

HOMEPLACE

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2024



We celebrate 2024. We look forward to 2025. We recognise the achievements of the 53 people we support. Many:

- ✓ Have made new friends
- ✓ Have experienced new activities
- ✓ Have enjoyed 'doing life' on their terms
- ✓ Can now do tasks that they couldn't do before or need less help to do now
- ✓ Started new work – including four ladies starting their own small business

In 2025, we will be designing HomePlace's next Strategic Plan. A Strategic Plan is how HomePlace plans to keep going well and improving in our work. Goals are what HomePlace needs to do to make sure we stick to the Plan. We will know HomePlace is doing well if we are achieving the goals. We are looking at ways that the people we support – and their families – can have a leading voice in HomePlace's future. Stay tuned for invitations to a Participant forum, and a Family forum for early 2025. Have a wonderful festive season with special people in your lives.

Julie Bowman
Chief Executive

Achievements of the people we support

Ian

Has been sharing his knowledge and supporting Sam during interviews, and continuing to advocate for the rights of people living with disability.



Wayne

Is continuing where he left off from the last sailing season, winning three times! Congratulations, Wayne!



Megan

Has been enjoying time on her own with the safety of her alarm pendant so that Megan, her family and her HomePlace staff know that she is safe and can call for help if needed.



Kane

Has been exploring all the trains and trams of Adelaide. He was a priority to his neighbours when they were activating their emergency evacuation alert system.



Matt

Has been working with his housemate to live well together as tenants, including planning the weekly shopping for the house, and using recycling.



Meredith

Has been teaching her new HomePlace staff about the supports she likes, her home and the way she likes to live.



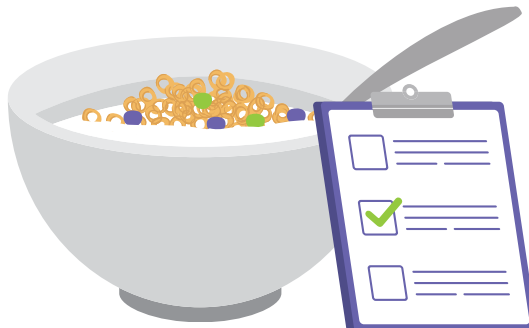
Val

Has been busy participating in a new arts and, crafts group, helping HomePlace at the AGM and through HomePlace's Peer Network Group.



Jake

Has been learning new recipes to prepare good meals for himself and his family.



Oliver

Is being much more social, exploring new sensory activities at home as well as the swings in his local community playgrounds.



Gavin

Is completing all the steps and paperwork to become a volunteer.



Stephen

Has been very dedicated to his bowling and has gained confidence in navigating shopping and money handling, especially for Halloween items.



Natarsha

Has been doing a craft project and adding to her Barbie doll collection.



Di

Has been busy enjoying Halloween activities as well as setting up a small business making cards and crafts with three friends, and being part of the HomePlace Peer Network Group.



Jasmine

Has been learning about Halloween and preparing her artworks for her exhibition coming up.



Georgia

Has been introducing her staff to her favourite coffee shop and visiting the SA Museum.



Jackie

Has been socialising, going to her friend's birthday party at the local pub and learning to video call her parents.



Sam M

Has been out and about, enjoying a big family function with his niece's wedding and HomePlace's AGM.



Anne-Marie

Has been active swimming at the pool and walking by the water at Brighton Beach.



Jane

Has been decorating the Christmas tree at home and setting up a small business making cards and crafts with three friends.



Kylie

Has been enjoying Christmas activities including the pageant in the city.



David M

Is planning ahead, purchasing tickets for the Metallica concert in November 2025!



21 people we support did not want to have stories about them shared so they have not been included in the above.



Pip

Has been busy menu planning, budgeting for shopping, sticking to the shopping list and expanding her range of evening meals that she can prepare.



Daniel

Has been out and about by road, the train and by Popeye, talking with railway and Popeye staff, as well as the staff at the bakery.



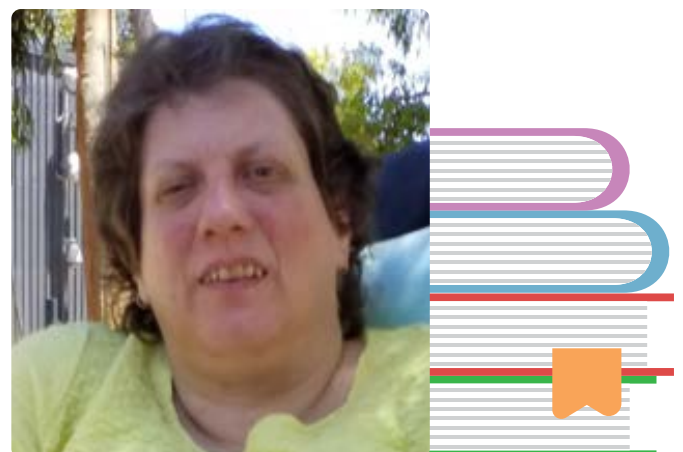
Carolyn

Has been enjoying chatting with friends at church, and preparing meals including learning about how to combine leftovers!



