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Malcolm Somerville & Brigitte Wallasz making gifts

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Congratulations.

On Monday the 12th of December a presentation afternoon was held for individuals that participated in pre accredited courses with the Kyneton Community and Learning Centre this year. The courses undertaken were; information technology, life skills, hospitality and job ready skills.

It was a great afternoon where individuals showcased their learnings and received a certificate of participation. Congratulations to all of the individuals on a fantastic achievement.

Thanks to KC&LC coordinator and facilitators, Windarriving support staff and Families and Carers for all the support provided to make this a successful year.



The news.

Jason Sturt has his own newspaper round with the Kyneton Midland Express. Jason's round consists of delivering over 200 newspapers each week!

Jason is learning to collect, fold and complete his newspaper deliveries. Well done Jason.

Windarring's Future Accommodation Needs

Windarring is looking to employ a person to take on the project of what future accommodation needs Windarring has at both corporate and service delivery levels. In addition the project worker will assess the suitability of the Kyneton Primary School site, which is planned to be decommissioned in 2018. The Project Worker will liaise with other potential users of the site and ascertain whether their use is compatible with Windarring's accommodation needs.

This position will be advertised in the local paper and other avenues but if you know of anyone who may suit the role, please let them know about the opportunity.



Maintenance

For the next month or so, Frank Sartore will be working as our maintenance person and working with Mark. If you have any tasks that need to be completed, please let Danielle know so she can liaise with Frank and Mark and ensure it can be completed.

Round the traps **What's been happening here and there?**

Kyneton

Christmas Lunch

On Tuesday 13th December a group of participants had a great time at a Christmas lunch at the Kyneton RSL.

The RSL had certainly dressed itself in all its Christmas finery. There baubles and lots of tinsel, along with a great Christmas Tree to really set the festive spirit.

The group had a lovely lunch with delicious food and lots of laughs.

If only there was a Christmas lunch every week!

Castlemaine

The Guest

Congratulations to the 'Windarring Performance Company' on their production of 'The Guest', which was performed before a large and appreciative audience at St Mary's Hall In Castlemaine.

It was a wonderful show and the video of the performance will be well worth having a look at.

Well done to all the performers and thanks to all the people that made it a great success.

Gisborne

Glenda's Afternoon Tea

There will be an afternoon tea this Tuesday at Gisborne from 2pm with families and staff.

Obviously staff working in other places on Tuesday may not be able to get there until after 3pm but it would be great if you could make it and wish Glenda all the very best for this next phase of her life.

Everywhere

It has come to our attention that on Sunday 25th December it will be Christmas Day, EVERYWHERE:

**Happy
Christmas
Everyone,
wherever
you are.**

A word or two from our CEO



Bendigo-go-go

We have started providing services to a number of people from Bendigo. Peter Young is co-ordinating this service.

We will be using a couple of venues in the short term until we can arrange permanent appropriate spaces to work from. There may be staffing opportunities available, so if you are interested stay tuned or have a discussion with Peter Young, or Xanthe.

Farewell Glenda, hello ...

We have interviewed for a Full-Time Area Manager to take on the role being vacated by Glenda.

At this stage we are just checking references and talking to an individual before it can be officially announced but we hope to finalise this process very soon.

And Rod is back.

And at the time of going to print Roddy Brady is back from leave.

Cheers,
Chris O'Connor, CEO
coconnor@windarrang.org.au



Dinner Dance

The Kyneton International Day for People with Disabilities Dinner Dance has been running for five years and gets bigger and better each year.

This year, the Dinner Dance Committee had a very dedicated and committed group from five local community organisations who volunteered their time and expertise. The event was held on Saturday 3rd December at the Kyneton Bowling Club from 6-10pm and approximately 120 people attended the night.

Many people contributed to make this event successful including Oystein from Haven who was the coordinator of the event this year. Oystein also arranged for the supported accommodation groups to come and enjoy the night. They came from Homebush in Bendigo, Lancefield Aged care and Kyneton Lodge. His volunteers were Zac and Peter who assisted with the flyer production and did an excellent job. Most importantly Oystein arranged the band 'The John Grossman Project' who rocked the night away.

Sonia, Rural Access Worker from the Macedon Ranges Shire, invited the Mayor, Jennifer Anderson and her fellow councillor, Janet Pearce who gave a really good speech and awarded prizes throughout the night.

Karen Stephens from MRSC and her husband also attended.

Windarrang had Sharon, Cath and Tiffany representing the organisation and we were enlisted with the task of arranging the awards and the juke box.

Gail, Kelly and Jodie were the representatives from Anglicare and were responsible for the IDPWD promotional material on the night. They also provided the table decorations which were very effective and most appreciated.

