: 0459 141 755

Email Contact: <u>abilitylinks@pathfinders-aus.org</u>

Description of Ability Links can assist with:

• Hobbies, leisure and recreation

Education and training

Health

Employment

Accessing Services

TransportHousing

Concerns with accessibility

Discovering "what's on" in your community



Pathfinders-New England North West Family Referral Service

Contact: Kayleen Hema

Business Address: 127 Bridge St. Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 0418 140 279

Email Contact: nenwfrs@pathfinders-aus.org
Website: www.pathfinders-aus.org

Description ofNew England North West Family Referral Service **service offered:**The Family Referral Service (FRS) brings together

families, support services, and community

resources

so that our children and young people are safe

and well.

Family Referral Service has offices in Tamworth, Armidale, Inverell & Moree and staff will travel

to surrounding areas to assist families



Peel Valley Training and Employment

Contact: Gabriella Blackshaw

Business Address: 109 Bridge St. Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 6762 1300

Email Contact: gabriellablackshaw@pvte.com.au

Website: www.pvte.com.au

Description of Generalist Disability Employment Service; **Service offered** Specialist Mental Health Employment Service,

Personal Helpers and Mentors Service.

Disability Employment Service: assisting with jobseeking and employment support for people

with barriers to employment.

Personal Helpers and Mentors Service: supporting people whose lives are significantly affected by a

mental health issue



Quantum: Reading, Learning, Vision

Contact: Tim Connell

Olga Berkovsky

Business Address: 1-2 Pioneer Ave Thornleigh NSW 2120

Phone Number: 0405 644 668

Email Contact: <u>oberkovsky@quantumrlv.com.au</u>

Website: www.quantumrlv.com.au

Description of Quantum RLV supplies Assistive Technology **Service offered:** solutions to the education, corporate and

government sectors, as well as to the growing population of older Australians who are losing their vision due to conditions such as Macular Degeneration. Quantum has five offices across Australia in Sydney, Melbourne, Northern NSW

and Victoria.



Spinal Cord Injuries Australia

Contact: Glenda Hodges

Les Morriss Megan Fitzgerald

Business Address: 20 Murray Street Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 02 6766 6422

Email Contact: newengland@scia.org.au

Website: www.scia.org.au

Description of Information and advocacy service for people service offered: with physical disabilities 6 years + as well as

client and carer support



Springsure FarmAbility

Contact: Annabel Archer

Business Address: 2719 Bingara Rd Bundarra NSW 2359

Phone Number: 0459 252 236

Email Contact:Annabelarcher@bigpond.comWebsite:www.springsurefarmability.comDescription ofAccommodation and respite

service offered: Disability care

Mental health care

Aged care

State Training Services

Contact: Greg Poetschka

Business Address: 155-157 Marius St, Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 6755 5099

Email Contact: gregory.poetschka@industry.gov.nsw.au

Description of Apprenticeships and traineeships including

Service offered school based and VET courses.

Sunnyfield Disability Services

Contact: Julie McNamara

Business Address: Suite 4, 468-472 Peel St Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: (02) 6760 1600

Email Contact: j.mcnamara@sunnyfield.org.au

Website: <u>www.sunnyfield.org.au</u>

Description of Sunnyfield enriches the lives of people with an **service offered:** intellectual disability & ABI by creating choice,

opportunities & skills for life. We are a leading disability service provider supplying trusted & flexible support

services across New England.

Sunnyfield covers the entire New England North West

Region



TAFE New England Student Services Directorate (Inc. Counselling, Disability Services & Aboriginal Learning Circle)

Contact: Disability Teacher/Consultants

Business Address: 13 Janison St Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 6768 2286

Email Contact: cheryl.wilson4@det.nsw.edu.au

Website: www.tne.edu.au

Description of Disability Support meeting individual student

service offered: learning needs and other support

requirements. Covering New England Area



Tamworth Community College

Contact: Elle Lukas

Business Address: 175 Peel St Tamworth NSW 2340

Phone Number: 6763 0630

Email Contact: <u>elle@tamworth.nsw.edu.au</u>
Website: <u>www.tamworth.nsw.edu.au/</u>

Description of Community based not for profit registered Service offered:training organisation. Accredited training and

short courses designed to empower students



Tamworth Meals on Wheels

Contact: Peter Scorgie

Business Address: 328 Goonoo Goonoo Rd Tamworth

Phone Number: 67658999

Email Contact: pscorgie@tpg.com.au

Description of Providing a meal service to the frail, aged, young

Service offered: people with a disability and carers



Wheelchair Sports NSW

Contact: Sean Hannaford

Business Address: PCYC Newcastle, Cnr Young & Melbourne St,

Broadmeadow NSW 2292

Phone Number: 0438 747 665

Email Contact: seanh@wsnsw.org.au

Description of Main disability sporting & recreation provider. **service offered** Our vision: "To enrich the lives of people with a

disability through participation in sport". Host a range of sports (13) for our members throughout NSW as well as athletic development programs and mentoring with some of our athletes such as; Grant Nickel, Kurt Fearnley,

Angella Ballard and more.

Conduct Roadshow programs, which are proudly supported by Transport for NSW. The Roadshow involves a talk to students involving road safety covering a variety of topics from an employee of WS NSW. We also offer corporate education

packages



Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre: Ability Links

Contact: Wayne Griffiths

Business Address: 12 Hunter St Gunnedah NSW 2380
Phone Number: 02 6743 0999/0409 220 756
Email Contact: WayneG@winanga-li.org.au

Description of Winanga-Li Aboriginal Child and Family Centre service offered: serves as a gateway to a wider child, family and

community support service system.

We work with children of all ages, their families and other community members to assist them to

meet their needs.

Through its Linkers, Winanga-Li ACFC works with children and adults [0-64 years] with disability and/or their carers/families to provide short-term support to ensure they achieve their goals and are able to access services in their local

community.

Linker services are available throughout the New England North West region - in Tamworth, Gunnedah, Liverpool Plain, Gwydir, Guyra, Narrabri, Moree Plains, Inverell, Tenterfield, Glenn Innes Sever, Uralla, and Armidale.



