

SPRING EDITION 2019

HOMEPLACE NEWSLETTER



WELCOME TO THIS EDITION

What a busy few months it has been. HomePlace celebrated its 30th Anniversary at our AGM in September with over 100 people in attendance.

We kept formalities to a minimum, so we had a chance to enjoy a delicious roast dinner and wonderful entertainment. It was great to see everyone dancing and having a great time. A thank you to Our Voice for the goodie bags they provided for participants. There are still a few bags left at the office for any Participant who did not receive one. Thank you also to Foodbank SA for the discounted drinks supplied at the AGM.

The 30th Anniversary was also a celebration of the years of service by staff. In what was a momentous celebration, we celebrated 30 years of service by Shirley Paterson, who has been the leader at HomePlace since day one. Shirley's leadership has ensured that HomePlace's approach to support is person centred and she has been diligent and consistent for the whole 30 years.

Denice Wharldall
Executive Director

Shirley Paterson, Executive Director, and HomePlace Patron Richard Bruggermann cutting our 30th anniversary cake



MILAN'S STORY

HomePlace was told of Milan's interest in watching recordings of military and police bands, particularly in attending military tattoos.

Starting with that, we provided a guitar to try, and seeing Milan's enjoyment as he formed a note was priceless. By the next session, his mum Lorraine, had purchased a guitar to play in duet with support. We confirmed that rhythm and beat provided his enjoyment, and with the support of his local music store, we enabled him to unleash on an electronic drum kit.



The picture tells the story of his first ever hit-out in the skins. Since then, Lorraine has purchased a set, along with an amplifier. Milan and his support team built and continue to refine it to suit what he is pleased with.

Milan enjoys hard and fast rock guitar rhythm, and this passion has become a reality through the weekly support provided by Homeplace. Our visits to music stores are ongoing and Milan has purchased other percussion instruments to allow family and friends to join in.

Milan's journey in music has just begun, and if his enthusiasm is anything to gauge the future with, he will continue to learn and enjoy it.

Stephen Fry
Support Worker



ACCREDITATION WORK IN FULL SWING

HomePlace is in the middle of preparing for our Audit/Accreditation so we can remain a registered NDIS provider. The Quality and Safeguards Commission oversees the registration process.

If you would like to know more about the Quality and Safeguards Commission, please go to their website <https://www.ndiscommission.gov.au/>



**NDIS Quality
and Safeguards
Commission**

OUR VOICE SELF-ADVOCACY SESSIONS

Some of you may have seen a hive of activity at the office on 25th October. Six participants and other community members are participating in a four-session training course on peer support and learning how to speak up for yourself. At the end of the sessions the participants will decide whether to form a peer support group. These valuable sessions are being run by Our Voice Self Advocacy Group and HomePlace is providing the venue and catering. Please spread the word and invite participants to attend.

Information Sessions

SESSION	TITLE	DATE
Session 1	Self Advocacy	Oct 25th
Session 2	Decision Making	Nov 15th
Session 3	Human Rights	Nov 29th
Session 4	Peer Support	Dec 13th

*For more information and to register your interest please ring **8373 8327** or email Karen at **Karenr@purpleorange.org.au** or HomePlace at **8445 9900** and **admin@homeplace.com.au**.*



WELCOME

MICHAEL GILLAM

Senior Coordinator

In 25 words or less describe yourself

I arrived in Australia in 1973 from the UK at 16 yrs of age and commenced my working career at Strathmont Centre, which was a part of the then government-run, Intellectual Disability Services Council (IDSC). I worked mainly as a manager of accommodation services at Strathmont Centre and later Shared Independent living as we moved towards closing institutions in the 1980s.

I moved away from Accommodation services and management in 1997 wanting to learn new skills and help people in a different way, so I chose employment.

What was your last job?

I have been working for Barkuma these last 18 years as a Job Coordinator in Disability Employment Services (DES). An extremely rewarding role helping people to find work, and then, more importantly, keep their jobs through ongoing support and training.

What attracted you to work at HomePlace?