From Cobaw, Mary-anne assisted the group by helping out with collecting tickets on the night and promoted the event to the Cobaw clientele that were there.

Our MC for the night was Darren who did an excellent job and kept the night on track and danced away in his wheelchair.

Overall, a really successful, fun night that celebrated people for who they really are and who they want to become.



Group out and about at Blackhill Reserve Brian Gammon Fritz Heuser, Malcolm Somerville, Marlene Jeffery and Susan Retallick

Windarranging in pictures



Mary Ellen walking a dog from Pets Haven Woodend.



Zac Mills and his Certificate of Appreciation.



Josh Dixon, Frankie Bush and Joseph Smith in action on the bowling green



Rosemary Love has dedicated her latest art work to Donald who recently passed away. The happy go lucky friendly clown depicts Donald's personality. We miss you! RIP Donald



Emily Jones receives her prize for the Most Colourful Female Dancer at the Dinner Dance in Kyneton.

There's so much written about disability and NDIS – it's impossible to read everything!

Below are some excerpts from articles we think are worth a read. If you're reading this as a PDF the underlined words are hyperlinks so you can just click on them to be taken to the webpage the article was sourced from. The full link is also included.



NDIS Plans are starting to roll out.

A number of participants are starting their NDIS journey either as they live in the next roll out area of Daylesford etc (1 January 2017) or are being considered for early transition due to complexity or other issues.

This has resulted in various communications to Windarrang from NDIS, DHHS and our local LAC to ascertain what supports may be needed for these individuals.

As this is all very new, and there doesn't seem to be any consistent manner in which these communications are happening, we are still working out the best way to respond and deal with this.

However, hopefully we will have a clear process before the end of the year.

Every Australian Counts NDIS Survey

The survey is open until the end of the year to make sure it captures as many views and issues as possible, from as many people as possible. If you haven't done it, follow the link:

<http://www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au/survey>

NDS welcomes announcement of WA-administered NDIS

The way forward for the National Disability Insurance Scheme in Western Australia is now clearer. Over the next few years, an estimated 40,000 Western Australians with disability will become NDIS participants, allowing them access to much needed supports and increased choice and control over their lives.

The joint announcement by Disability Services Minister Donna Faragher and Commonwealth Minister Christian Porter provides a firm basis for further negotiations toward a final bilateral agreement on a locally administered NDIS model which meets Commonwealth conditions for national consistency. Subject to a formal agreement, the NDIS transition to full scheme will begin on 1 July 2017.

"This announcement is a significant milestone for the disability services sector and people with disability in Western Australia," said NDS WA State Manager Julie Waylen. "It delivers increased certainty about how and when the NDIS will be rolled out across our State."

NDS's Chief Executive, Dr Ken Baker, commented: "NDS is pleased that the NDIS in WA will enable decisions to be made locally and as close to the ground as possible. A locally administered NDIS is more likely to reflect the diverse circumstances of WA's vast geographical regions. At the same time and importantly, nationally consistency will be achieved on the main design features of the NDIS, ensuring portability, equity and choice."

NDS notes the 11 conditions stipulated by the Commonwealth and agreed to by the State Government. They include the requirement that WA legislation mirrors key elements of the NDIS Act 2013 on access and eligibility; reasonable and necessary support; quality and safeguarding; and governance (which will be shared).

With the WA Government paying 100% of the administration costs, its share of NDIS costs will be higher than for other State governments and the Commonwealth will carry less of the financial risk. The WA disability services system is well established and has been carefully developed over the past 25 years to meet the diverse requirements of people with disability across the State. The disability sector has campaigned long and hard for this reform and brings to the table a vibrant, diverse and solid foundation on which to build a sustainable NDIS.

"It is pleasing that local administration and decision making will be at the centre of the NDIS in WA," Ms Waylen said. "It must above all deliver the highest quality support and services and foster a strong, sustainable disability sector so people with disability can have greater choice and control about the services they choose."

In fortifying the NDIS in WA, there must be a partnership approach between the disability sector, people with disability, families and carers in the ongoing development and transition to full Scheme implementation. It is critical the disability service providers and people with disability and their families have a strong voice in shaping and influencing the practical design of the NDIS in our State.

NDS, representing 1100 disability services organisations, looks forward to working collaboratively with the State Government to transition to the full Scheme rollout and building the best possible support system for people with disability so they can exercise true choice.

"This announcement is a great start, and we now look forward to bringing the expertise, knowledge and enthusiasm of the sector to the forefront to build the best possible NDIS," Ms Waylen said.

