



MEET JOEL

SUPPORT WORKER

Hosts D&D, runs game servers in his spare time, and here to use gaming to help people feel less alone.



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Facts About Me

- » 22 years old
- » East Gippsland 8 years
- » Runs his own Ark server
- » Neurodivergent (ADHD)
- » Hosts D&D campaigns
- » Plays Rimworld and Halo

01 A LITTLE ABOUT ME

HI, I'M JOEL

I'm a Support Worker at ESports Collective. I grew up in Deer Park in Melbourne's western suburbs before moving to East Gippsland when I was 13, and I've been here for 8 years now – I genuinely love the natural beauty of the area. I'm a tabletop and video game enthusiast, and outside of work I volunteer to host D&D campaigns and run an Ark server, because I just like building places for people to hang out. Hearing about ESports Collective using gaming to encourage social connection lit me up – it's the same thing I'd been doing for free, except now it's a job.

02 MY LIVED EXPERIENCE

When I moved to East Gippsland and started homeschooling, connecting with people was tough at first. I reached out to others my age online and through video games, which is how I met most of my closest friends today. Moving through 7 different suburbs in 8 years made finding somewhere to belong genuinely hard, and being neurodivergent (I have ADHD) I understand the anxiety that comes with simple tasks and routines that look easy from the outside. Gaming stretched my vocabulary as a kid when school didn't engage me, and nowadays it's a huge part of my social life – which is exactly why I want to help build that for other people.

03 WHY I'M HERE

I naturally gravitate towards creating social groups and building connections – I host D&D games and run gaming servers because I love making fun environments for other people. What I want most for participants is to learn emotional expression, and that's something that can only really be fostered around people who care. I get to bring out the sides of myself I didn't know were valuable, and help others discover that in themselves too.

04 WORK WITH JOEL

Joel supports people here at ESports Collective.

Ask us about Joel's availability.

Call 0499 330 836 or email ndis@esportscollective.com.au to discuss working with Joel.