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Reminder for people to register for PCAF AGM

Date: Wednesday 8 November 2023

Time: 4.00-6.00pm

Venue: Rendezvous Hotel, President's Room, 328 Flinders Street, Melbourne

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CLEWV> and select if you prefer to attend in person or online. For those attending online a link will be sent to you closer to the event.

Guest Speaker: Stacy Blythe; Associate Professor in the School of Nursing and Midwifery at Western Sydney University and Deputy Director of Translational Research and Social Innovation group.



Support For Students with Disability And Their Families



The Allan Labor Government is giving hundreds of Victorian families more support, with access to High Intensity Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) specifically designed and staffed for students with disability set to roll out to more government specialist schools from next year.

OSHC services will get underway for the first time at 15 more specialist schools in 2024, delivering on the Labor Government's promise to Victorians at last year's election to build on a pilot program established in 2018. Click [here](#) to read the full article.

Carer Kafe - Upcoming Training & Events

Carer Kafe understand the vital role you play in ensuring the safety and well-being of the children in your care, while also providing them with the opportunity to thrive. See below their upcoming training opportunities, click [here](#)

Tue 21st Nov 10:30am - 2:00pm



Thur 16th Nov 10:30am - 12:30pm



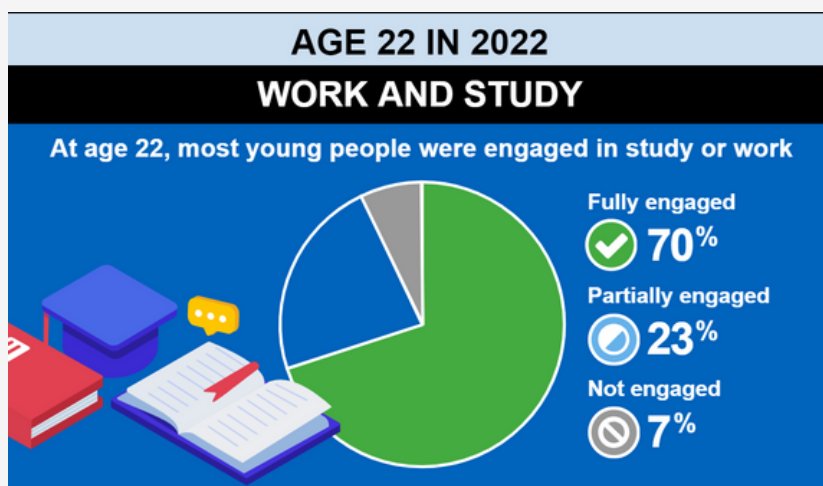
Fri 17th Nov 11am - 3:00pm



Generation Z: Life at 22 years of age

The Longitudinal Survey's of Australian Youth (LSAY) follow young Australians from the age of 15 up until they are 25, exploring young people's experiences as they leave school, begin post-school and enter the workforce.

Click [here](#) to see the findings.





Peer support - face to face for intercountry adoptive parents of adult children

Dates: Wednesday 25th Oct
Wednesday 22nd Nov

Time: 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Where: Bargoonga Nganjin, North Fitzroy Library,
182 St Georges Rd North Fitzroy

PCA Families is delighted to announce that with a small grant through ICAFSS (Intercountry Adoptee & Family Support Services), a monthly face-to-face peer support group for parents of adult intercountry adoptees is being established, commencing on Wednesday evening, 25th October at North Fitzroy Library.

The need for intercountry adoptive parents to access opportunities for mutual sharing of the joys and challenges of their adoptive parenting journey has long been recognised as profound benefit for sustaining strong, ongoing relationships with adult adopted children.

It is anticipated that the group's discussion topics will emerge from the needs identified by participants and will be guided by knowledge gained from evidence-based research and professional experts, as well as by the rich, shared wisdom of participants' lived experiences.

Central to this peer support group will be the establishment of a safe, non-judgmental space for sharing experiences and a deep sense of trust and respect for participants, together with a good deal of hope and humour.

To express an interest or to gain more details please email linda2cooke@gmail.com
No booking required; you can just attend.

New Mental Health Centre

Supporting Children and Families

The Allan Labor Government is improving access to support and treatment for children in need of specialised mental health care with Victoria's first child and family centre now open in Melbourne's north east. Click [here](#) to learn more



Share and Connect



TOPIC: Join Jenn Colechin discuss Understanding and Responding to Challenging Behaviour

DATE: Wednesday 29 November from 7.30pm - 9.00pm (online)

REGISTER: via [Zoom](#)



This presentation provides an understanding of challenging behaviour including:

- Knowing the common reasons will provide why challenging behaviour occurs and how to avoid triggers for escalation and
- Practical strategies in how to positively de-escalate and successfully respond to challenging behaviour.

Carer Assistance Program - Therapeutic Support

Self referral available [here](#).

DFFH Flexible Funding - Funding Additional Needs

Further information available [here](#).

Helpline - Information, support and referrals

Further information available [here](#).

Better Futures and Home Stretch - Support to 21

Find out more [here](#).

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