

HOMEPLACE

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024



2024 – we're off and running!

Welcome to 2024! After celebrating participant and staff achievements at our 2023 Christmas Party (see pages 4-7) and a short quieter period over the new year, 2024 has started with energy and excitement for the year ahead.

8th March is celebrated as International Women's day – HomePlace provides support for and with 31 amazing women who live with disability. The HomePlace staff team is made up of 89 people who identify as female – nearly 75% of our workforce, and a number are from culturally diverse

backgrounds. The theme for this year's International Women's Day is similar to what we aim for at HomePlace:

A world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination. A world that's diverse, equitable, and inclusive. A world where difference is valued and celebrated.

Later this year, we look forward to celebrating the achievements of men and furthering gender equality and inclusion at International Men's Day on 19th November.

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Participant talents and new roles

We continue to discover hidden talents, interests and new roles amongst the people we support. A few examples are:

- Craig S and Wayne enjoying the experience of being travellers – Craig on a cruise, and Wayne jet-setting to Bali.



Closer to home and no less of an achievement, we celebrate:

- Peter B becoming a successful autograph hunter with his beloved Port Power – autographs of Brownlow medallist Ollie Wines now in hand.



- Jake growing his 'chef' skills through reaching out beyond our staff's cooking instructions at home, to him now attending HomeFresh Cooking Classes at Port Adelaide.
- Sam P is expanding his connections in his community through attending a weekly course at Goodwood library.
- Kane is (re) discovering his community and how far he can explore Adelaide via train.
- Craig S, Di, Nicky, Tina, Ian, Debbie being conference participants at the recent Our Voice SA conference on 2nd February.



- Family historian Pam discovering that she has a sister! Please see feature on page 14.
- Singer Georgia is preparing to perform at her own concert at the Fringe.

We look forward to hearing from Nicky how she enjoys her first music concert in April which she has diligently saved for.

HomePlace events

Celebrating the HomePlace community is always high on our yearly calendar. See page 12 for some shots from our Staff picnic in February.

Save the date for our next Participant Party – we're planning a disco / pizza night on Friday 5th April – see details on page 8.

HomePlace Listens and Citizenhood Project

A big thank you to those participants, family members, Board members and staff who have contributed to this project, led by the team at Purple Orange. The project started in September 2023, and we're waiting to find out in March:

- Are we truly demonstrating HomePlace values in everything we do?
- Do we make a positive difference to the lives of the people we support – and if we do, in what way?
- What things are we doing well?
- Where and how could we be better?

- How we could provide support differently so that participants can lead a life more connected in their community?

We will be using the information from the project to make HomePlace even better in the years to come.

Have a brilliant 2024 everyone.



Julie Bowman
Chief Executive



Christmas Party











DISCO PIZZA PARTY

Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a night of disco-dancing for our Autumn Participant Party. We will be serving up hot pizza and cool music on the dancefloor.

WHEN:

Friday the 5th of April
5pm-7:30pm

WHERE:

Findon Community Centre
222 Findon Rd, Findon

RSVP:

RSVP BY FRI 1ST MARCH
scan QR code:



or email:

admin@homeplace.com.au



Participant Highlights



Banjobe's art

Banjobe's acrylic artwork on canvas displayed at Tutti's gallery.





Tina at the 'Our Voice' Conference

Jane's Christmas lunch





Di's cooking mastery



HomePlace Staff Picnic

Our staff lie at the heart of how we provide quality support. Our first staff picnic was held on February 17 – we hope this is the beginning of a HomePlace tradition celebrating our staff. Mario’s balloon sculptures, face painting, basketball, giant Jenga plus plenty of food from Daisy Burgers was enjoyed by all. It was wonderful to meet so many family members of staff too!





Pam's Family



With the help of her HomePlace team, Pam has discovered so much about her family – here is her summary:

Pam was born on 11th August 1948 at the McBride Maternity Hospital in Medindie, South Australia.

She is the daughter of Emily Annie Cecelia Just. Emily was born in 1915 and died in 1990.

Pam's brother John William Just was born and died in 1932. Pam has only recently discovered that she is a sister.

Pam has a large family but has lost contact with them since her mother's death. Pam's family are from Prussia and her parents, uncles and aunts arrived in Australia pre-World War I.

Many family members settled in the Riverland and mid north of South Australia. Others settled in Victoria.



Built in 1876, The Briars was the home of George Charles Hawker MA MP, and also home to philanthropist Robert Barr. From 1914 The Briars was converted into a maternity hospital by the Salvation Army providing care for unmarried women, as well as serving as a general maternity hospital. This is where Pam was born.

It took over the work of the Adelaide Maternity Home and provided accommodation and maternity services for single mothers and their babies, as well as public maternity patients.

In 1974, McBride Maternity Hospital ceased to operate exclusively as a maternity hospital and in 1975 was renamed McBride Hospital. In 1978, it became a convalescent hospital, with a small hostel for single mothers and babies.

The hostel closed in 1983 and the hospital closed three years later. Today, the Briars is once again a private residence.

HomePlace has 4 goals

These are the HomePlace Goals:

Strategic Goal 1 Quality at Core

This means that HomePlace will provide the best care and support for people with disability.



Strategic Goal 2 Growing the 'HomePlace Community' and supports

This means HomePlace will look for ways we can provide excellent support for more people with disability.



Strategic Goal 3 Partnerships & Collaborations

This means HomePlace will look for other organisations who think the same way we do. We will work together with them.



Strategic Goal 4 Thriving over the long term

This means that HomePlace will keep supporting people with disabilities for a long time.



The Place I Call Home



Respect



Trust



Safety



Partnership



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