NDS welcomes Victoria's broad-ranging State Disability Plan 2017-2020

Victoria's new State Disability Plan commits to making Victoria inclusive of 'absolutely everyone.' The plan is grounded in a human rights approach and reflects principles of autonomy, opportunity, human-rights, diversity and accountability. NDS is pleased to see that the key issues raised in our submission are reflected in the Plan, including an emphasis on combatting discrimination, housing and promotion of universal design, improving access to public transport, investment in advocacy and inclusive schools, and the promotion of employment of people with disabilities. The plan outlines 10 key priorities and 27 other early actions under four pillars:

**Inclusive communities:
"I feel included"**

**Health, housing and wellbeing:
"I live well"**

**Fairness and safety:
"I get a fair go"**

**Contributing lives:
"I contribute"**

The Plan sets out an array of commitments which will potentially deliver on the vision outlined in the National Disability Strategy and "support people with a disability to live satisfying everyday lives."

Source: <http://www.statedisabilityplan.vic.gov.au/>



Term dates for 2017

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TERM 1

Monday 23rd January 2017 – Friday 7th April
Centre Closed: Monday 10th April – Monday 17th April (includes Easter)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR TERM 1

- New Year’s Day: Monday 2nd January in lieu of Sunday
- Australia Day: Thursday 26th January
- Labour Day: Monday 13th March
- Good Friday: 14th April
- Easter Monday: 17th April

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TERM 2

Tuesday 18th April 2017 – Friday 7th July 2017
Centre Closed: Monday 10th July – Friday 14th July

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR TERM 2

- Anzac Day: April 25th April
- Queen’s Birthday: Monday 12th June

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TERM 3

Monday 17th July 2017 – Thursday 21st September 2017
Centre Closed: Friday 22nd September – Friday 29th September

PUBLIC HOLIDAY FOR TERM 3

- Grand Final Friday: Friday 29th September

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TERM 4

Monday 2nd October 2017 – Friday 22nd December 2017
Centre Closed: Monday 25th December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR TERM 4

- Melbourne Cup: Tuesday 7th November (Gisborne & Castlemaine)
- Kyneton Cup: Wednesday 8th November (Kyneton)
- Christmas Day: Monday 25th December
- Boxing Day: Tuesday 26th December





**From everyone
at Windarring,
Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year.**



Protecting the safety of people with a disability.

The Andrews Labor Government has announced a zero tolerance approach to abuse of people with a disability with a range of measures in response to a recent parliamentary inquiry. The Government will introduce a code of conduct which includes training the workforce to better recognise, prevent and report abuse and strengthening the disability services system as part of Victoria's transition to the National Disability Scheme.

As part of the response, \$1 million will support the roll-out of a new client incident management system to facilitate information sharing on the safety and wellbeing of clients. In addition, the Government will invest \$1.5 million to support people with a disability to access advocacy services. There will be greater oversight of disability services, including enhanced functions for the Disability Services Commissioner and training for Community Visitors to be able to identify and report abuse.

The Government will also expand the Disability Worker Exclusion Scheme to protect the safety of people accessing all disability services.

The Parliamentary Inquiry into Abuse in Disability Services was established to examine the systemic issues impacting on why abuse is not acted upon or reported and how it can be prevented.

The final report highlighted the need to build a more responsive system supported by a skilled workforce to address the issues of abuse and made 49 recommendations.

The Labor Government's response will set the standard of dignity and human rights that people with disabilities can expect in Victoria - to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect and able to call out abuse where it occurs.

The following quotes are attributable to Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing Martin Foley:

"The abuse of people with a disability is abhorrent, and we want to make sure the right safeguards are in place to stop it from happening."

"We were elected to put people first, and we've spent the past two years doing that by building a state that is stronger and fairer - protecting those with a disability and giving them the support services they need."

January Birthdays

- 5 Joseph Smith
- 5 Vanessa Rapp
- 6 Brendan Olsen
- 6 Kim Peric
- 7 Sabrina Lethbridge
- 8 Sharon Kellett-Robertson
- 9 Jill Pittaway
- 9 Jason Sturt
- 13 Sophie Campbell
- 15 Lyndon Calsaferrri
- 15 Malcolm Somerville
- 15 Suzanne Kohler
- 17 Katie Clarke
- 20 David Byrne
- 20 Sharon Bodilly
- 20 John Forster
- 23 Dare Harrex
- 25 Lachlan Belfield
- 26 Dawn Mercuri
- 26 Kristy Perkins
- 27 Cassie O'Neill
- 29 Melodye Forster
- 30 Shane Clarke



Winnie's Winnings
This seat was purchased from Kyneton Garden Supplies with the prize money that our Scarecrow 'Winnie' won at the Daffodil Festival.



Windarring is a people centred, community based organisation committed to eliminating barriers to participation, inclusion and acceptance for people with disabilities in their local community.

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