To be honest, as I was approaching retirement, I wanted to see if I could adapt to a new work environment and revitalise whilst learning new skills. That's yet to be seen – stay tuned.

I wouldn't have naturally returned to accommodation services, however, I was looking to work with an organisation that held similar values to mine and HomePlace was it.



Crows, Port or other?

That's a no. It certainly has been a problem because I'm not on the same sports page as others over the years. Looking on rather blankly at the excitement and enthusiasm of others over the game on the weekend is somewhat awkward for me.

I'm not totally boring though, I do like mucking around in my shed with wood work projects, home improvements, vehicle maintenance, camping and playing my digital piano (not brilliant at it – but at least I enjoy myself in this regard).

Morning or evening person?

I can be both as circumstances require and I like to move around a lot, so being more office-based now is certainly a challenge.





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KATHARINE MARTIN

Finance Officer - Billing

In 25 words or less describe yourself

My name is Katharine Martin, I come from a Case Management background working in Workers Compensation as an Insurance Agent for WorkCover.

What was your last job?

My last job prior to commencing at Homeplace was a Plan Manager at Carer Support.

What attracted you to work at HomePlace?

I am passionate about the disability sector having had a baby sister with Downs, working at Homeplace was a calling.

Crows, Port or other?

Port Power over the Crows.

Morning or evening person?

Morning during the weekdays, Night Owl on Weekends

Sweet or savoury?

Love all food, Pescatarian diet, which means I prefer eating plants over animals.



Katherine Martin
Finance Officer - Billing

Tea or coffee?

Both

Anything else?

My interests include gardening, attending live music and foreign films. I am an animal lover and proud owner of two cats, Marley and Shanti.





ROYAL COMMISSION

INTO VIOLENCE, ABUSE, NEGLECT AND EXPLOITATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

Why set up a Royal Commission?

In Australia, royal commissions are the highest form of inquiry on matters of public importance. Recent inquiries and reports have shown that people with disability are more likely to experience violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation than people without disability. What we learn from the Royal Commission will help to inform Australian governments, institutions and the wider community on how to prevent, and better protect, people with disability from experiencing violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation in the future.

What is the scope of the Royal Commission?

The Commissioners have been directed to inquire into violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability. The Royal Commission's Terms of Reference cover what should be done to:

- prevent, and better protect, people with disability from experiencing violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation
- achieve best practice in reporting and investigating of, and responding to violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation
- promote a more inclusive society that supports the independence of people with disability and their right to live free from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation.

The inquiry will cover all forms of violence against, and abuse, neglect and exploitation of, people with disability, in all settings and contexts.

How will people with disability be supported?

The Royal Commission will advise about accessibility arrangements for people with disability in the coming months.

The Government will also provide individual advocacy supports and counselling support services for people engaging with the Royal Commission.

The Royal Commission has just announced Community Forums in Adelaide & Gawler

Community forums are a key way people with disability and others in the disability community can directly share their personal experiences with the Royal Commission.

Adelaide

Tuesday 12 November 2019

10:00 am – 12:00 pm **OR** 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Stamford Plaza Adelaide,
150 North Terrace, Adelaide

Gawler

Thursday 14 November

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Gawler Civic Centre, 89-91 Murray Street
Barnet Road, Gawler

For more information on the Royal Commission go to their web site:

<https://disability.royalcommission.gov.au>

If you would like to be kept informed of what is happening at the Royal Commission register for updates on their web site.

Time to celebrate, it's Christmas!

Christmas is almost here! Don't forget to RSVP to the HomePlace Christmas Party on Friday 6th December, where there will be music, fun and entertainment. We are also holding staff lunches/dinners to thank staff for their work over the past 12 months. Staff, please book into one. We took on feedback from last year and organised one event in the evening as some staff could not make either of the lunches last year.

Please RSVP to admin@homeplace.com.au or call 8445 9900 by 29th November 2019



LET'S TALK CULTURE

Isn't it wonderful for us to feel welcomed at HomePlace and be 'at home' with colleagues and participants?

Our unique values at HomePlace are vital in shaping the way we treat each other, and in offering the best service we can to our participants.



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