



MEET THE TEAM · SUPPORT WORKER

# ELLIE

A young gamer who gets it - here to make sure no one has to feel out of place in their own community.



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Born and raised in East Gippsland, a lifelong gamer who knows what it is to look for your people - and joined ESports Collective to help others find theirs.

### A LITTLE ABOUT ME

#### HI, I'M ELLIE

I'm a Support Worker at ESports Collective and a 24-year-old neurodivergent gamer, born and raised in East Gippsland. I've finished my Cert III in Disability & Age Care, and I get how it feels to be anxious in new social situations or overwhelmed in a busy room. My job here is to make sure no one walks in and has to figure it out on their own. I'm usually the one who'll notice when someone's hovering at the door, sit beside them at a console, or pull them into a game so they've got an easy in. I'd rather you feel comfortable doing nothing than pressured to perform.

### A FEW QUICK FACTS

#### FACTS ABOUT ME

- » 24 YEARS OLD
- » EAST GIPPSLAND LOCAL
- » NINTENDO & RETRO GAMER
- » NEURODIVERGENT
- » CERT III DISABILITY & AGE CARE
- » POKEMON TCG & MAGIC PLAYER

### WHERE I'M COMING FROM

#### MY LIVED EXPERIENCE

Gaming has been my escape and how I've built every friendship I have. Growing up here as a young female gamer it was tough finding anyone locally with the same interests, so most of my social life ended up being online - friends in Discord servers, raids with strangers who became regulars. I wish I'd had a space like ESports Collective back then - somewhere I could turn up after school and find my people in person, not just through a headset. I'm into Nintendo, MMOs, retro games, Pokemon TCG, and Magic the Gathering, and if you want to talk about any of that, I can go for hours.

### WHY ESports COLLECTIVE

#### WHY I'M HERE

I'm here because I know what it's like to need support and connection, and I know how much it matters when someone takes the time to listen properly. What I want to build is a space where you feel safe to show up as you are - whether you're anxious about trying something new, just looking for people who get you, or you only feel like watching the screen for a while before you join in. That's all okay here. Everyone deserves to find their people and feel like they belong, and a games room is honestly one of the best places to do it.

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