



AAC Voice Inc.

"We are all striving to be heard..."

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Press Release: October is AAC Awareness Month

AAC stands for **Augmentative and Alternative Communication**.

AAC Voice Inc. is having a *Halloween Picnic* to celebrate AAC Awareness Month...

come and have some fun and learn about different ways to communicate....

When: on 31 October at 11am.

Where: At Rhodes Park Picnic Area, Killoola St, Concord West, 2138.

Everyone is welcome – including People who use AAC, their supporters and friends and people from the community.

Please bring your own food and drinks, with some food to share.

RSVP to: admin@aacvoice.com

AAC Voice Inc. is a not for profit organisation in NSW of *people who use AAC* that aims to raise community awareness, acceptance and support for *people who use Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC)* in the wider community.

Types of AAC include:

- communication devices that allow people to speak
- mobile technologies such as iPads and phones
- key word sign
- auslan and fingerspelling
- using an alphabet board
- communication books and boards with pictures = there are many ways to communicate.

People who have difficulty speaking use a multi-modal approach with use of vocalisations, facial expression, body language and gestures – we all use many methods when we communicate.

In Australia there are many people who have little or no speech. This includes people who have developmental disabilities such as cerebral palsy, autism, down syndrome and people who have acquired disabilities, such as stroke, brain injury, motor neuron disease and multiple sclerosis... these are examples of the many people who use multimodal methods of communication called AAC – Augmentative and Alternative Communication.