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## Walk With Me

'Walk with Me' was the title of a fundraising event which involved a walk from the Botanic Park to the Zoo on Sunday, encouraging us all to take time to walk alongside people of all abilities. It was a beautiful day, and 48 people from Lighthouse Disability registered (Grantham, Cullford, Payneham, Mercedes, Salmon and Sophia Way). Volunteers assisted – and many of our people went to the Zoo for lunch following the walk. There were lots of people there from different agencies, and Lighthouse Disability was visible with most people wearing their new branded caps. Some people managed to have our lighthouse painted on their arms! Thanks to all for participating – it was a lovely day.



## 'Boom Box' Launch

On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August we officially launched the new name for our monthly disco 'BOOM BOX' with a dress up party. We purchased additional coloured lights, a 'fog' machine, and some Boom Box branded flags to add extra atmosphere. Free entry, free raffle and

giveaways ensured good attendance even on a cold winter's night. Our two volunteer DJs provided some great music that obviously pleased the crowd. Staff and volunteers attending really got into the spirit of dancing ensuring that the people we support had a fun time. Some people from CARA also attended and won one of the raffles – some Lighthouse Disability branded merchandise!



## Information Session on the experience of two parents involved in NDIA.

Two members of Lighthouse Disability staff are also parents of children who have a disability. They have had involvement with the NDIA with regard to funding for their children, and have very generously shared their experience with staff and are glad to do so with parents of people we support.

Accordingly, an information session has been organised on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** from 6.00 -7.30 p.m. at 101 Park Tce., Salisbury. All are very welcome. Please refer to attached letter for more information.

## Disability, Ageing and Lifestyle Expo

We are participating in this year's Expo to be held on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September** at the Royal Adelaide Showgrounds, Goyder Pavilion from 11 am to 8 pm, with an entry fee of a gold coin donation. For more information visit the website <http://www.aeec.com.au/events/2015/09/25/92/disability-ageing-and-lifestyle-expo.jsp>

## NDIS

### Changes

We have been aware from the outset, that the introduction of the NDIS will mean radical change to the sector and each service provider within the sector. The funding mechanism (fee for service for individuals) requires different invoicing and administrative processes as well as different approaches to service delivery – and at some level, these changes will involve all staff – including front line staff. It is still very early days in terms of understanding exactly what will be needed and how to set up systems to manage this. There have already been significant changes in the staff structure at Park Tce., and it is inevitable that there will continue to be changes for all staff as we better understand the requirements of NDIS.

As changes are made, first and foremost, decisions will be based on what will enable us to continue to provide quality services.

### Work books

- 2 As part of the preparation of the rollout of NDIS, a major activity has involved identifying all of the

services/tasks that staff provide to each person we support which are recorded in a workbook. This is important because funding is allocated on the basis of the nature and frequency of the support needed. In the assessment/funding process, if an activity or requirement is not named, it will not be funded. Therefore it is essential to identify all aspects of the services provided prior to seeking funding through the NDIA. In many instances, families will already have been engaged in this process. If you haven't, please contact the Service Manager of the house where your family member lives.

## Audit of houses

Senior staff have conducted an audit of all of the houses in which people we support live. The intention is to gauge the status of houses in terms of functionality, aesthetics, and safety for people we support and staff. A long term management plan will be developed – and where houses need improvement, we will endeavour to address this, or seek alternative options.

## Sale of Park Tce

Some of you may notice that there is a 'For Sale' sign in front of our Park Tce location. Our current landlord has decided to put the property on the market. We are assured that there will be no change to our lease.

## Merchandise

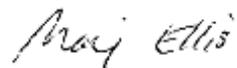
A lot of interest has been expressed in purchasing some of the new Lighthouse Disability merchandise. Please contact Reception if you would like to buy any of the following:



<i>Item</i>	<i>Price per item</i>
Backpack	\$35.50
Lunch Cooler Bag	\$26.00
Cap	\$14.50
Drink Bottle	\$11.50
Mug	\$7.00
Shopping Bag	\$7.00
Polo Shirt – full range of sizes available	\$25.00

## AGM 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Please note that our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** from 7 pm at Sfera's Convention Centre, 191 Reservoir Road, Modbury. All are welcome. More information to follow in our next Newsletter.



**Marj Ellis**