# MEDIA RELEASE

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## International Day of People with Disability Community Celebration

Huon Valley Council and Baptcare are inviting the community to a free celebration for International Day of People with Disability on Thursday 3 December at the Huon Valley PCYC in Huonville.

The event runs from 3pm to 7pm and everyone is welcome. It brings together people with disability, families, carers, local services and community groups for an afternoon of food, fun and connection.

Huon Valley Mayor Abby McKibben said the celebration was a chance to recognise the many ways people with disability contribute to life in the Huon Valley.

"International Day of People with Disability is an important opportunity to recognise how far we've come in creating a more inclusive and accessible community, but also to acknowledge the work we still have ahead of us.

"Everyone in our community deserves to feel equally welcome, comfortable and confident accessing the places, services and opportunities that others may take for granted," Mayor McKibben said.

"True inclusion is about more than physical access. It's about making sure everyone feels they belong, their voices are heard and they have the same opportunities to participate in community life.

"We've made some great progress, but there's always more we can do, and listening to people with lived experience is one of the most important ways we can keep improving."

Baptcare People and Place Coordinator Jessica Miller said the expo was a great way for people to connect with support close to home.

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“International Day of People with Disability is an opportunity to celebrate inclusion, recognise the contribution of people with disability, and strengthen communities where everyone feels valued, respected, and able to participate. This reflects Baptcare's commitment to the I ACT value of Inclusivity and our belief that everyone belongs,” Ms Miller said.

Activities include a free barbecue from the Lions Club of Huon, circus with Cirque Tas, board games with Oxy Moron Games, and an expo of local service providers and community groups.

**Event details**

- **What:** International Day of People with Disability Community Celebration
- **When:** Thursday 3 December 2026, 3pm to 7pm
- **Where:** Huon Valley PCYC, 40–72 Wilmot Road, Huonville
- **Cost:** Free, all welcome

**Accessibility:** The PCYC is accessible and all activities are on the ground floor. A quiet sensory space will be available. The venue can be noisy, so ear defenders or headphones are recommended for people with sensory needs.

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