



NEW ENGLAND COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

CONNECT • DISCOVER • SHARE • GROW

Wednesday 21 October 2026

BECOME A COMMUNITY PARTNER

Celebrating the skills, talents and contributions of people with disability across the New England region.

Inaugural
Event
2026



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Introducing:

The New England Community Showcase

An initiative of The Monthly Mixer

Thank you for taking the time to learn about The Monthly Mixer's new project – the New England Community Showcase.

The Monthly Mixer creates inclusive social opportunities for people with disability, families, carers, support workers and the wider community.

The Showcase grew directly from feedback from Mixer attendees, who wanted more opportunities to share their skills, talents, creativity and achievements with the wider community.

Building on The Monthly Mixer's focus on connection and belonging, the Showcase will celebrate ability and create opportunities for people to participate, connect and be seen within the wider community.

Our planning team is proud to be bringing this vision to life, and we would be honoured to welcome you as one of our founding Community Partners.

Miranda Vanry Coordinator
On behalf of The Monthly Mixer Planning Team





Why the Showcase?

**Celebrating ability.
Strengthening community.**

Every day, people with disability contribute through their work, creativity, volunteering, advocacy and everyday achievements. Too often, these contributions go unseen.

The New England Community Showcase has been created to celebrate those contributions and provide opportunities for people with disability to share their skills, talents and achievements with the wider community.

Rather than following a traditional disability expo model, the Showcase places people with disability at the centre of the day through participant-led displays, performances, workshops, demonstrations and interactive activities.

CONNECT

Connect with others, form new relationships and enjoy shared experiences.

DISCOVER

Discover the talents, ideas, interests and possibilities within our community.

SHARE

Share skills, creativity, experiences and achievements.

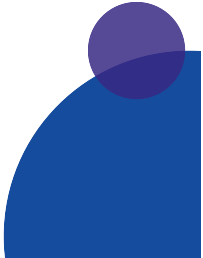
GROW

Grow understanding, confidence and inclusion across our region.



Did you know?

The New England Community Showcase will be held during Invisible Disabilities Week, a week dedicated to increasing awareness, understanding and inclusion for people whose disabilities may not be immediately apparent.



The Showcase Experience

A day of visibility, creativity, connection and celebration.

The New England Community Showcase will bring together people with disability, families, carers, community organisations, local businesses and the wider community for an inclusive regional event.

Throughout the day, visitors can explore participant-led stalls and displays, enjoy performances, take part in workshops and activities, and connect with people from across the New England region.

Participant-led Stalls

Artists, makers, collectors, creators and community members sharing their skills, interests and achievements.

Workshops and Activities

Accessible workshops, games and interactive experiences for people of different ages, interests and abilities

Performances and Demonstrations

Live music, choirs, creative performances, practical demonstrations and opportunities for participation.

Community Connections

Services, businesses and local initiatives sharing information, opportunities and ways to become involved in community.

Accessibility and Inclusion

An accessible changing space, quiet room, sensory resources, clear signage and other supports to help visitors participate comfortably.

At A Glance

Wednesday 21 October 2026

10am to 3pm

Armidale City Bowling Club

Expected Attendance: 150-300



Why Partner With Us?

More than sponsorship—support inclusion, strengthen community and help create something lasting.

The New England Community Showcase gives businesses and organisations a meaningful way to support inclusion while demonstrating their commitment to the region.

As a founding Community Partner, your support will help make the Showcase accessible, affordable and welcoming while connecting your organisation with communities across New England.

Demonstrate Community Leadership

Show your commitment to inclusion, participation and stronger local communities.

Create Meaningful Impact

Provide accessible resources, opportunities to participate and a welcoming experience for visitors.

Build Regional Connections

Connect with individuals, families, organisations and services from across the New England region.

Gain Visibility and Recognition

Receive recognition in event materials, on our website and social media, and during the Showcase.

Supporting Accessibility in a Practical Way

Every Gold, Silver and Bronze Community Partnership includes sponsorship of one reusable Sensory Backpack.

Available to borrow from the Quiet Room, each backpack will contain noise-reducing earmuffs, fidgets and calming resources and will be reused at future inclusive events.



Become a Community Partner

Choose the level of support that best suits your business or organisation.

Gold Community Partner

Limited to 2

\$700

- Prominent logo placement on event promotional materials
- Featured Gold Partner recognition in the exhibitor booklet
- Website and social media recognition
- Prominent recognition on event signage
- MC acknowledgements during the Showcase
- Complimentary Business Exhibitor Stall (optional)
- Sponsorship of one reusable Sensory Backpack

Silver Community Partner

Limited to 8

\$350

- Logo on selected promotional materials
- Silver Partner recognition in the exhibitor booklet
- Website and social media recognition
- Recognition on event signage
- MC acknowledgements during the Showcase
- Sponsorship of one reusable Sensory Backpack

More Ways to Be Involved

Bronze Community Partner

Limited to 15

\$150

- Website and social media recognition
- Bronze Partner recognition in the exhibitor booklet
- Recognition on event signage
- Acknowledgement during Community Partner thank-yous
- Sponsorship of one reusable Sensory Backpack

Accessibility Partner

Sponsor a reusable Sensory Backpack for visitors to borrow during the Showcase and at future events.

\$75

- Sponsor acknowledgement on the backpack
- Recognition in the Quiet Room
- Website and social media recognition

Business Exhibitor Stall

For disability-related businesses and organisations to showcase their services and connect with visitors.

\$100

- Exhibitor space at the event
- Direct engagement with visitors

NOTE *Business Exhibitor Stalls are separate from Community Partnership packages.*

Join Us

Help bring the inaugural New England Community Showcase to life.

By becoming a Community Partner, you'll help create an accessible, welcoming event that celebrates the skills, talents and achievements of people with disability across our region.

We would be honoured to welcome you as one of our founding Community Partners.

Ready to get involved?

Become a Community Partner or sponsor a Sensory Backpack by completing our Community Partnership Form.
Contact us to book a Business Exhibitor Stall.

Scan the QR code or visit trybooking.com/DOSLN

Register by
30 September
to be included in
printed materials



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