

HOMEPLACE

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2023



Hello, from Julie!

I am writing this in the excited glow of the achievements of Australia's soccer team, the Matildas', over the last month at the World Cup. Great for the Matildas, great for women's sport, and great for sport as a whole. There have been a number of news items about how far they have come — from struggling to get a win seven years ago and having a maximum of a few thousand people watching them at a game, to 7 million viewers tuning in for the semi-final and more than 75,000 watching

in person at the stadium. Learning and perseverance, and step by step progression until a skill is mastered. This is very similar to how the people HomePlace supports develop their skills and independence — just more quietly and without the fanfare.

A few highlights of the last few months demonstrate the skills learnt and perseverance of HomePlace participants:

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- Bronwyn has a passion for long-stitch. We have been building a bigger staff team for and with Bronwyn, and Bronwyn has used her long-stitch skills and talent to teach her staff team the art of her craft. Here is a photo of one of their long-stitch achievements.



- Anne Marie has been developing her skills in knitting. With increasing independence and less guidance being required by her HomePlace staff and her family, her woollen crafts have evolved into multi-coloured scarves. I was touched to receive a scarf made in HomePlace colours from Anne Marie at our recent bowling event in Woodville.



For over twelve months, Gavin has been telling me how he wants to do the next City Bay Fun Run, and try to beat his best time. He challenged me to join him, and my initial response of "but I'm a swimmer, not a runner," was not accepted by Gavin, so I've taken up Gavin's challenge and will be joining him at the start line on 17th September. Stay tuned to see whether Gavin achieves his PB goal, and whether I manage to finish with Gavin being not too far ahead of me!



Looking forward to seeing you at our AGM on 20th October 2023 at 5:30 at Junction Community Centre, 2A May Terrace, Ottoway.

**Julie Bowman
Chief Executive**

Bowling Event

HomePlace participants 'hold their own' against HomePlace staff and Board members at Zone Bowling Woodville on 14th July 2023.



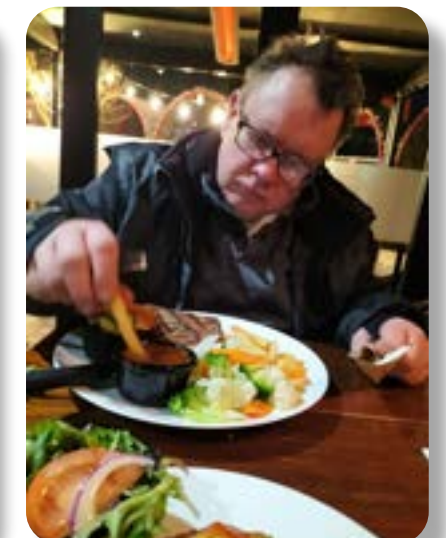


Participant Highlights



Ralph's night out

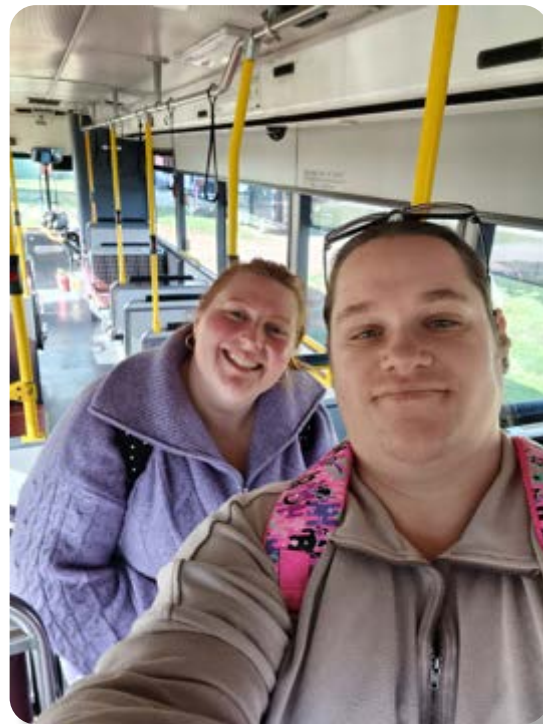
Ralph enjoyed a night out in Adelaide with Kaitlyn at Resonate and Base Camp as part of Illuminate Adelaide.





Natarsha H

Tarsh has a keen interest in old trams and buses. Tarsh is a dedicated supporter of the 'Bus Preservation Association of SA' – riding the old buses around Adelaide.



**Happy Birthday,
Peter B**

Roger

Roger enjoying the Supersprint car racing at Tailem Bend.





Mrs. Debbie Woods

Receiving her Book of Memories of her late husband Mr. Peter Woods.



