



**27 January 2015**

**Vinnies launch Southern Highlands Ability Links with free community event**

The St Vincent de Paul Society NSW is inviting the local community to join them at a free event to launch Ability Links NSW at St Stephens Church in Mittagong.

Ability Links NSW is a new initiative that aims to connect people with disability (aged 9-64), their families and carers with opportunities in their local community.

To celebrate the launch of Ability Links NSW in the Southern Highlands, a free community event will be held on Friday 13 February 2015 from 11am – 2pm, including lunch, entertainment, games and lucky door prizes.

Come along to meet your local Linkers.

Linkers use their local knowledge and existing networks to support people to pursue their interests and goals in the community. Linkers have assisted people to join a local book club to pursue their love of reading, get a paid job in childcare and apply to attend University.

There is no formal assessment or referral pathway, nor the need for proof of diagnosis or medical reports to access Ability Links NSW.

Ability Links NSW is a new initiative of the NSW Government and is being delivered by the St Vincent de Paul Society NSW in partnership with Settlement Services International across Sydney.

For more information on this event contact Natalie McMullen on 0475 800 175.

**What: Ability Links NSW Southern Highlands Launch free community event.**

**When: Friday 13 February 2015, 11am to 2pm.**

**Where: St Stephens Church, Cnr Main Street & Church Lane, Mittagong NSW**

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