**2021 Telelink Program Schedule**

The following Schedule is a guide to the Regular programs offered including the day, topic / language, start and end dates, frequency, time and description. All times are AEDT / AEST.

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# Monday

## Parenting Support Monthly | 15 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: third Monday of the month, 10:00am**

**About:** we are a parenting group that comes together to discuss ideas, stories and experiences in the parenting world.

Eligibility requirements: must be a parent who is blind or has low vision.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Greek Social Weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 10.15am.**

**About:** we are a Greek-speaking group who meet for a social chat.

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Greek.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Crosswords Weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 11:00am.**

**About:** we are a social group who meets every week to complete crosswords together. Our facilitator is the crossword master, providing an interactive forum for us to solve a variety of crosswords together.

Eligibility requirements: none, all that is required is an enjoyment of crosswords.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Current Affairs Weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 11:00am.**

**About:** we get together to talk about local, national and international news and affairs. We introduce a topic and let everyone have a say.

Eligibility criteria: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Social Weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 11:00am.**

**About:** we are a social group where we chat about how we’re going, and what’s been happening in day to day life.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Arabic Speaking Social Weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 11:45am.**

**About:** we are a social group of Arabic-speakers who come together for a weekly chat.

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Arabic.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) Support Weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: Every Monday, 1:00pm.**

**About:** we are a welcoming and supportive group for clients who have RP. We chat about anything and everything to do with RP, from the latest developments in RP research to what it’s like to farm with RP.

Eligibility requirements: participants must have RP.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Social Weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 1:15pm.**

**About:** we are a social group who meet to discuss a variety of fun and interesting subjects.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Current Affairs Weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 2:00pm.**

**About:** we are a group that gets together to talk about local, national and international news and affairs. We introduce a topic and let everyone have a say.

Eligibility criteria: none

Suitable for: all ages.

## Social weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 2:00pm.**

**About**: We are a friendly social discussion group where we chat about daily life, childhood memories, and whatever else comes to mind. A great group for people who are feeling isolated and transitioning to My Aged Care.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Crosswords weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 3:00pm.**

**About:** we are a crossword group that is very social and interactive. Although our focus is crosswords, we also like to chat amongst ourselves, as well as helping each other out to complete crosswords.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Gardening Interest Weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 4:00pm.**

**About:** we are a social and interactive group who are connected by our interest in gardening. We talk about our personal experiences, trials and tribulations of gardening, as well as growing conditions and climates as we are from all over Australia.

Eligibility requirements: all that is required is an interest in gardening.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Greek Social Weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 4.00pm.**

**About:** we are a Greek-speaking group who meet for a social chat.

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Greek

Suitable for: all ages.

## Italian Social weekly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: every Monday, 4:00pm.**

**About:** we are an Italian group who meets to talk about different topics. Some topics include cooking, history, music and books amongst others.

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Italian.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Younger Adult Social Monthly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: first Monday of the month, 7:30pm.**

**About:** an open discussion group where members can come to socialise. We discuss ideas, issues and try and problem solve together.

Eligibility requirements: must be 45 or younger to join this group.

Suitable for: ages 18 to 45.

## Book Club monthly | 15 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: third Monday of the month, 7:30pm.**

**About**: we are a group that meets to talk about books we have read from the Vision Australia library.

Eligibility criteria: must be a library member and be able to access the library for books.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Diabetes Support and Information | 22 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: last Monday of the month, 8:00pm**

**About:** we are a social group for people who have type 1 and 2 diabetes who share information and support each other. Periodically we have guest speakers like a Diabetes educator.

Eligibility requirements: people who have type 1 and 2 diabetes.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Dog Guide Support Monthly | 1 Feb – 6 Dec

**When: first Monday of the month, 8:00pm.**

**About:** we are an informal, social group to support dog guide users. We exchange advice and suggestions with each other, and we are a safe place to discuss any issues related to dog guide handling.

Eligibility requirements: must be a dog guide handler or be interested in applying for a dog guide in the near future.

Suitable for: all ages.

# Tuesday

## History Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: every Tuesday, 9:00am.**

**About:** we are a group for people who are interested in learning about history. Each week, the group will agree on a particular topic of interest and the facilitator will either provide a lecture or carry out research and simply act as an information source on the topic.

