



Bendigo Autism Asperger Group

Thursday May 24th 2018

9.30am – 1.00pm

757 Mclvor Road, Junortoun (Baptist Church Complex)

FREE AUTISM EVENT

Guest presenters: Chris Varney and Daniel Giles
From the I CAN Network



Our speakers share their stories of overcoming adversity, discovering their true strengths and capabilities, and moving from the prison of self-doubt to the freedom of self-belief.

The Rethink on Awetism



Learn about I CAN Network's new way of looking at autism, and how it can benefit both people on the spectrum and society as a whole by leveraging untapped pools of autistic talent and celebrating the awe in awetism.

I CAN Schools:



Find out about our schools program, and how we work with both students, peers and teachers to ensure that whole schools are empowered by our rethink on autism.



Chris Varney is Founder and Chief Enabling Officer of I CAN Network. I CAN Network is driving a rethink of Autism so that young Australians on the spectrum think 'I CAN', not 'I Can't', in response to their challenges and opportunities. Chris was inspired to start I CAN from the exemplary support his family and friends provided in helping him channel his Asperger's.



Daniel is a well known local Bendigo man and a member of BAAG. He has worked extensively in autism advocacy for several years now. At five years of age, he was classified as having an intellectual disability, yet he was able to defy this label by graduating from University, living independently, gaining employment and receiving the Order of Australia Medal in 2017.

Teachers, students, carers, allied health workers, support workers, employers, Autistic teenagers and adults, partners, family and friends and anyone who would like to know more about autism will all benefit from hearing Chris and Daniel.

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Program:

9.15am – 9.30am – Arrival

9.30am – 9.40am – Welcome and Introductions

9.40am – 11.00am – Chris Varney

“The rethink on *Awetism* and Mentoring program in schools”

11.00am – 11.30am – Morning Tea including gluten & dairy free options

11.30am – 12.30pm – Daniel Giles

“My personal I CAN story”

12.30- 12.50- Panel questions

12.50pm – 1.00pm – Conclusion of Event

For further information

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