

HomePlace Report 2023-24



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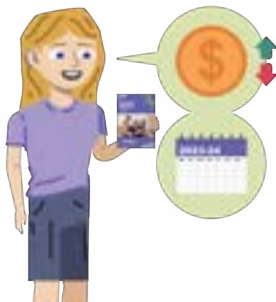
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About this report



HomePlace wrote this **annual report**.

When you see the word 'we', 'us', or 'our', it means HomePlace.

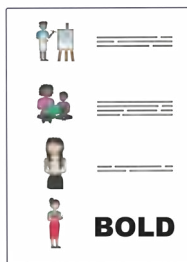


This report tells you about:

- What we did from 2023 to 2024.



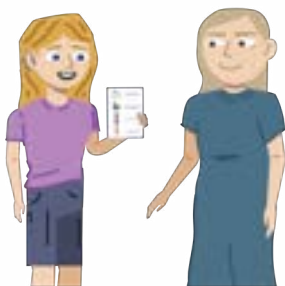
We wrote this report in an easy to read way.
We use pictures to explain some ideas.



This report has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word:

- We will write it in **bold**.
- We will explain what the hard word means.



You can ask for help to read this report. A friend, family member, or **support person** can help you.

A support person is someone who helps you with things you find hard to do by yourself.

The HomePlace way



There are 4 rules that we follow to help people with disability at HomePlace.

These are:



1. Respect.

We respect each person for who they are.



2. Safety.

We keep you safe from people who may:

- Hurt you.
- Ignore you.





- Use you to get what they want without caring about how you feel.



3. Trust.

We tell the truth and do what we say we will do.



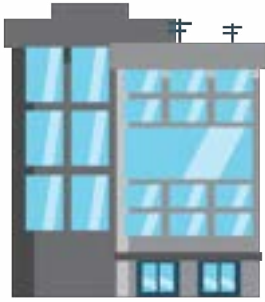
4. Partnership.

We work together to help people do the things that they want to do.

Carolyn



Carolyn's story



Carolyn moved away from her family home into her own **apartment**.

An apartment is a group of rooms to live in that is part of a building.

She was excited and nervous to live by herself.



One of the hardest things she had to do was learn how to cook.

Some meals she tried to cook burnt.



With the help of her family and HomePlace staff, she has become better at cooking.

Jodie and Kylie



Jodie and Kylie's Story



Jodie moved into her new home in March.

She smiles at everyone and loves to meet new people.



Kylie moved into the same house as Jodie a short time later.

Jodie made her feel good about moving in with her.



Jodie and Kylie like different things but they try to spend time together when they are both at home.

Something that they like to do together is drink coffee or eat at a coffee shop nearby.

Wayne



Wayne's story



Wayne relaxes and makes friends at:

- The Port Adelaide Sailing Club.



- The Buffalo Gazette of South Australia.
Most people call it The Lodge.



Wayne joined the sailing club 20 years ago.

He won the Club Championship award for 2023 to 2024 for sailing by himself.



Wayne has made many great friends through sailing.

Nicholas



Nicholas' story



Nicholas likes to talk to people and do things by himself.

He lives with another person and is helped by people who work for us.



Nicholas loves to try new things.

He likes to meet new people.



Nicholas had a very bad health scare last year.

It took him 6 months to get better.



He is better now and is working again.

In 2025, Nicholas will have worked at Bedford for 40 years.

Report from the Chairperson and the Chief Executive



Braden Naylor is the **Chairperson** of HomePlace.

The Chairperson is the leader of HomePlace who helps to make sure we are making big goals happen.



Julie Bowman is the **Chief Executive**.

The Chief Executive makes sure that everything runs well at HomePlace.



Braden and Julie's report will tell you:

- How HomePlace is going.
- How HomePlace staff are going.
- What is going on at HomePlace.
- What has changed at HomePlace.

How HomePlace is going



HomePlace now **supports** 55 people.

Support is when we help you to do things that you find hard to do by yourself.

Two new people started getting support from HomePlace in the last year.



During the year, we asked people who do not work for HomePlace to talk to the people we support, their families, and our workers.

We wanted to find out about what we are doing well and how we can do better.



They told us that HomePlace is very good at:

- Getting to know each participant.
- What each participant's goals in life are.
- The support each participant wants and needs.

HomePlace is very good at helping people in a way that makes them feel safe and happy.

How HomePlace staff are going



We received 60 **compliments** from the people we support and their families about our **staff**.

A compliment is something nice you say to someone to make them feel good.

Staff are people who work for an organisation and help to make sure everything works well.



HomePlace staff are great at:

- Making the people we help feel comfortable.
- Making sure they make their own choices.



We also help our staff by:

- Teaching them how to do their work better.
- Making sure they are doing the right thing.



Three big projects told us that HomePlace is doing things better than many other disability organisations in Australia.

What is going on at HomePlace

In 2023 – 2024, we also made changes to be better at what we do, like:

- Giving the people we support their **rosters** at least 1 week before they need them.



A roster is a plan that shows when you will have your supports.

It helps you to know what to do and when to do it.



- Making sure that personal information is kept safer.



- Better support and training for our staff.

What has changed at HomePlace



We are sad that 3 people who we have helped died this year.

They were:



- Nick Angelakis



- Peter Banjac



- Roger Munchenberg

We will miss them.



1 person left the **Board of Management**, and
2 new people joined.

The Board of Management is a group of people who lead HomePlace and make big decisions about how we should do things.

These new people are:

- Nancy Hermsen.
- Ryan Officer.



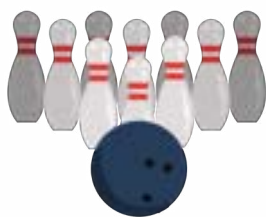
Braden and Julie thank everyone for making HomePlace safe and better at helping the people we support.

HomePlace events



Participants always ask us when our next event will be.

The events we have had this year are:



- Bowling at Zone Bowl Woodville.



- The **Annual General Meeting** at Junction Community Centre.

The Annual General Meeting is an event we have once a year with:

- HomePlace's Board.
- The people we support.
- Our staff.



- Christmas party at Thebarton Community Centre.



- Our first participant Pizza Disco party at Findon Community Centre.

We want to thank:



- Shields Insurers.

For giving money so we can buy and give presents to the people we support.



- Trees For Life.

For giving our participants trees.



- Life Adelaide.

For giving our participants gift boxes.









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