

## Parent and Family Newsletter

### Winter 2022 Edition

A number of people at Windarring are very excited about the Commonwealth Games. They are also known as the “Friendly Games”. While the Paralympics are the pinnacle elite sporting competition for athletes with a disability, the Commonwealth Games are the only multi-sport event with an integrated para-sport program.

It’s a common assumption that people living with disability want to become Paralympians.

And it’s a misconception that the president of Physical Disability Australia, Andrew Fairbairn, is all too familiar with.

He encountered it when he became disabled.

“One of the first questions I was asked, when I had my below-knee amputation was: When are you going to get one of those running blade things?” Mr Fairbairn said.

There’s is nothing wrong with wanting to be a Paralympian. I was a Paralympic swimmer myself.

However, for Mr Fairbairn, he preferred playing the saxophone over playing sport.

Just like non-disabled people, people with disability have knowledge, skills and talent that shoots out in all directions.

Unlike non-disabled people though, people with disability are rarely given opportunities to become leaders in Australia’s business or political sectors.

With the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) now a decade old — and the roles of both National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) chief executive and chair now up for grabs — disability advocates have recognised a “golden opportunity”: to finally have a person with disability running the NDIS.

“If people could see someone with a disability in those leadership roles, it would change the whole perception of how we look and view our disabilities, how we look at them,” Mr Fairbairn said.



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## Our Artists Shine



Tegwen donated this wonderful picture to a Castlemaine wildlife preservation group.



Ashley Spencer, learning how to do macramé so that she can teach the craft to clients



Hannah trying to decide what she will do next!



Teagan full of concentration

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## Robbie and Gabrielle's Birthday at Kyneton



Kerry and Gabrielle enjoying themselves at the birthday disco



Michael and Stef getting organised for the disco



A bit of dancing in the Kitchen,  
Andrea and Robbie



Brad preparing party food



Rosemary

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### Supported Living at Mt Macedon



Joe, Billie and Clare



Sue, Janine, Brendan, Gabrielle, Billie, Joe and Clare

### Castlemaine and Able Radio

Windarring is a proud supporter of Able Radio based in Castlemaine. For a number of years staff at Windarring have formed a fantastic partnership with the Able Radio Team. The Windarring Castlemaine crew were in the studio for a party on air to kick off Able Radio Radiothon on Friday 17th June 2022.

A link to the show:

<https://www.mixcloud.com/AbleRadioMainFM/able-radio-june-17-2022-radiothon-party-with-the-windarring-crew/>



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### Youth Program

The children had a wonderful time during the June/July school holidays. The Windarring children's and youth program is becoming increasingly popular because everyone has incredible adventures. The theme for the school holiday program was Travel Around the World.



Taylor at an outing in Daylesford



Alba making stained glass windows for our Italy day



Luke enjoying decorating cookie crowns for our UK themed day



Tahlah making curry for the Indian day.



Raidan was excited to dress up in a Santa suit.