Tricia

Has been going to the movies, the library and her local park, as well as helping to get things done around the house.



Tina

Has been learning to manage around her home with one arm in a cast.



Craig S

Has been enjoying getting out to places like the Botanic Gardens and the beach.



Mieke

Was first in the neighbourhood with getting the outside Christmas decorations up and had a wonderful day in Hahndorf.



Mark

Has been going to quiz nights, juggling work, the gym, shopping and preparing meals at home, with the occasional treat at the local café.



Nicholas

Is continuing his commitment to his bowling with many a training session and match, plus fitting in watching other sport on TV, and going to the gym and church.



Sam P

Well done to Sam on his first interview with Ian Cummins AM. Sam is achieving his communications and media goals.



Kobi

Has been loving drama classes as always, as well as helping to get things done around the house with her housemate.



The staff of the people we support

HomePlace has 116 staff. They are the staff of the people we support. We have:



63

Part time



41

Casual



12

Full time

New staff

We have welcomed 6 new staff since our last newsletter, plus 3 who have returned after a brief time away:

Kelly
Evelyn
Guri
Perpetual
Ryan
Sudeep
Christine
Daniella
Casey

Support worker
Support worker
Support worker
Support worker
Support worker
Support worker
Support worker
Senior Support Worker
Quality Support Coach



80

staff
are female



35

staff
are male

1 staff member prefers not to declare their gender.



We welcome
Blessing back from
maternity leave.

We congratulate
Jacqui on the birth
of her baby boy!

HomePlace Staff Awards

43 staff and 2 participant staff teams were nominated for one or more staff awards. The winners and runners-up were announced at our AGM on 18 October 2024.



HomePlace Way Award



Winner: Ghana Rimal
Runner up: Sue Laurencis

Congratulations to all those who were nominated as well as those who won prizes or were runners-up. We thank you for your dedication to providing great support consistently in ways that meet the expectations of the people we support and their families.

Respect Award



Winner: Cooper Rohde & Christine Silcock
Runner up: Avash Wagle

Trust Award



Winner: Rachel Anesbury
Runner up: Ben Puddicombe

Safety Award



Winner: Marco Antunovic
Runner up: Gabrielle's & Oliver's Team

Partnership Award



Winner: John LaTorre
Runner up: Jackie & Kobi's Team

Daniel's trip to discover Western Australia

In April, Daniel and his Dad, Graham and Mum, Karen set off on a trip. They drove a long long way across SA and up and down WA. They went to many amazing places.



They went in their camper van.



The best parts were:

- Camp fires at Laverton
- Dolphins and turtles at Monkey Mia
- A sunset cruise
- Wave Rock
- The first gold mining town in WA
- Seeing family in Port Lincoln



They had to be careful about:

- Flies in Laverton
- Putting their food away so the emus would not eat it.

Daniel and his family are planning their next trip in 2025. They are going to Broome, WA then to the "Top End" of Australia in the Northern Territory, finishing at Uluru.





Highlights from our AGM











Join the **Minister's Disability Advisory Council**

Applications will open on 2 December 2024 to join a group that will share their experience with disability with the SA Government.

Group members will meet with the Minister for Human Services, Nat Cook, 4 times a year to tell her what they think about how the Government is helping people with disability.



A person with disability.



A carer of a person with disability.



A family member of a person with disability.

Group members will be part of the Advisory Council for 2 years, from February 2025 to January 2027. They will be paid for their time.

You can apply here:

<https://dhs.sa.gov.au/about-us/our-department/inclusion-engagement-and-safeguarding/ministers-advisory-councils>

Applications close on 17 January 2025.

For more information, email the Department of Human Services on DHSMinisterialAdvisoryCouncils@sa.gov.au or phone (08) 8429 7740.



OUR VOICE SA

Summer tips from the HomePlace Peer Network Group



Lie on the grass



Take a drink bottle
when going out



Swimming and
keeping active



Take a hat, wear
sunglasses, put
sunscreen on



Save coins to
spend at Christmas



Get out
and go to
the beach



Have a
picnic at
the beach



Change
smoke
alarm
batteries



Play
music and
dance to
feel better



On hot days, do things like
card games, jigsaw puzzles
and find a word

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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