

Lighthouse

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Soccer Tournament

Thanks to the families who came along to support our Lighthouse Lions at the Bedford Soccer Tournament. It was a superb spring day, the grounds of Bonython Park were lovely and, most important of all, our players had a good time. We are very appreciative of Agri-Bits who sponsored the purchase of our team uniform.



Annual General Meeting

You are warmly invited to attend our next Annual General Meeting to be held on **Friday 11 November** from 7 - 9 pm at Sfera's, Modbury. (Refer to the attached flyer for details.) We are looking forward to a great night.

Please rsvp@lighthousedisability.org.au or 8256 9800 by 2nd November.

Members of Lighthouse Disability will receive a copy of our 2015-16 Annual Report via email some days before the meeting so that you have the opportunity to review information, and ask questions if you wish.

Christmas Breakfast

Families are also warmly invited to our Christmas Breakfast which will be held **Sunday 20th November** from 10 am – 1 pm at the Greenwith Community Centre. (Refer to attached flyer for details.) Our thanks to the Lions Club of Tea Tree Gully for generously providing breakfast.

Please rsvp@lighthousedisability.org.au or 8256 9800 by 10th November for catering purposes.

News from the Board

New Board Member

We welcome **Matthew King** to the Board as a person with extensive finance experience. He has knowledge of some disability organisations and is very aware of the challenges facing the sector with the introduction of the NDIS. We look forward to his contributions.

Capital Asset Proposal

The Board has agreed to fund a short term project to assess the viability of developing the five properties that we own. Part of the brief will involve exploring the possibility of building purpose built homes and accessing development funds from NDIS and/or forging partners with property developers.

Family Advisory Committee

We welcome Kathleen Kuhn as a new member of the Family Advisory Committee. The membership has continued to grow and now consists of the following members;

Karren Kelly	Chris Andrews
Dennis and Raelene Luestner	Gill Halliday
Elice Herraman	Judith Ferguson
Barb Davies	Corey Martin
Kathleen Kuhn	

VIP Visits to Lighthouse Disability Houses

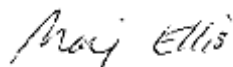
As part of building the awareness of our services for key stakeholders, we are in the process of negotiating house visits over the next few months for Kelly Vincent MLC (Dignity for Disability); Tony Piccolo MP; and Minister Leesa Vlahos (Minister for Disability, Mental Health and Substance Abuse).

Lighthouse Disability Focus Group

The Board has requested information to inform our marketing strategy. To this end, we have contracted a marketing company (Intuito Pty Ltd) to facilitate discussion in two focus groups to provide us with first hand advice.

Recently, some families associated with Lighthouse Disability met as a focus group. The information that has been generated is very useful. Special thanks are due to those people who agreed to be part of this process.

A second focus group consisting of people who have experience of disability, but who are not connected with us is to meet soon. Information from both focus groups will be presented to the Board and inform the development of a marketing strategy.



Marj Ellis
CEO