

# HOMEPLACE

## NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2022



At HomePlace, we're passionate about enabling every participant to have warm inviting living spaces they are proud to call 'home'. Connection with family, friends and community is really important, too. This newsletter showcases participants' achievements in their homes and communities.

### Home

Jack displaying his artistic talents showing us what 'home' means to him.



Craig achieved a goal that he has had for a long time — he moved into his new home. It was wonderful to share in Craig's excitement and pride, when he presented Julie and Cooper the features of his new home.



## Connection

On 6th May, many participants, family members, guardians, and staff connected via “Teams” to battle it out in HomePlace’s first online quiz night at our Picnic at Home event. Everyone enjoyed pizza and participants were quick to use technology and show how much they know about many things.



### Helping participants with NDIS changes

As participants’ NDIS plans come up for review, HomePlace is seeing that some participant plans’ funding is being reduced by the NDIA. We’ve put together as much evidence as we can to help participant families and support coordinators to show the NDIA the difference that HomePlace and other supports that participants receive. This is to help them achieve their goals, live safely and more independently, and actively participate in their community. Coordinators, Fernanda, Matt, Lisa Jinny, and Jodie will be meeting with participants and families often, and

especially in the months leading up to plan reviews to give this evidence to you.

As we head into the chilly winter months, a quick reminder to everyone to have your COVID boosters AND your flu shots as well.

Stay warm, stay safe, stay healthy and enjoy the place you call ‘home’.

**Julie Bowman**  
*Chief Executive*

Handwritten signature of Julie Bowman with a smiley face.

# Congratulations to the Quiz Winners

What a great time we had answering all the Kahoot quiz master's tricky questions! Well done to everyone who participated in our HomePlace Picnic at Home.



# HomePlace's budding chefs

Phillipa, Mark and Roger have all been developing their cooking skills over the last few months – soon we'll be able to hold a HomePlace "MasterChef" competition.



## Keeping fit & Healthy

Many participants make sure they are as strong and as fit as they can be. Here are Sam and Nic showing everyone how it's done!



## Congratulations Justine!

Justine's been busy practising her karate and here is a photo of the recent medal she won!



## Even in a COVID world, we've been getting out and about!

Mel and Michelle's successful shopping outing to get items for Mel's shed.



Tash at the Victor Harbor Show.



## Creating and having fun at home and community

Tina enjoyed returning to her cooking class.



David M making sure his new bike is in top working order.



# Happy Birthday!

We've had many birthdays to celebrate in 2022 so far!

Oliver, Gaby, Bronwyn, Craig B, David W, Emily W, Jackie, Jake, Josh, Julie C, Justine, Kobi, Mark, Matt, Megan, Mikaila, Milan, Philippa, Sam, Tina, and Tricia.

**Some memories from a few birthday celebrations.  
(Sam, Nic and Oliver)**



**Congratulations to  
our Special Projects  
Coordinator, Jodie  
Louden, on buying  
her own home!**



## Coming Up

### HomePlace Information session for Participant families, being planned late August

1. The NDIA is funding things differently it seems - HomePlace's tips for helping participants at NDIS plan reviews
2. Pathways to securing a home for 'your' participant
3. A housing provider presents developments 'in the works'

### HomePlace's Got **TALENT**

Stay tuned for the next online HomePlace event being planned for August 19



## Welcome to the new HomePlace Staff

Ashleigh, Shona, Narelle, Oyinkansola, Lynda, Chelsea and Stephanie.

## Welcome back to returning staff

Megan J, Unnati and Soni.





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# HomePlace's "Our Voice" Group

## Our Peer Support / Client Reference Group

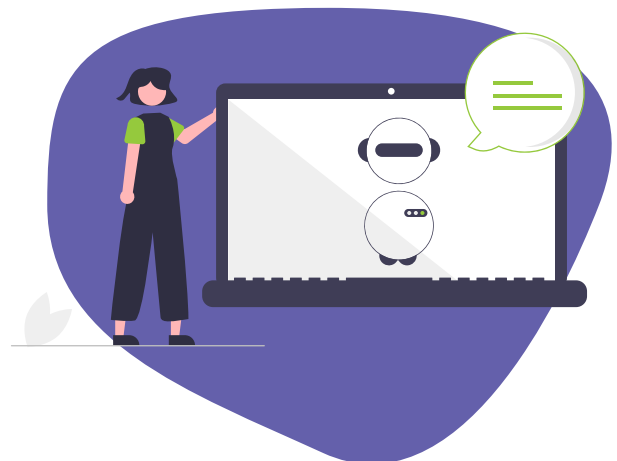
This group meets once a month to discuss issues that affect the people who are supported by HomePlace and to offer support to the general community who live with a disability.

## Terms of Reference have been co-designed.

Co-design is when people living with disability help HomePlace and Our Voice SA Facilitators to come up with these Terms of Reference. Our Voice SA Facilitators and Peer Mentors support the Homeplace Peer Support Group.

## The things that the Peer Support / Client Reference Group do are:

- Give ideas for things that could help people supported by HomePlace.
- Make decisions together with HomePlace Management.
- Give feedback on HomePlace Policies, Procedures and Guidelines.
- Give advice to HomePlace Management on how they can do things better.
- Abide by the list of Rules they have agreed on when in their meetings, like respecting and listening to each other and everyone having a say.



**If you would like the group to bring up something that is important to you please contact Alison Vivian Project Officer at Our Voice SA on 83738321**

# Your support

## Are we getting it right?

At HomePlace we aim to provide the best care and support with people who live with disability.

Do you think we provide the care and support in the way that you want?

Do we sometimes not provide the support in the 'right way' for you?

For us to get better at providing support, we need to hear from you.



You can ask a friend, family member or advocate to help you make your complaint to HomePlace



Your complaint will be passed to a Senior member of staff who will look into your complaint



The Senior member of staff will write your complaint down and look at how we can make it better



The Senior staff member will see if we need to make changes



The Senior member of staff will keep you up to date with what's happening with your complaint.

They will tell you the outcome of the complaint and will be given to you in writing.

If you're not happy with HomePlace or one of your workers, you need to let us know by making complaint.



## You can make a complaint by



Talking to your staff member or Coordinator



Or write us a letter to PO Box 16, Ferryden Park SA 5010 or email us at [admin@homeplace.com.au](mailto:admin@homeplace.com.au)



Or you can call HomePlace on 8445 9900



Or through our website [www.homeplace.com.au](http://www.homeplace.com.au)



## Reach out to the HomePlace Board

If you have a serious concern and would like to contact the Board, please write to the Chairman of HomePlace at

[naylorbraden@gmail.com](mailto:naylorbraden@gmail.com)

# 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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