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Transition of Leveda to Lighthouse Disability

We had expected to be operating as Lighthouse Disability by 1st October, but the transition process has been slowed because it takes some weeks to be allocated a new ABN which is required for other transition processes.

We will now transfer Leveda assets to Lighthouse Disability Ltd on 31st Dec 2015 and be operating as Lighthouse Disability from 1st January 2016.

In the meantime, we will continue to operate as 'Leveda trading as Lighthouse Disability' and this won't impact on day to day operations.

Nomination and Appraisal Committee

As part of the new Constitution, a Nomination and Appraisal Committee needs to be established to review the skills required to run the business, assess which skills Directors of the Board currently have, and those that are needed. This committee will be responsible for advertising for particular knowledge and skill sets, and assessing applicants accordingly for the role of Director. Once such applicants have been assessed as having the required skills, members will have the opportunity to vote for their preferred nominees for appointment to the Board.

Family Advisory Committee link to the Board

A small group of committed families provide feedback about our services and respond to proposals under consideration by the organisation. Under the Leveda Constitution, there is a

requirement that some members of the Board have a direct connection with disability, and there is a concern that under the new Constitution, this will not necessarily be the case. Therefore, the Family Advisory Committee has requested that the Board consider different ways in which it may have a direct link with the Board to provide a family perspective on organisational matters. At the Board meeting on 3rd August, it was agreed that the Family Advisory Committee will become a committee of the Board.

Membership of Leveda/Lighthouse Disability

The Board has resolved that the fee for individual members has increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and that membership for 2015/16 will be valid for Leveda trading as Lighthouse Disability and Lighthouse Disability (that is, members will not have to apply to join Lighthouse Disability in January 2016). Organisations can also join – the fee is \$50.00. Each member has one vote (ie organisations do not have more voting power than individual members).

Invitations to become a member will be forwarded to people who were members last financial year, and others are very welcome to ask for an application form.

Ambassadors

The Board has resolved to invite people who are well connected to disability and who have other good networks to take on the role of Ambassador to Lighthouse Disability. There is some activity on this front, but no firm outcomes yet.

New Board Member

Welcome to Richard Dobek who brings legal expertise to the Board. We congratulate Sarah White on her new appointment in DCSI – and with regret her resignation has been accepted by the Board.

Diversifying income streams

The Board is very conscious that as we move to NDIS, it will be important to diversify the range of services we provide. Work is being undertaken to explore some possible options, and when there are any tangible outcomes, this information will be provided.

Fundraising BBQ at Bunnings

Call into Bunnings Parafield on **Saturday 15th August** and support our energetic Fundraising Team who will be running the sausage sizzle. Come and buy a sausage or two for a worthy cause!! All monies raised benefit the people we support.

Volunteers

We are really pleased that our volunteer program has grown to nearly a 100 people. Volunteers are an important extension of the support we provide to people we support – directly or indirectly.

Last Friday, Gerry (Mundon) and Jesse (Alawa) went on a tour of Adelaide Oval supported by CSW Ian Morgan and two volunteers, Komba Lusikya and Alex Makami. Jesse has only recently joined in.

This is one of many outings organised by volunteer Kieran Hall. Other destinations have been the Maritime Museum, Adelaide Zoo, Art Gallery, Tandanya, walks and lunch at Semaphore, etc.



What a great example of how the lives of the people we support are enriched by our fabulous volunteers! Congratulations are due to Phil Bunyon (Volunteer Coordinator) and Terella Rosen (Volunteer Support Officer) for their great program.

Walk With Me

Please join us at the **Walk With Me** event to be held on **Sunday 30th August** in Botanic Park, Adelaide. Walk With Me is Australia's leading event connecting people of all abilities.

- While 2.5 km is a short distance for some, it can be quite a challenge for others.
- Walk With Me is not about who finishes first or how you get there. It's about walking and rolling together.
- It's an opportunity for children and adults living with disability, their families and the community as a whole to come together.

Who is it for?

Everyone – people we support, staff, families, all ages, all people, everyone!

Where is the event?

Walk With Me takes participants on a fully accessible 2.5 km walk from Botanic Park through the scenic Adelaide Botanic Gardens. The walk will finish at the Adelaide Zoo, where all registered participants will receive free entry.

When?

Sunday, 30th August. The walk begins at 11:00 a.m.

What does it cost?

\$15 Adults (No concessions available)
\$10 Children
\$50 Families (2 adults, 2 children)

What does my registration fee give me?

Entry into the walk, event T-shirt and entry into the Adelaide Zoo from 12 noon (normally valued at \$33.50 for adults and \$18.50 for children).

Please refer to the attached flyer for more information. Also attached is a Registration Form.

Merchandise

There continues to be a strong interest in the items branded with the Lighthouse Disability logo. We are still negotiating what these will cost and how to make them available to interested purchasers.

We are very mindful that, with regard to staff wearing branded shirts, the views of people we support and their families will be very important: this, along with many other examples, will be an important opportunity to reinforce the control and choice of people we support as to whether they are comfortable with staff wearing branded shirts, and if so in what circumstances.

Trish loves the new branding on our vans

Trish from Clairville watches the old branding being removed and then stands proudly beside the newly branded van.



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