Eligibility requirements: none, all that is required is an interest in history.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Italian Social Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: every Tuesday, 9:00am.**

**About:** we are a friendly, engaging and supportive group who meet to talk about past and future events, recipes, cooking, poetry and music – just to name a few things!

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Italian.

Suitable for: over 65’s preferably, as discussion topics reflect this dynamic.

## Social Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: every Tuesday, 9:15am.**

**About:** we are a group who loves to chat about anything and everything. We like to share jokes, poems, and stories.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Social Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: every Tuesday, 9:45am.**

**About:** we are a social group that chat about whatever comes to mind. If you live alone, are feeling isolated or just like chatting to new people, this might be the group for you.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Cantonese Social Monthly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: first Tuesday of the month, 10:00am.**

**About:** we are a social group for Cantonese-speaking participants who catch up for a chat.

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Cantonese.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Crosswords Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: every Tuesday, 10:00am**

**About:** we are an enthusiastic group who loves all things crossword-related.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Men’s Mid-Age Social Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: Every Tuesday, 10:00am.**

**About**: we are a group of men that meet to chat about whatever comes to mind.

Eligibility requirements: men.

Suitable for: men generally aged 40+.

## Men’s Older Social Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: Every Tuesday, 10:00am.**

**About:** we are a social group of men that chat about whatever comes to mind.

Eligibility requirements: men.

Suitable for: men generally aged 65+.

## Crosswords Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: every Tuesday, 10:15am.**

**About:** we are a weekly word-game group. We solve crosswords and love guessing new words.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Spanish Social Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: every Tuesday, 10:30am.**

**About**: we are a social group for Spanish-speaking participants who catch up for a chat.

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Spanish.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Book Club Monthly | 9 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: second Tuesday of the month, 11:00am.**

**About:** we are a group of members who love to read. Each month, we select a book and we have an open and interesting discussion on all things related to the book. Each member gets a chance to select a book throughout the year.

Eligibility requirements: must be a library member and be able to access the library for books.

Suitable for: over 40’s.

## Smart Tech Users Support fortnightly | 9 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 11:00am.**

**About**: we are a group of people that want to discover the latest technology that people who are blind or have low vision are using. Come and share tips, tricks and strategies in a supportive environment.

Eligibility requirements: Competent technology user.

Suitable for: all ages

## Social Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: every Tuesday, 1:15pm.**

**About**: we are a group who loves to chat about anything and everything. We like to share jokes, poems, and stories.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Quiz Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: every Tuesday, 2:00pm.**

**About**: we are a group that meets every week to do quizzes from the local paper together.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Book Club monthly | 9 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: second Tuesday of the month, 3:00pm.**

**About:** we are a group that meet to talk about specific books that we have read over the past month.

Eligibility requirements: must be a library member and be able to access the library for books.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Music Fortnightly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: first and third Tuesday of the month, 3.00pm.**

**About:** We are a group for anyone who enjoys listening to and chatting about all types of music.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages

## Crosswords Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: every Tuesday, 4:00pm.**

**About:** we are a group who meets to solve crosswords together, using hints and clues to guess the words.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## TV and Audio Description ‘Tellylink’ - Weekly | 12 January till 23 March 2021

**When: every Tuesday 7pm AEDT**

**About:** Join us in a trial program about TV and audio description. We’ll discuss the week’s audio described television with fellow AD users.Calling all Telly Addicts: Now we’ve finally got Audio Description on two of our TV networks let’s talk about it! Like a book club only with TV as the subject, ‘Tellylink’ sessions are a chance to discuss the week’s TV with fellow audio description users. How does Vera drink so many cups of tea in one episode?? What surprising facts came out of the latest doco on SBS? And what do you think about what’s being audio described and how it’s being done? We’ll share the Audio Description TV schedules for the ABC and SBS ahead of time and suggest a couple of programmes to start the conversation, but bring other recommendations (and warnings!) of audio described programmes from these channels or indeed any streaming platform that you access your audio description on.

**Delivery: Zoom**

**Suitability: need to have access Zoom**

## Social Weekly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: every Tuesday, 7:30pm.**

**About**: we are a group that talks about whatever comes to mind, we swap recipes, stories, ask questions, and tell bad jokes. We also offer each other any assistance to help with any problems anyone is having.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Dog Guide Support Fortnightly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: first and third Tuesday of the month, 8:00pm.**

**About:** this is a group where like-minded people can come together and catch up for a general chat, as well as discussing topics related to having a dog guide.

