

HOMEPLACE

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023



International Day of People with Disability aims to increase public awareness, understanding and inclusion of people with disability. Earlier this year, I had the pleasure of watching one of the 11 official national ambassadors compete in the Virtus Global Games for elite athletes with an intellectual impairment – South Australia's Hugo Taheny.

Hugo Taheny is an elite athlete living with Down syndrome. He's the current



world-record holder for shot put, discus and the 4x100m relay in the Virtus Global Games and International Athletics Association for Persons with Down Syndrome.

Hugo also lives with intellectual, vision and hearing impairments. It was exciting to see Hugo, and people with disability, being recognised again with Hugo being nominated as a finalist for the Young South Australian of the Year.

Recognising the contribution that people with disability bring to society is at the heart of HomePlace’s purpose:

Purpose

To support independence and inspire confidence in people with disability to live engaged and meaningful lives that communities value.

This newsletter, we have captured a number of the people we support “out and about” in their communities, and also relishing time at home with neighbours and friends.

Our centre pages contain a display of photos taken at our AGM on 20th October 2023 – a great night at the Junction Community centre, placing a spotlight on the achievements of the people we support at HomePlace during 2022-23; and photos from our Christmas party on 24th November 2023.

Over the Christmas and New Year festive period, may each of you savour times experiencing the richness of the diversity that we all bring to our communities.

Julie Bowman
Chief Executive



Participant Highlights



Jackie and Kobi
Enjoying their neighbourhood park.

Tina
At the Disability Expo.





Carolyn and Heather

At West Beach.



Carolyn, Sue and Cris

Enjoying catching up with friends and families at the Williams' Syndrome weekend.



Wayne

Exploring his creative abilities and creating a new album cover.

David

Invited his neighbours around to join him for his birthday party.



Gavin and Julie

Joined 16,000 people in September in completing the City to Bay Fun Run. Congratulations Gavin on achieving your Personal Best, and to Julie for making the distance!

Connecting and learning from one another

CONFERENCES 2024

Please save the dates:

Our Voice SA Conference; Our Voice Our Stories



Friday 2nd February 2024



The Hilton Adelaide



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South Australian Council on Intellectual Disability
Leading through inclusion
Conference 2022

The Conference gives people with intellectual disability and their families the chance to:



Be Seen.



Be Heard.



Be Understood.

SACID will be hosting the 2024 Leading Through Inclusion Conference on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June 2024 at the Hilton Hotel, Victoria Square, Adelaide.

For more information, please contact:
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Continuing our learning so that the support we provide participants keeps on getting better, one day at a time.

In October, we held three oneHomePlace sessions with the aims being:

- For staff to meet one another, connect and share ideas about how their support of participants can grow.
- To provide an update on HomePlace and our plans ahead.
- To have some refresher training on incident reporting and documentation in MYP.
- Discussing how we can make sure participant and staff information stays safe through using multi-factor authentication and oneDrive.
- Remind everyone about COVID-19 boosters and care in protecting people from infections.



Annual General Meeting

2023

On Friday, 20th October, HomePlace held its Annual General Meeting for 2023 at the Junction Community Centre. We heard Julie Bowman, Chief Executive, speaking about participant achievements through the year and we saw many staff being awarded for their excellent service. The Chairman of the Board, Braden Naylor, gave us a summary of the year's progress, and Treasurer, Tony Jacka, gave us an account of the year's financials. Patron of HomePlace, Richard Bruggemann handed out the staff awards to those who had gone above and beyond in their work and in "living" the HomePlace values.





Lots of happy smiles and conversations at our AGM this year.



Celebrating our staff

We would like to congratulate and highlight the 66 staff who were nominated in the recent HomePlace staff awards:

Staff Award Nominees

Michelle Michels
John LaTorre
Gemma Groombridge
Dannielle Sanderson
Judy Mbuteti
Rachel Anesbury
Ben Puddicombe
Susan Keddeh
Sue Laurencis
Vick Singh Basra
Cris Bucater
Vicky Jain
Harpreet Kaur
Kaitlyn Shire
Ashleigh Dennis
Mario Van Antwerpen
Shantelle Heffernan

Julie Bowman
Anna Dashti
Promise Okoli
Wei Sun
Lena Winstanley
Preet Kochhar
Soni Brar
Fernanda Hannam
Jinny Wagner
Meghan Starr
Jacqui Kiama
Parag Patel
Marko Antunovic
Glenn Stanton
Melissa Allman
Tracy Lomman
Binay Homogain

Wally Elliot
John Jacobs
Rhianna Beenham
Joanne Schmidt
Kayla Tulloch
Tony Palombi
Lisa Jenkins
Ruth Ngatia
Utsab Khadka
Elizabeth Ellis
Kyle Laing
Tantawon Joy
Erin Devisser
Florence Muthoni
Tila Rimal
Lucy Kariuki
Unnati Patel

Ruby Katana
Debra Haythorpe
Maureen Johnson
Caroline Muthike
Mitul Desai
Zawadi Muke
Bismark Adu-Manu
Samuel Chappell
Japeth Mboya
Zaid Qasimi
Oakley Rohde
Maria Kumakauw
Grace Tamba
Melissa Mabarrack
Chloe Gibbs



HomePlace Values awards

Respect

Winner: Fernanda Hannam
Runner up: John Jacobs

Safety

Winner: Marco Antunovic
Runner up: Tracy Lomman

Trust

Winner: Di and Nicky's team
Runner up: Rachel Anesbury

Partnership

Co-winners: Rachel Anesbury and Lisa Jenkins



HomePlace Way award

Winner:

Marco Antunovic

Runner up:

Fernanda Hannam

Thank you to all HomePlace staff for your continuing efforts to provide the best person-centred support possible, every day.

HomePlace 2023 Christmas Party



Farewell to Board Member, Mike Lowe

After over seven years on the Board of HomePlace, Mike Lowe has decided it is time for someone to take his place. Thank you to Mike for his leadership, focus on participants and their supports, and for educating the leadership team on all things risk management.





On Friday 24th November, the HomePlace community gathered at the Thebarton Community Centre to celebrate a good year, amidst delicious food, great company, and wonderful entertainment by singer Linda McCarthy. It was so great to have everyone dancing and enjoying the vibe of Christmas. Merry Christmas, everyone, and very best wishes for 2024.

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 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 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 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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