



# SOCIAL KIN CLUB



## How does Social KIN Club work with the NDIS?

Our aim is to enable participants to grow and build their confidence with making new friends. We will encourage participants to extend their social circles and hopefully foster long-standing friendships.

Our club is designed to empower participants to build social skills through connecting with fellow participants. With the help of dedicated buddies, our program will promote autonomy, independence and encourage individuals to express their own special individuality.

The Social Kin Club unique events are crafted and facilitated by a Community Engagement Specialist with the assistance of a buddy team member. We aim in being all being an inclusive and welcoming space for our community. This will be achieved by holding a variety of events at different venues around Brisbane and Sunshine Coast to promote social inclusion and integration within local areas.

### Friendships

Building friendships with a trusted buddy and other participants.

### Socialisation

Building social skills in a group setting but with the guidance of a Community Engagement Specialist and mentoring of your buddy or a group host.

### Social Events

Opportunities for growth by attending social events run by the Y.E.S Social KIN Club (Buddies) team. Community Engagement Specialists adopt a capacity-building, community-based approach by working with participants to facilitate the matching of a buddy. If a personalised buddy service is required, we take care in evaluating mutual interests, age, gender, and location to match our participants with buddies to foster long-term friendship, confidence building and mentoring.

*A Community Engagement Specialist will host all social events, only current members of the Y.E.S Kin Club will be invited to attend events.*

## Sample of Activities and Events

Programs may include and not limited to:

- Escape Room
- Cinema movie nights
- Night Markets
- Casino Night
- Sip and Paint
- BBQ's
- River Boat cruises
- Attending bands
- Pool & Darts
- Cupcakes & Cookie making
- Bowling
- Amazing Race
- Dancing venues
- Race days

A monthly publication of scheduled activities and events will be available to help plan your month ahead. Activity and event times may vary and are subject to a minimum participation number of 4.

# Y.E.S SOCIAL KIN CLUB MEMBERSHIP

As a valued Y.E.S Social KIN Club member you will be provided with your own exclusive membership card.

Membership runs for blocks of **12 weeks**. This innovative Emotional Social Learning Program is designed to provide participants with the opportunity and support to build skills to actively participate in their community and to widen their network of friends.

The Community Engagement Practitioners (buddies) adopt a capacity-building, community-based approach by working with participants to increase their socialisation and communication skills. We anticipate that after 12 weeks and at least 6 social events participants will have experienced and visited several new venues and developed new skills to independently engage in a group setting and their community. We envisage that participants will continue to attend events and socialise with their new friends networks they have formed in the program.

## Is there a cost to becoming a member?

Of course, nothing in life is free, the cost will depend on your individual membership level, and incorporates an administration fee. Membership Fees are tailored depending on your personal support services and requirements, such as transport or a buddy.

Y.E.S Social KIN Club set their charges in line with the NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits 2023–2024.

### Please note:

***The membership cost is subject to review and takes into consideration price increases set by the NDIA. Admission tickets, food, drink, and transport costs are not included in the membership fee***

Your Enabled Services charges a fixed amount that is invoiced every fortnight based on your membership level. This amount will be outlined in the Service Agreement that you sign when you join Y.E.S Social KIN Club.

It's important to note that because the amount is the same every month, **the membership fee has no direct relation to actual hours spent with a buddy or at facilitated group social events.**

Here is a breakdown of what the membership fees cover:

- Recruiting & training of the buddies, including reference & screening checks
- Sourcing venues, building relationships with venues, sporting clubs & entertainment locations
- Organising and facilitating social events for all our Participants
- Interviewing the Participant and significant others in their lives if they wish to be matched with a buddy
- Facilitating the initial meeting between the Participant and the Buddy if a personalised service is requested or deemed necessary.
- Regular communications with Participants about upcoming events.
- Providing reports which can be used towards goal reporting for a NDIS review after each social event and at the end of the program,
- Liaising with disability organisations, local councils & advocate groups.
- Liaising with Support coordinators and Plan Managers.

