



Autism Advisory and Support Service

"Empowering children and adults with Autism and their families through knowledge and support"

Social Enterprise Statement

Our Commitment to Social Impact

Somewhere Nice and AASS Resource Store are dedicated social enterprises that exist to create meaningful economic, social, and community benefits for autistic individuals and those with complex barriers to employment.

- **Somewhere Nice** operates as a community-driven op shop and café, providing hands-on work experience in retail, customer service, and hospitality for job seekers facing challenges entering the workforce.
- **AASS Resource Store** is a specialised therapeutic and sensory resource retailer, offering employment and training opportunities while ensuring that individuals with autism and sensory sensitivities have access to high-quality support tools.

Economic, Social & Community Mission

We are committed to:

- ✓ **Providing Employment Pathways** – We employ individuals with disabilities and complex vocational barriers, offering structured, supported job placements that enhance work readiness and long-term employability.
- ✓ **Building Inclusive Workplaces** – We prioritise neurodiverse-friendly employment environments, including tailored training, job coaching, and workplace accommodations to support success.
- ✓ **Enhancing Workforce Participation** – We create stepping-stone opportunities that transition job seekers into sustainable employment within our enterprises or through external partnerships with local businesses.
- ✓ **Reinvesting in Social Impact** – Profits generated from our operations are reinvested into employment, training, and advocacy initiatives to further our mission.

Governance & Operational Structure

Our organisation functions as a social enterprise through:

Social Purpose at the Core – Our mission is not profit-driven but focused on delivering long-term social and economic benefits.

Sustainable Business Model – Both enterprises generate revenue through ethical, community-based commerce, ensuring financial viability while maintaining employment and training programs.

Community & Sector Collaboration – We work closely with disability service providers, employment services, local businesses, and support networks to enhance job opportunities and workforce inclusion.

Through Somewhere Nice and AASS Resource Store, we demonstrate the hallmarks of a social enterprise, aligning economic activity with positive social impact. Our commitment to employment inclusion, workforce development, and community well-being ensures that we operate in direct alignment with the principles of a social enterprise.