

Parent and Family Newsletter

Winter 2020/21 Edition

Welcome to the Winter Edition of the parent, carer and family newsletter.

From everyone at Windarring, we hope you are all staying safe during these uncertain times. In this season's edition, you will find all the latest updates from each site and our new programs. We are now in the middle of winter and the weather is certainly letting us know about it! But the fun and programs continue despite what is thrown at us!

You will find the latest update from each site and learn about our new programs.



Revved up for the game

This picture of Chloe and Felix illustrates why staff thoroughly enjoy providing services to our youngest clients. During the school holidays, Chloe and Felix had lots of opportunities to spend time together and have become very good friends.



Windarring Location Activities Program!

We have many exciting games and activities in store for you!

[Click here to see the new Windarring activities program!](#)

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Latest Client Success Stories

Over the last couple of months we have had more client success stories posted to our website and youtube page. Click the links to check them out!

Check out our latest client success story all about Alinta and her experience interacting with all of the animals at the Bendigo Farm Stay. Windarring is proud to provide this Farm Stay experience to their clients.



[Client Success Story - Alinta and her Farm Stay Experience](#)

Our latest client success story is all about the experiences our clients have interacting with all of the animals at the Bendigo Farm Stay and it providing an opportunity for relaxation and enjoyment.

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[Client Success Story - Bendigo Farm Stay / Respite Experience](#)

Our latest client success story is all about Katie, and her day to day experience working in the recycled store as well as her fun experience being a new resident with Windarring.

You can learn more about the employment opportunities on offer for our clients at the link below.



[Client Success Story - Katie and the Recycled Store](#)



[Click here to see the new Windarring Holiday & Camps program!](#)

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A Windarring Round Up

Gisborne

The partnership with the Gisborne Bowling Club continues to be a huge success. Every Monday a group of clients and staff head off to do all sorts of activities, including outdoor bowls when the weather is warm.



The Gisborne Monday Bowls Team

The team has set up a recycling program. This involves interested clients going to Rohs Road Bendigo to sort through the wholesale stock and finding things to sell at Gisborne.

Also, a book exchange has been set up and the clients enjoy checking on the stock to see what people are choosing to read.

Emma also works at Windarring Kyneton Recycling.



Emma uses her skills to keep the Gisborne Emporium well organised.



Luke sorting through the books and ensuring there is enough stock.

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Supported Living

Brendan Olsen visited Echuca and Rochester where he checked out the Silo Art. Brendan is an artist and is very keen on painting with environmental themes.

In our new holiday program update (attached) we have added a silo trails holiday that will start in Brim. It's planned to ensure an artist is part of the group so that clients can do art works throughout the trip. Talk to Rachel at rmurphy@windarring.org.au or 5422 7001 if you would like to know more about the trip.

Every Friday Supported Living clients and day service friends choose what they would like to do. Their favourite activity is to go out to dinner together!

[Click here to view our Respite Program!](#)



Brendan was very impressed at the art work in Rochester



Friday Fever group enjoying each other's company on a night out in Kyneton.

Castlemaine

A regular planning session is held with the clients and together they choose what they would like to do each week. This can range from bowling, going to the movies in Bendigo, seeing shows or concerts or simply enjoying a meal together.



Tobias Richardson one of the team who runs the art program in Castlemaine worked with Ned to create a picture of Ned's favourite band - The Back Street Boys.



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Kyneton

Disability Support Worker, Jakob Schmitt and Joe visited the VCAL students at Kyneton High School. They spoke to the students about what it is like to live with a disability and all the opportunities that are available to live a fulfilling life. Joe said his talk was well received and some students wanted his autograph. I always enjoy Joe's upbeat humour!



Jakob and client Joe with the VCAL students from Kyneton High School

Bendigo

Every Monday, Disability Support Worker, Cameron Mason takes a group of clients on 4WD trips.



Billie has been learning how to do visible mending. It's a great way to use creativity to bring new life to favourite clothes



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Rohs Road

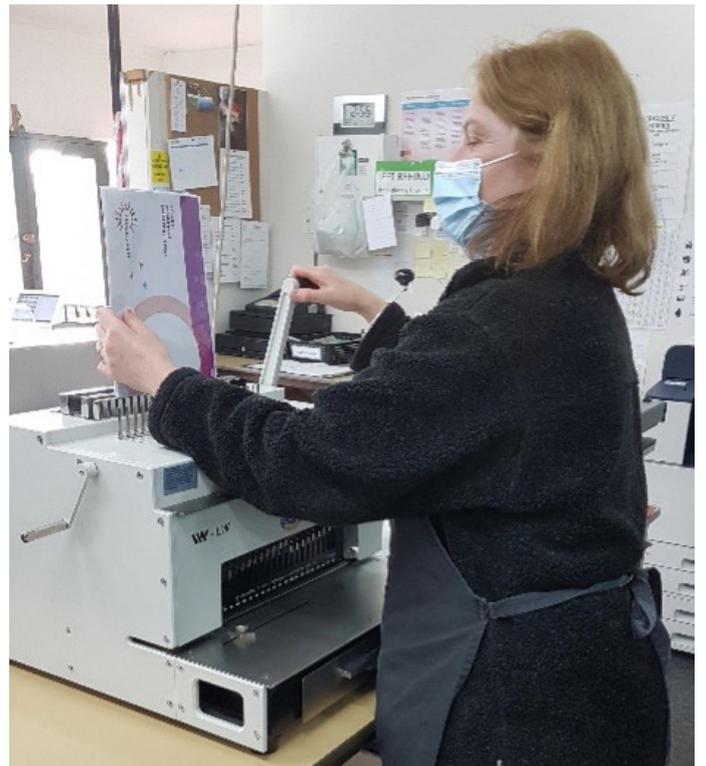
Rohs Road is the centre of Windarring's recycling business. It provides a number of employment opportunities and teaches clients numerous skills. To meet personal clients goals several clients have been supported into Open Employment.

In June we welcomed our new Team Leader to Rohs Road, Ellie Gill.



The team unloading stock for recycling. The stock is sent to Southern Cross Recycling for further processing.

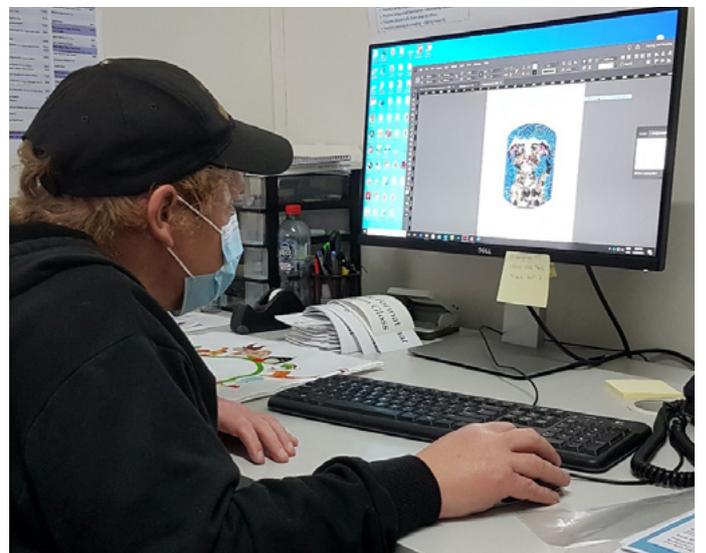
Kyneton Copy Centre



Marlene binding booklets



Its not all hard work. The team enjoying a few friendly pranks.



Pete doing graphic design for a customer