

HOMEPLACE

NEWSLETTER

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What does home mean to you?



We asked some of the people we support what 'home' means to them.

Here is what they said:



- “Somewhere where it’s comfortable with people that make me feel safe and peaceful.”



- “I like it here. J* is my friend and I like it here with J*. I like it when family come to visit me.”



- “I like the staff. They help me. I like it here too with A*.”

*Full name is not used to keep their information private.



- “It’s good living close to my sister, with my brother. The flat is a little small. Without help, I can’t go for walks to Chicken Chef or go to my meetings or my appointments.”



- “It is where I can play my music when I want. Watch the TV and my shows when I want. I can be me.



I also have a quote about home on my wall:

‘Home is a collection of the things, memories, and people that you love.’”

What makes your home your HomePlace?

Out and about



Jackie

Jackie has found she enjoys walking, both in her neighbourhood and on some of South Australia's hiking trails.





Gavin

Gavin is enjoying getting to know a new friend.



Jasmine

Jasmine has enjoyed lunch with her friends.

Happy Birthday Nick

Nick celebrated a big birthday with a party, speeches, and lots of cake!



Important updates



Australia is introducing a new emergency alert system called AusAlert.

During the test, most mobile devices (phones, some watches, and tablets) will:



Make a loud siren sound.



Vibrate.



Show a full-screen test message.

You do not need to do anything. This is only a test and is safe.

The system will be used to send urgent warnings (such as, fires, floods, or health emergencies), even if your phone is on silent.

If you think the alert may upset you, you can turn your device off or switch it to aeroplane mode before the test **on Monday, the 27th of July 2026 at 1:30PM.**

Winter Bowling

Sadly, we are needing to move this event to a later date.

We will let you know the new date and plan for the event soon.

We are looking forward to spending time with you at our AGM on October 23rd.

Updates about the NDIS

Securing the NDIS for Future Generations Bill



You may have heard about proposed NDIS changes announced earlier this year. The government is considering whether to make this bill a law.

You can read more here:

<https://www.inclusionaustralia.org.au/federal-budget-and-changes-to-the-ndis-easy-read/>

<https://homeplace.com.au/what-minister-butlers-ndis-changes-mean-for-you/>

If the bill is passed, there may be more changes. This could include reduced budgets for some supports, such as social and community participation and therapy supports. We are still waiting for clear details and will keep you updated.

Do you need to do anything now?

We understand change can feel uncertain. **Please note:**

- Most people do not need to do anything right now.
- If your family member has a new plan or an upcoming review, speak to your HomePlace Senior Coordinator as soon as possible.
- Current supports will continue as normal.
- If you have questions or want to talk about how this may affect your family member, please get in touch.

NDIS – Have your say

The NDIS is inviting participants, families, and carers to help test the new way of planning. These changes are expected from 2027.

If you are interested, you can apply to be a part of the testing or get updates here:

<https://engage.ndis.gov.au/>

Participants will be paid for their time if they are chosen to be a part of the testing process.

Save the date!

HomePlace's Annual General Meeting

Friday, 23rd
October 2026

HomePlace's Christmas Party

Friday, 27th
November 2026



Coming soon
HomePlace Staff Award nominations

Watch out for how you can nominate a HomePlace staff member and recognise them for consistently doing great work!

Do you know what disability inclusion is?

Disability inclusion is about making sure that people living with disability have the same chances and opportunities as everyone else.

This means breaking down barriers that make it hard for them to participate in daily activities, such as work, school, and community life.

This is what disability inclusion looks like in different areas of life:



Education:

Accessible learning and Auslan interpreters.



Employment:

Adaptive workplaces and technology.



Respect:

Recognising different abilities.



Community Access:

Barrier-free environments.



Communication:

Diverse communication methods, such as Easy Read and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC).

Summer Movie Night









HomePlace has 4 goals

These are the HomePlace Goals:



1. Capacity Building, Role Creation, and Community



2. Expanding the Breadth of the HomePlace Community



3. Improved Community Awareness



4. Thriving Over the Long-Term

The Place I Call Home



Respect



Trust



Safety



Enduring
Partnership



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