Eligibility requirements: must have a dog guide.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Women’s World Social Fortnightly | TBA

**When: fortnightly Tuesday, 8:30pm.**

**About:** We are a social support chat group for Women of all ages and backgrounds, we meet up fortnightly.

Eligibility requirements:

Suitable for: all ages

# Wednesday

## Social weekly | 3 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: every Wednesday, 9:00am.**

**About:** a group that come together for a general chat and catch-up.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Keen Cooks Fortnightly | 3 Feb – 1 Dec

**When: first and third Wednesday of the month, 10:00am.**

**About:** we are a fun, discussion-based group where we chat about all things cooking!

Eligibility requirements: none, we suit any cooking style or capability.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Ice-breakers Fortnightly | 10 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 10:00am.**

**About:** we are all about breaking the ice! We ask quirky questions and each member gets to answer. This is a great way for us to learn about each other and have a laugh at ourselves!

Eligibility requirements: none, you just need to be open to talking about yourself and having a good laugh.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Parenting Support Monthly | 3 Feb – 1 Dec

**When: first Wednesday of the month, 10:00am.**

**About:** we are a support group for parents where we swap stories, discuss tips and tricks and discuss all things related to parenting. All parents are welcome; but at least one parent must be a client of Vision Australia.

Eligibility requirements: must be a parent who is blind or has low vision.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Trivia Fortnightly | 3 Feb – 1 Dec

**When: first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month, 10:00am.**

**About:** a group for anyone who enjoys trivia questions, sometimes, questions are asked randomly!

Eligibility requirements:

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Crosswords Weekly | 3 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: every Wednesday, 11:00am.**

**About:** we are an enthusiastic group who loves all things crossword-related.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Social weekly | 3 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: every Wednesday, 11:00am.**

**About:** we are a resourceful social group of older adults who talk about a range of different things such as books, Vision Australia, plans for the week, cooking plans, pensions and anything else that comes to mind.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Sport weekly | 3 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: every Wednesday, 11:00am.**

**About:** we are a group who meets to talk about sport. We discuss all kinds of sport, but we do have a strong focus on AFL. We also run a footy tipping competition during the AFL season.

Eligibility requirements: an interest in talking about sport, particularly AFL.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Vietnamese Social Weekly | 3 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: every Wednesday, 2:00pm.**

**About:** we are a social group for Vietnamese-speaking participants who catch up for a chat.

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Vietnamese.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Italian Social Weekly | 3 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: every Wednesday, 2:00pm.**

**About**: we are a friendly, engaging and supportive group who meet to talk about past and future events, recipes, cooking, poetry and music – just to name a few things!

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Italian.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Trivia Weekly | 3 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: every Wednesday, 2:30pm.**

**About:** we are a fun, supportive and encouraging trivia group with people of all ages and abilities. The facilitator asks trivia questions from the paper and each member gets a turn at answering a few questions per session.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages,

## Crosswords Weekly | 3 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: every Wednesday, 3:00pm.**

**About:** we are a friendly, accommodating crossword group who enjoys some social interaction and of course, completing crosswords! We are a positive group who help each other out with clues when completing the crosswords.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages

## Polish Social Fortnightly | 3 Feb – 1 Dec

**When: every Wednesday, 3:00pm.**

**About**: we are a social group for Polish-speaking participants who catch up for a chat.

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Polish.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Book Club Monthly | 2 Feb – 7 Dec

**When: first Wednesday of the month, 4:00pm.**

**About**: come join our friendly book club, where we talk about all kinds of books from detective to adventure stories, and everything in-between. Participants must be able to download books from the Vision Australia library, as this is where we source all the books we read and discuss.

Eligibility requirements: must be a library member and be able to access the library for books.

Suitable for: all ages.

## All About Braille Monthly | 17 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: Third Wednesday of the month, 4:00pm.**

**About**: If you are an experienced braille reader, and you love talking about the latest braille displays and braillebooks, you’ve come to the right place! This is a friendly group where we like to share our knowledge of what’s happening in the braille world. Please note, this is not a group for learning braille.