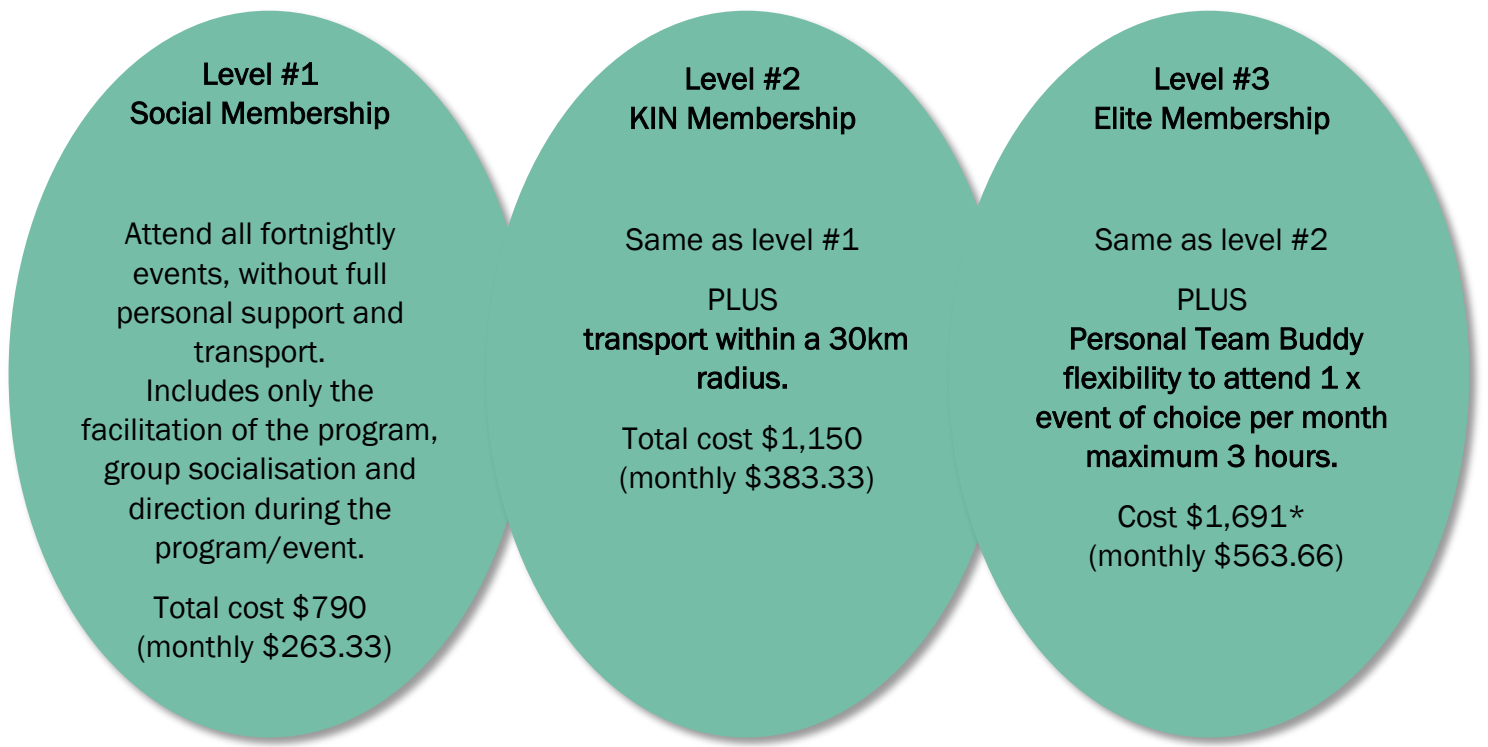
There is a \$65.47 per month\* administration fee, which provides services to all participants and supports the administration and continuation of the project. This fee has no direct relation to actual hours spent with a volunteer or at facilitated group social events. These costs are based on weeknight rates; more will be charged for weekends and public holidays.

Please note: If additional hours are required, this must be agreed in advance.

If transport is required and within the Participants membership level an additional fee will be added.

\*Fee remains the same for the duration of your service agreement.





## Can I use my NDIS funding?

This will be dependent on the Participants NDIS Plan and Personal goals and the strategies in place to reach these goals. Goals will fit into a funding bucket and your Plan Manager or Support Coordinator will be able to assist you in deciding which bucket but if you need some guidance then the information below may help.

The Y.E.S Emotional Social Learning Program is designed around the following criteria and can be funded several ways, CORE as it is about.

- the importance of community engagement, social contribution, and relationships in maintaining personal wellbeing, self-awareness, and self-care, gaining awareness of personal interests, adaptive social competency including increased awareness of social norms and expectations.

Provision of supports to enable the Participant to engage in community/social & or recreational activities within the community.

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AND/OR

Capacity building as it helps participants to accept the relationship with their disability, independence, confidence, self-worth and to seek assistance in the community context without ongoing formalised supports.

Establishing assistance within the participant's community to develop skills like taking part in social activities and maintaining contact with others.

Life transition planning including mentoring peer support & individual skill development.

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And lastly most participants have access to Innovative Community Participation.

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and the NDIA categorises it under Capacity Building: Increased Social and Community Participation.