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Resignation from Family Advisory Committee (FAC)

After contributing regularly to the Family Advisory Committee over a period of about 3 years, Judith Ferguson has resigned because she has moved to the south coast. We thank Judith for her participation, energy and humour.

Membership of the committee continues to be high. Other family members are very welcome to join, and for anyone who is interested, the Terms of Reference of the Committee are attached. The meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month from 1-2.30 p.m. If you would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact me on 8256 9800.

Resignation of Judi Prosser

It is with sadness that I inform you that Judi's resignation from Lighthouse Disability will be effective from 28th March. Judi joined Leveda about six years ago to become the Executive Assistant to the CEO and the Board.

In about April 2015, Judi agreed to use her considerable experience in marketing to take responsibility for rebranding Leveda as Lighthouse Disability. In the role of Manager, Marketing and Communications, she became part of the Leadership Team and has continued to take responsibility for building a high quality website and very informative Face Book page. She has very capably managed a range of marketing tasks including the preparation of the Annual Report, organizing the AGM and various expos, preparation and dissemination of newsletters. Some families will have had contact with Judi in relation to photos and other activities linked with marketing.

Judi is looking forward to overseas travel for several months of this year, and we wish her well for her next adventures – wherever they take her!

NDIA

At this stage, 40 clients/families have been involved in planning meetings with Feros Care and senior Lighthouse Disability staff. There continues to be positive feedback from Feros Care and NDIA about the quality of the information that we have provided.

While there have been discussions with NDIA in relation to some aspects of some of the information that has been provided, there have not been any formal plans approved yet.

Appointments for about 50 clients and their families will be made in April and May with Feros Care in the expectation that all of Lighthouse Disability clients will have completed the planning processes by the end of May. It is very unclear when we can expect to see any NDIA approved plans.

30th Birthday celebrations

In May 2019, Lighthouse Disability will celebrate its 30th Birthday. This is another significant milestone for the business, and we want to engage clients and families in this celebration.

It is important that those who are the reason for our existence have the opportunity to mark this special occasion. If you have any ideas about how your family member and/or you would like celebrate this, please let me know by calling 8256 9800.

Reminder re Annual Picnic

Please join us on **Sunday 15th April** for our Annual Picnic at the Beefacres Community Hall, Pittwater Drive, Windsor Gardens from 11 am - 2 pm. Entertainment by Linda McCarthy and Lolly Jar Circus is generously sponsored by the Fundraising Committee. The Tea Tree Lions Club are providing a sausage sizzle. Please **RSVP by 6th April** on 8256 9800 or rsvp@lighthousedisability.org.au

Volunteers

Volunteers continue to add value to the lives of people who we work with. New volunteer Fifi has been showing Kevin (Mahood) how to cook healthy, new dishes.



Capacity for new clients

We have the capacity to take 5 new people. Referrals are very welcome, but it is important to explain that a lot of care goes into matching new people with others living in the house. So depending on the likelihood that people will enjoy living with each other, it may or may not be possible to accept all referrals.

If you know someone who is looking for 24/7 supported accommodation, please contact Sharon Williams or Steve Denholm on 8256 9800. We will be very glad to provide information about what we can offer – and if we are not in a position to assist, we will also give information about other possibilities.



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