



I CAN[®] EXPO

Celebrating autistic students, their schools and pathways

Join us in
2026

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MELBOURNE CONVENTION CENTRE - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4TH - 9:30 AM - 2:30PM



Welcome

Welcome to I CAN! Thank you for considering to support our annual expo. The event showcases the unique talents and courage of the autistic students we are so lucky to mentor throughout the year. In 2026, we are celebrating their stories along with the teachers and educational staff who shine alongside with them.

The idea for I CAN® was formed from all the people who believed in me growing up, in particular a teacher named Mrs Horvath who still to this day influences and encourages me.

On the day you will see: talks from students, guest speakers and like-minded organisations who offer post-school pathways and employment opportunities. In 2025, we held masterclasses on: *“How to be supportive of Neurodivergent Individuals in the workspace”* and *“Work Avoidance”*. We also held an interactive workshop which allowed teachers to connect and discuss their ‘big wins’.

On behalf of directors David, Julia, Anthony and Ken, I would like to thank the organisations who have helped power this event every year. We hope you can join us for a truly uplifting and rewarding day.

Visit our website or YouTube channel for more details about our services or contact our events co-ordinator, Kate: events@icannetwork.com.au for all things expo.

We hope you can join us.

Chris Varney
Founder/CEO, I CAN Network

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Features

Our I CAN Expo brings together autistic and neurodivergent students, their family and support networks with employment professionals and educational staff to celebrate the unique abilities and insights of our Australian autistic youth. Their stories will tug your heart strings and make you laugh out loud. With presentations on everything from *Executive Functioning Hacks* to *My Highschool Years*.. you might also relate to some of their stories.

“Hello I CAN! I had the pleasure of attending the I Can Expo. I left feeling inspired and excited about the work I do with my neurodivergent students, it was truly a beautiful day. Thanks so much for the work you do and the resources you provide!”

- Stevie Knodel, a Youth Worker at Templestowe College

Our event also provides our guests with an opportunity to interact with you, our supporters and sponsors to learn more about what you can offer them to strengthen their network.

With the ongoing support of the Victorian Department of Education we are on track to deliver our I CAN School® program to 254 schools as part of the Autism Education Strategy.

IN 2025 OUR GUEST SPEAKERS INCLUDED:

Rev Tim Costello AO & I CAN Patron,
Tim Richardson MP, State Member for Mordialloc & I CAN Ambassador
Roma Britnell MP, State Member for South-West Coast & I CAN Ambassador
I CAN Founder & CEO Chris Varney
Featuring: x 6 Professional Development Masterclasses

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Event Profile

DATE: 4th September 2026

TIME: 9:30am - 2:30pm AEST

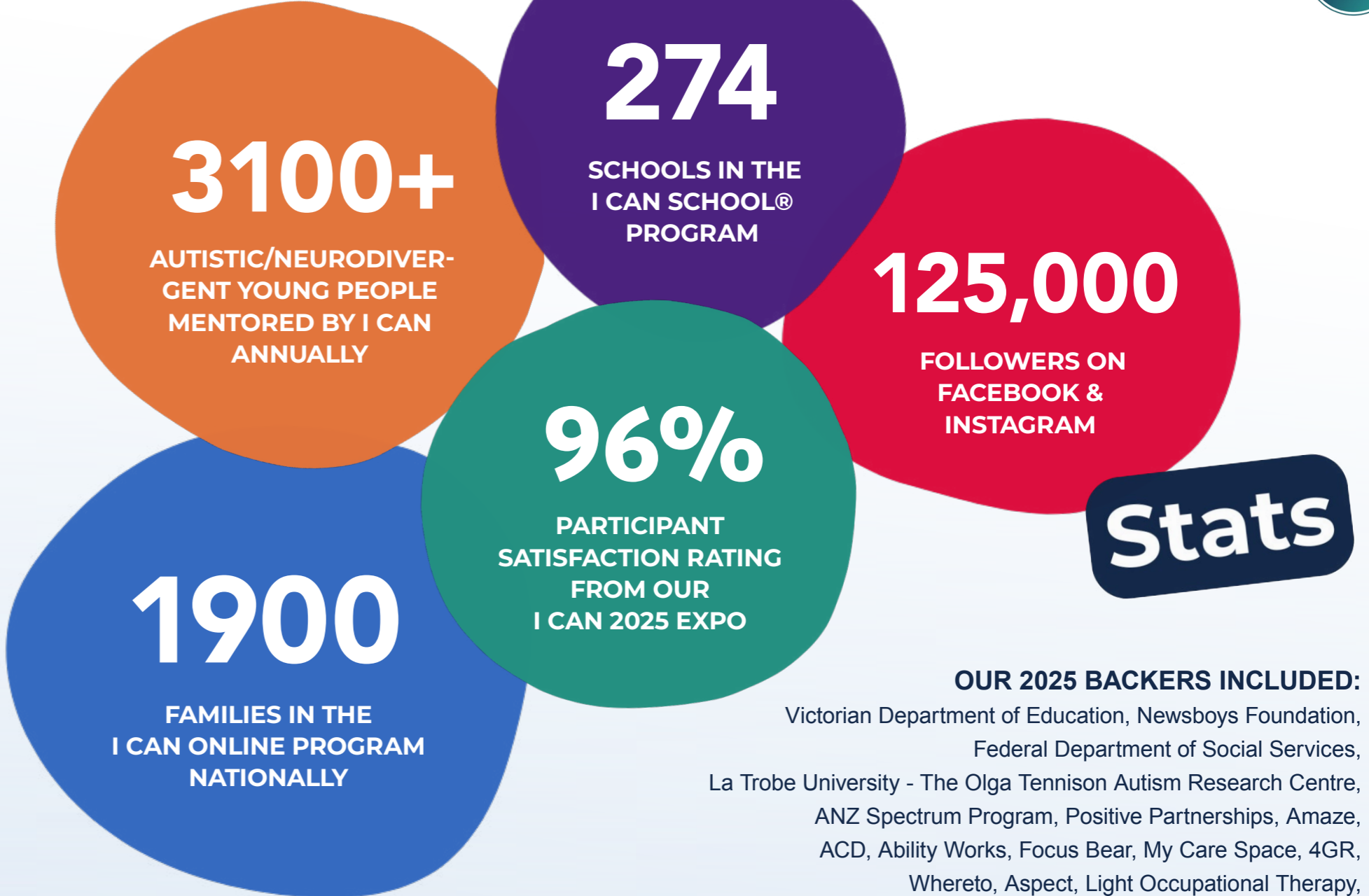
VENUE: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (Level 1)
1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf VIC 3006

