

Welcome!

Our Telethon Holiday Makers Program is a great introduction to Autism West and our social groups! We aim to offer a range of activities based on the special interests our participants have identified, which creates a natural social environment where participants have the opportunity to meet like-minded peers and have some new fun experiences along the way!

Deadline

All forms and interviews must be returned completed by the cut-off date to secure your spot. Time for Interviews offered should be accepted due to limited availability.

Fees

Fees* are as follows:

High Support Needs (3.5 hrs)	\$63.00
Low Support Needs (8 hrs)	\$144.00
Low Support Needs (4 Hrs) – Half Day Only	\$72.00

**Fees have been adjusted to align with NDIS recommended fees and are comparable with similar program providers.*

- The Telethon Holiday Makers Program qualifies for NDIS and CRCC funding.
- A 25% rebate applies to those who self-fund the program.
- **Tentative bookings will only be held until the enrolment cut-off date.**
- Invoicing will take place as soon as your child's enrolment into the program is accepted and must be paid in full before the program commences. Your enrolment is confirmed once payment has been received in full.
- Cancellations after the program application cut-off date will not be refunded.
- Due to our link up with the NDIS, and our current relocation to a larger more suitable premises for our groups, the program has adjusted its fees by current recommendations and to be comparable with similar program providers
- Should Autism West cancel any part of the program, all applicable fees are refundable.

Meet & Greet for New Participants

All NEW participants are required to attend a Meet and Greet with Autism West at our centre in Fremantle. Interviews will be held over 2 x weekend sessions, held on Saturdays:

All 5-10 Years require (High support)	9am – 12.30pm
Ages 10-18 Years (High Support)	1.15pm – 4.45pm
Low Support Needs	9 am – 5 pm (half day option available)

Both the participant and carer/parent are required to attend the meet and greet. These sessions will take approximately 45 minutes and are held at our centre in Fremantle and enable us to assess the needs of the participant and to introduce them to Autism West. We do not have provision to make house calls.

Due to the limited availability of the Program Coordinator, any interview time offered should be accepted.

Finding Our Office

Autism West
B Block, Ground Floor
2 Alma Street (Corner of Alma Street and South Terrace)
Fremantle WA 6160

[Click here to access a map](#) showing you where we are located.

Our office is located on the corner of South Tce and Alma St. To get there, walk to the very corner and walk down to the lower level via the path – we are the building with the blue coloured frame.

Please park in the visitor's car parks according to the Map. Parking is 60c per hour. For drop off / pick up, you may use the drop off (the loop driveway on the map – the old ambulance drop off area).

Disclosure of Special Requirements

We want your children to be safe, happy, and healthy and therefore we need to ensure appropriate fit and supervision according to their needs and considering all other participants also. Please inform the Program Coordinator before your child is accepted to the program, of any special requirements.

Please disclose all allergies, medication needs, supervision needs, personal care needs, behaviours, sensory issues, aversions and triggers along with coping strategies used so we can be aware of them and consider the level of supervision and program compatibility required for the participant.

If there is an issue on the day your child is dropped off at a program, it may be important that we know.

If your child is at risk of running, it is not advisable to book on the excursion afternoons. Please fully disclose this to the Program Coordinator before enrolling. If there are any behavioural issues experienced while your child is in the program, these will be discussed with you to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the complete group, including your child.

Please be aware that while all our staff are appropriately qualified and capable, Autism West does not provide therapy. The holiday groups are a social outlet for the participants in a safe and happy environment and a stepping stone, for them to gain confidence to socialise, have fun and branch out to our social groups.

Allergens

Please note that some children attending the program may suffer from allergens and we ask that you try to avoid bringing the listed items below in your child's snacks or lunchbox. If these items are to be consumed before and during the program, please make sure all hands and faces are washed as necessary.

The centre is a Nut Free environment

Products to avoid packing in lunches:

- Dairy, Egg, Citrus including Oranges, Kiwifruit, Nuts

What to Bring

Morning and afternoon tea is provided, however please pack lunch for your child for morning and full day enrolments. We have a fridge you may store your lunch in at the centre and a microwave.

Morning, afternoon or full day programs:

- Companion card (if you have one) *assistants gain free entry to accompany
- Medication if applicable (Please clearly mark dosage, name and other important information)
- Lunch (please avoid products containing allergens below)
- Water bottle
- Sunscreen

Autism West Terms & Conditions

- Hat
- Any items that may be required for sensory processing disorders or calming strategies (headphones, blankets, iPads, squish balls, toys)
- Comfortable walking shoes
- EpiPen for Anaphylaxis plus Plan
- Ventolin or appropriate Inhaler for people living with Asthma plus Plan

The Program

Some sessions will include special incursions such as Coding & Technology, Music and Dance, or Craft as planned activities. Participation is optional.

Making snacks is part of the daily routine for those who want to join in, generally with an outing in the afternoon.

Some other activities available during the program include: Gaming (Wii/x box/laptops/iPad), Puzzles, Lego, Painting & Craft, Science experiments, Reading/Quiet Time, Board Games, Sensory activities, Playground activities.

Pick up and drop off etiquette

We do not have the facility to transport participants to and from the program. It will be your responsibility to drop-off and pick up participants from the program.

Please ensure your child is NOT dropped off before 9am for a morning start. Should you arrive early please remain in your car or visit a local café or similar, until 9am.

Please pick up your child by the program finish time of 12.30pm (half day High Needs), 1.00pm (half day Low needs), or 5.00pm (full day Low Needs). This will allow for the smooth changeover of participants, preparation for the next group, and the staff roster. If you are either early or late, staff supervision cannot be guaranteed due to that time being allowed time for staff planning or feedback time, preparation before or cleaning after the group, and finishing for the day.

Please depart promptly on pick up. If you need a discussion with the group leader at pick up time, please notify the group leader, allow 15 minutes before the group finishing time, and limit your time to 5 minutes as others may also require some time. Major concerns should be discussed before the commencement of the program if possible.

Should you wish to talk with others, please do so out of the centre, in consideration of the program participants and staff.

Participants may be collected earlier than the program finishing time, as this does not affect the group operations, and planning, however, please consider we may be out on an excursion.

Extra Spending Money

It is preferred that participants do not bring extra spending money to the program as we do not have the capacity to manage it for the participant. While we are happy to assist and accompany participants with their purchases, ensure they get correct change, and help them store it safely, it will be up to the participants how much they spend and what they buy.