Eligibility requirements: participants must be able to read and/or have a knowledge of braille.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Gardening Weekly | 3 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: every Wednesday, 4:00pm.**

**About:** we talk about all things gardening, no matter how big or small. We are open to anyone who is interested in talking about gardening, whether or not you have a garden. We like to swap our gardening stories and experiences.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: over 50’s.

## Table for One Fortnightly | 10 Feb – 8 Dec

**When: every Wednesday, 6:30pm.**

**About**: we are a supportive and open-minded group for people who are interested in discussing topics around pre-dating. We talk about how to build up confidence, creating online dating profiles, finding accessible venues for a date, how to look for a date, and much more!

Eligibility requirements: all that is required is an interest in dating. All sexualities are welcome. The program is delivered through video conference, clients will need a suitable device and connection to the internet.

Suitable for: singles 20’s, 30’s.

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## Dog Guide Support Monthly | 3 Feb – 1 Dec

**When: first Wednesday of the month, 8:00pm.**

**About:** we are a support group for experienced dog guide handlers. We provide an open and respectful forum to ask questions, exchange tips and advice about your dog guide experience. Please note, you must currently have a dog guide or be between dog guides to join this group.

Eligibility requirements: current dog guide handler or be on the waiting list for your next dog guide.

Suitable for: all ages.

# Thursday

## Book Club Monthly | 11 Feb – 9 Dec

**When: second Thursday of the month, 9:30am.**

**About:** we are a group meet to talk about books we have read from the Vision Australia library.

Eligibility criteria: must be a library member and be able to access the library for books.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Greek Social Weekly | 4 Feb – 9 Dec

**When: every Thursday, 10.00am.**

**About:** we are a Greek-speaking group who meet for a social chat.

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Greek.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Mandarin Social Monthly | 14 Jan – 9 Dec

**When: second Thursday of the month, 10.00am.**

**About:** we are a Mandarin-speaking group who meet for a social chat.

Eligibility requirements: must speak fluent Mandarin.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Mechanics Interest Monthly | 4 Feb – 2 Dec

**When: first Thursday of the month, 10:00am.**

**About:** a monthly group for people with an interest in all things mechanical – although we do have a particular focus on cars!

Eligibility requirements: an interest in talking about mechanics.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Quiz Weekly | 4 Feb – 9 Dec

**When: every Thursday, 10:30am.**

**About:** we are a group that meets to do quizzes from the local paper together.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## All About Food Fortnightly | 4 Feb – 9 Dec

**When: every fortnight Thursday, 10:45am.**

**About**: we love to talk about anything and everything to do with food! We share recipes and experiences with food, as well as tips and tricks for cooking as a blind or vision impaired person.

Eligibility requirements: all that is required is an interest in food.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Crosswords Weekly | 4 Feb – 9 Dec

**When: every Thursday, 11:00am**

**About:** we are an enthusiastic group who loves all things crossword-related.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Italian Social Weekly | 4 Feb – 9 Dec

When: every Thursday, 1.45pm.

About: the Thursday group starts off with a prayer. We have a general chat about anything from the weather to food and sometimes even swap recipes.

Eligibility requirements: participants must be able to speak fluent Italian, as these groups are conducted entirely in Italian.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Fine Arts Interest Monthly | 18 Feb - 9 Dec

**When: Third Thursday of the month, 2:00pm.**

**About:** this group is a place for creative’s to come together and share their artistic endeavours. Whether your interest is Architecture, Sculpture, Painting, Literature, Music, Performing, and Film, or something else, we’d love to hear about it - all creative’s are welcome!

Eligibility requirements: an interest in talking about your creative pursuits.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Bible Discussion Weekly | 4 Feb – 9 Dec

**When: every Thursday, 2:00pm.**

**About**: we are a Christian faith based group where participants select different topics to discuss throughout the sessions.

Eligibility requirements: must believe in the Christian faith.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Social Weekly | 4 Feb – 9 Dec

**When: every Thursday, 2:00pm.**

**About:** a group who chats about whatever comes to mind; there are no set topics, it is just a friendly social group.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Art and Craft Interest Monthly | 18 Feb – 9 Dec

**When: Third Thursday of the month, 3:00pm.**

**About:** we are a group for people who enjoy arts and crafts. We provide an open discussion about projects members have been creating. We like to generate ideas, and also discuss tips and tricks for doing a craft with a vision impairment. Topics for discussion are driven by the interests of members.