Wayne C

Experience music in full color with Wayne's album cover design, where vivid hues merge to echo its vibrant melodies.



Jasmine J

Experience the magic of vivid expression with Jasmine's colourful artworks.

Upcoming Events

Annual General Meeting

Come join us to hear participant, staff and HomePlace achievements at our 2023 Annual General Meeting.

Date

Friday 20th October 2023

Time

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Address

Junction Community Centre
2A May Terrace Ottoway SA 5013

Light refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP to **admin@homeplace.com.au** by **10 October 2023**.

Please indicate in your email if you have any dietary requirements.

HomePlace Christmas Party

24th November 2023

5.30pm – 8pm

Thebarton Community Centre

Featuring Linda McCarthy for singing and dancing fun!



Staff News

We have welcomed the following new members to the HomePlace team

Samuel Chappell
Senior Support Worker

Harpreet Kaur
Support Worker

Mary Apai
Support Worker

Sarah Francks
Support Worker

Anu Bedi
Support Worker

Benjamin Yates
Support Worker

Gretchen Rosenberg
Scheduling Assistant

Darren Hosne
Senior Coordinator



Happy Retirement, Mary!



Mary joined HomePlace in 2017, and has been a wonderful contributor in providing support to several people at HomePlace, with a particular focus on supports for those who live in their own home in the community. She is also one of the stars in the HomePlace video series (check out the website to see more - homeplace.com.au).

Mary has certainly left her mark on many people over her years at HomePlace, and we wish her all the very best in 'retirement' — although we are sure that Mary will be busier than ever!

Staff Awards

In addition to the participants we support, our staff are central to everything we do at HomePlace. We would like to recognise staff who consistently work at an incredibly high standard. We are pleased to announce that at HomePlace's Annual General Meeting on 20th October 2023, we will be presenting five staff awards.

We need your input to be able to do this.

We aim to present four **HomePlace Values awards**. These will be awarded to any HomePlace staff member, from support worker to a member 'working behind-the-scenes' at the HomePlace office, who consistently displays one (or more) of the HomePlace values in their work. The four awards are:



Regard for the unique identity of the individual.

Respect



Being honest and reliable.

Trust



Protection against abuse, violence, neglect and exploitation.

Safety



Achieving outcomes by working together.

Partnership

A fifth award – **the HomePlace Way award** – is the most prestigious award and will be awarded to a member of the Support services' staff team. It is awarded to an individual who demonstrates exceptional support in the HomePlace Way. That is, support which:

- ✓ Is 'participant-first' focused.
- ✓ Is provided with kindness, and a genuine sense of caring.
- ✓ Is dedicated to enabling participants to lead a life that they feel is right for them.
- ✓ Reflects HomePlace values of respect, trust, safety, partnership and building great relationships with participants, supporting them to connect to and belong within their communities.
- ✓ Shows a strong commitment to continuous improvement – support that is always striving to take the standard of support 'to the next level'.
- ✓ Aims to create or strengthen roles that people with disability can undertake, contributing to our society.

You are invited to nominate one or more staff members for one of the awards mentioned above.

You need to tell us why you think they should win the award and give us examples of what they have done that shows that they deserve to win it from your perspective.

We will be sending a you a link to complete a nomination form shortly.

HomePlace Listens and Citizenhood Project 2023

We are always trying to make HomePlace better. A few months ago, we submitted a grant application to the JFA MS McLeod Foundation to help us undertake our next HomePlace Listens project. This time, as well as finding out from the people we support, families, staff and stakeholders about what we are doing well, where we need to improve and ideas for improvement, the team from Purple Orange and OurVoice SA are going to be asking questions like:

1 How do HomePlace staff help participants to build friendships and connections in community?

2 Are participants the leaders in decisions about how they live their lives, and how do their HomePlace staff help them do this?

3 What roles do participants have in their lives, and how has HomePlace helped them to expand their roles – and in particular, do these roles, help them to actively belong in their community?

We have called the project, 'HomePlace Listens and Citizenhood Project'. We are grateful to the JFA MS McLeod foundation for their financial support for this work.

We will be contacting participants, families, staff and stakeholders in the coming months with details about how you can contribute.

PACE

What is it and what does it mean for you?

What is it?

PACE is a new computer system that the NDIS is putting in across Australia.

Why?

To make it easier for participants to manage their NDIS plan budget, check how much NDIS money is left in their plan, and to approve payments for supports. It is supposed to make it easier for providers too – once a participant has endorsed the provider on the PACE system.

When?

For each participant who has a plan review from September 2023 onwards.

More information?

We are waiting on more information from the NDIS. We will share with you once we have received it.



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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