



Loddon Mallee Disability Alliance fact sheet

About the alliance

The Loddon Mallee Disability Alliance (LMDA) unites several NDIS-registered not-for-profit disability service providers operating in the Loddon Mallee region to advocate for a better NDIS.

The alliance addresses issues highlighted by the NDIS Review and the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of People with Disability. Through collaboration, the alliance champions the needs of people with disabilities and aims to influence policy to ensure more equitable access to quality support services for regional and rural communities.

Member organisations

- Amicus
- Community Living & Respite Services
- Golden City Support Services
- Lively
- Windarring

Regional coverage

The Loddon Mallee region includes the following local government areas in Victoria.

- Rural City of Mildura
- Buloke Shire
- Greater Bendigo
- Campaspe Shire
- Central Goldfields
- Loddon Shire
- Mount Alexander Shire
- Rural City of Swan Hill
- Gannawarra Shire

Several local government areas in New South Wales and South Australia border the Loddon Mallee region, with many residents relying on services located there.



- Wentworth Council, NSW
- Balranald Council, NSW
- Murray River Council, NSW
- Renmark Paringa Council, SA
- Loxton Waikerie Council, SA

Key Issues and advocacy Points

1. Fair NDIS pricing for regional Australians:

- Advocating for equitable pricing structures within the NDIS to ensure that people with disabilities in regional areas receive the same quality of care and support as those in metropolitan areas.
- Disparities in funding and service availability disproportionately affect regional participants, creating barriers to accessing necessary supports.

2. Addressing unmet needs and service gaps:

- Highlighting significant gaps in service provision within the NDIS framework, particularly in regional areas.
- Advocating for reforms to address unmet needs and ensure reliable, high-quality services.
- Cases where participants have been let down by unregistered providers, insufficient funding, and systemic issues within the NDIA.

3. Unfunded work and duty of care:

- Recognising that LMDA members often take on unfunded work to support participants due to a keen sense of duty of care.
- Calling for a review of funding models to include provisions for critical support work that is currently unfunded.

4. Strengthening advocacy and support:

- Committed to pushing for policy changes, increased funding, and better oversight of service providers to prevent exploitation and ensure accountability.

NDIS Data for the Loddon Mallee region

Active NDIS Participants in Loddon Mallee Region:

Total: 12,093 participants

District	Active participants
Mallee	3020
Loddon	9073

Active NDIS Providers in Loddon Mallee Region:

District	Active provider	Provider growth	Providers shrink
Mallee	1677	4	50
Loddon	5205	4	57

Top four Disabilities in Loddon Mallee Region:

District	Primary disability	Active participants
Mallee	Autism	962
	Intellectual disability	606
	Developmental delay	505
	Psychosocial disability	278
Loddon	Autism	3543
	Developmental delay	1418
	Intellectual disability	1224
	Psychosocial disability	868

NDIS data for Q3 FY23/24 current as of 4 June 2024