Eligibility requirements: none, just an interest in arts and crafts.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) Support Weekly | 4 Feb – 9 Dec

**When: Every Thursday, 3:00pm.**

**About:** we are a welcoming and supportive group for clients who have RP. We chat about anything and everything to do with RP, from the latest developments in RP research to what it’s like to farm with RP.

Eligibility requirements: participants must have RP.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Spelling Challenge Weekly | 4 Feb – 9 Dec

**When: every Thursday, 4:00pm.**

**About:** we are a spelling group. The facilitator reads out the words and the members get to try and spell them.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Tertiary Studies Support Monthly | 18 March – 18 Nov

W**hen: third Thursday of the month, 8:00pm**

**About:** We meet together for an informal chat to talk about our experiences, challenges and solutions in tertiary studies.

Eligibility requirements: must be studying or considering study at a tertiary level.

Suitable for: students.

# Friday

## AFL Tipping weekly | 12 March – 24 Sept

**When: every Friday, 9:15am.**

**About:** We are a group of AFL enthusiasts where we talk AFL football and tip during the season. We also run a footy tipping competition during the AFL season.

Eligibility requirements: none

Suitable for: all ages

## Social Weekly | 5 Feb – 10 Dec

**When: every Friday, 10.15am.**

**About**: A social group where we come together and have a general chat about whatever topic comes to mind!

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Book Club Monthly | 26 Feb – 10 Dec

**When: last Friday of the month. 10:30am.**

**About:** we are a group of members who love to read. Each month, we select a book and we have an open and interesting discussion on all things related to the book. Each member gets a chance to select a book throughout the year.

Eligibility requirements: must be a library member and be able to access the library for books.

Suitable for: over 65’s.

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## Current Affairs Weekly | 5 Feb – 10 Dec

**When: every Friday, 10:30am.**

**About:** This group talks about all sorts of topics that are of interest to the group. Usually, we will agree on a topic as a group for discussion. Some of our previous topics have included historical events, world affairs and human rights.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Crosswords Weekly | 5 Feb – 10 Dec

**When: every Friday, 10:45am.**

**About**: we are a social group who meets every week to solve crosswords together. Participants are very supportive in assisting each other to solve the crosswords.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Crosswords weekly | 5 Feb – 10 Dec

**When: every Friday, 11.00am.**

**About:** we are a crossword group that is very social and interactive. Although our focus is crosswords, we also like to chat amongst ourselves, as well as helping each other out to complete crosswords.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Quiz Weekly | 5 Feb – 10 Dec

**When: every Friday, 11:00am.**

**About:** we are a group that meets every week to do quizzes from the local paper together.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Sport weekly | 5 Feb – 10 Dec

**When: every Friday, 11:00am.**

**About:** we are a group who meets to talk about sport. We discuss all kinds of sport, but we do have a strong focus on AFL. We also run a footy tipping competition during the AFL season.

Eligibility requirements: an interest in talking about sport, particularly AFL.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Social Weekly | 5 Feb – 10 Dec

**When: every Friday, 1:00pm.**

**About**: a general social group where we chat about everything and anything. We like to have a laugh and a friendly chat

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

## Parenting Support Monthly | 19 Feb – 10 Dec

**When: 3rd Friday, 1,45pm.**

**About:** we are a support group for parents where we swap stories, discuss tips and tricks and discuss all things related to parenting

Eligibility requirements: at least one parent who is blind and who has low vision

Suitable for: all ages.

## Bible Discussion Weekly | 5 Feb – 10 Dec

**When: every Friday, 3:00pm.**

**About:** we are a Christian faith based group where participants select different topics to discuss throughout the sessions.

Eligibility requirements: must believe in the Christian faith.

Suitable for: all ages.

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## Social Weekly | 5 Feb – 10 Dec

**When: every Friday, 5:00pm.**

**About:** we are a social group where we chat about how we’re going, and what’s been happening in day to day life.

Eligibility requirements: none.

Suitable for: all ages.

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