

Lighthouse

# Family News

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## Annual Picnic

Thanks to the families joined us for our Annual Picnic on the 17<sup>th</sup> April. It was a glorious day in a lovely setting. Lighthouse Disability has purchased some equipment for the enjoyment of people we support and this was put to good use on the day. (This can be borrowed for people we support to use at home or another event. Please contact Julie Stansbury on 8258 9800).



## Bunnings BBQ at Parafield

Thanks to the Fundraising Committee for organizing the Bunnings BBQ with assistance on the day from the people we support, families, staff and volunteers. Trade was steady and resulted in raising over \$1500!



### Launch of Lighthouse Disability

On Tuesday evening 5<sup>th</sup> April, our Patron, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO officially launched Lighthouse Disability Ltd as a new entity at the National Wine Centre. The event was attended by politicians, key stakeholders, partners in the disability sector, Board Member and committees of the Board, including our Consumer Reference Group. It was a moving celebration and marked an important milestone in our journey!



*Brenton Wright (Chair), Marj Ellis (CEO), His Excellency, Dana Shen (Dep. Chair)      Hon. Tony Piccolo, Prof Richard Bruggemann*

### News from the Board

The Board has endorsed the development of a Business Case to expand our respite services for children. It is due to be presented at the Board meeting in June.

### Family Advisory Committee

As has been mentioned in previous newsletters, the membership of the Family Advisory Group has expanded. Members are happy to be contacted by other families if that would be helpful. The names and contact details of the Advisory Committee members are as follows;

Elice Herraman	0414 910 612
Gill Halliday	0431 792 411
Judith Ferguson	0438 896 099
Corey Martin	0431 726 444
Raelene and Dennis Luestner	8379 8872
Chris Andrews	0438 113 014
Karren Kelly	0401 366 742

We welcome Barb Davis who will join us at the next meeting.

### Assistive Technology

It has been decided that we will pilot a project at Salmon where the people living there will be assisted to develop a person centred plan, and on the basis of the identified goals, maybe have an allied health assessment to gauge what assistive technology might enable their goals to be achieved.

The development of the person centred plan will involve people identified by the person we support. This is an exciting opportunity to identify how we can improve outcomes for the people we support. We will evaluate the effectiveness of the processes we put in place at Salmon, and use this learning to engage other people we support in exploring how assistive technology might be of assistance.

Our Developmental Educator, Jane Paneros, will be taking the lead on this. Please contact her if you have any questions on 8256 9800.

## Students

We are building strong relationships with University SA and different parts of Flinders University with regard to student placements. This is important because it serves many purposes: as part of their learning, students have the opportunity to gain practice in a disability business, we have the opportunity to have some new expertise from which we can learn and students can be potential employees and/or assist us in the marketing of our services. We have had two Occupational Therapy students recently (Uni SA), currently have a Masters in Social Work student (Flinders Uni) and are exploring the possibility of working with students from the Disability and Social Community Inclusion course (Flinders Uni).

## Preparation for NDIS

- **Information session for families about funding**

In June (dates to be confirmed) there will be two information sessions (one during the day, and the other early evening) about funding in the current system and what this will look like under NDIS.

- **Costs**

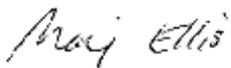
The Finance Team is getting ready for NDIS by preparing information about costs and systems ready for the NDIS. Businesses that are part of the trial sites have indicated that there is a need for very different administration processes to manage the change to our funding (that is a shift from government funds to each person we support paying for each service).

- **Housing**

Karen Polkinghorne (Manager, Finance and Administration) attended a conference in Melbourne last week in relation to housing under the NDIS. Her time was well spent there, and we will provide a summary of her information in the next Newsletter.

## Fundraising

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**Marj Ellis**