AUDIENCE: Our I CAN Expo attracts students, parents, family and friends of presenters, teachers, staff, educational, health and political professionals and like-minded organisations.

We had over 600+ registrations at the 2025 I CAN Expo.

WHAT WILL WE SEE?

- I CAN School® & Online Mentee Talks and Staff Presentations.
- Panel Discussions, Sponsor Talks and Q&As
- Networking Exhibit Spaces & activities including creative tasks & fidgets!
- Professional Development Masterclasses
- I CAN Interest Group Discussions such as Minecraft & D&D
- Exposure to Post-School Employment Pathways
- Take-home Resources



OUR 2025 BACKERS INCLUDED:
Victorian Department of Education, Newsboys Foundation,
Federal Department of Social Services,
La Trobe University - The Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre,
ANZ Spectrum Program, Positive Partnerships, Amaze,
ACD, Ability Works, Focus Bear, My Care Space, 4GR,
Where to, Aspect, Light Occupational Therapy,
AV Aspergers Victoria, ydas, VIC SRC, Kaboose.

Platinum

\$25,000

*excl. GST
2 OPPORTUNITIES

- **10 FREE** Tickets to attend the event.
- Keynote Presentation (30-mins)
- Sponsor Booth
- Showbag - Promotional Material
- VIP Invite to our Networking Event.
- Your Logo & links on all event advertising: website, event program, flyers and individual social media highlight
- Follow up emails sent to attendees with branding & acknowledgement.
- Professional Photos & Video from the day.
- Customised report for the sponsor's internal reporting.

Gold

\$7,500

*excl. GST
2 OPPORTUNITIES

- **5 FREE** Tickets to attend the event.
- Guest Presentation (10-mins)
- Sponsor Booth
- Showbag - Promotional Material
- VIP Invite to our Networking Event.
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Sapphire

\$5,000

*excl. GST
3 OPPORTUNITIES

- **4 FREE** Tickets to attend the event.
- Guest Presentation (5-mins)
- Sponsor Booth
- Showbag - Promotional Material
- VIP Invite to our Networking Event.
- Your logo on all advertising: website, event program, flyers and social media.
- Follow up emails sent to attendees with branding & acknowledgement
- Professional Images from the day.

Silver

\$2,500

*excl. GST
4 OPPORTUNITIES

- **3 FREE** Tickets to attend the event.
- Sponsor Booth
- Showbag - Promotional Material
- VIP Invite to our Networking Event.
- Your logo on all advertising: website, event program, flyers and social media
- Follow up emails sent to attendees with branding & acknowledgement.
- Professional Images from the day.

Bronze

\$1,000

*excl. GST
5 OPPORTUNITIES

- **2 FREE** Tickets to attend the event.
- Sponsor Booth
- Showbag - Promotional Material
- VIP Invite to our Networking Event.
- Your logo on all advertising: website, event program, flyers and social media
- Follow up emails sent to attendees with branding & acknowledgement.

Sponsorship Packages

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STEP 1: Feel free to contact us if you would like to discuss these opportunities further.

STEP 2: If you would like to sponsor our I CAN EXPO 2026 we will send you our sponsorship agreement for your signature.

STEP 3: Once we receive your signed agreement we will send you an invoice and get started!

Would you like to know more about I CAN[®]? Visit our website at: icannetwork.online
Or you can meet our staff and students and view examples via our [I CAN TV YouTube channel](#).

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FACEBOOK - www.facebook.com/theicannetwork

Join our Facebook community where you can find relevant insights into Autism and education.



INSTAGRAM - [@ican_rethinkautism](https://www.instagram.com/@ican_rethinkautism)

Our Instagram page is a great way to connect with like-minded people and communities.



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