

INCLUSION

NEWS FROM NEW HAVEN FARM HOME



WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF INCLUSION NEW HAVEN FARM HOME'S NEW QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER!

WELCOME!

Welcome you to our totally newly designed Newsletter.

The last Newsletter we published was some four years ago, and a lot has happened since that time.

This year we look forward to a year of many new events and client achievements and I am glad to be able to keep you informed through this quarterly newsletter.

Although the focus of our newsletters will be mostly the achievements of New Haven Farm Home clients and their home and community life, we will also endeavour to provide you with up to date information about developments in the disability sector, which we hope you will find both helpful and interesting.

Some of these topics will include the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS), the Continuation of Services (CoS) for the elderly clients, and the (local) community events we are involved in.

We are aware that with the implementation of the NDIS it can feel daunting for parents and people with a disability to access information about the disability sector, NDIS plans, Supported Independent Living (SIL) services, and Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) arrangements. We hope our newsletters will be a helpful tool for you.

I also invite you to tell us the topics you are interested in reading in our future newsletter editions or share your feedback by contacting our Relationship and Support Manager, Nicole.

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Please share our Newsletter with your family, friends, workplace and social groups to help us tell more people about our services, the activities we deploy, and the community inclusion opportunities your family member is or may become involved in.

Thank you for taking the time to read our Newsletter.

Jacques Stap
Chief Executive Officer

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ABOUT NEW HAVEN FARM HOME

New Haven Farm Home is an accommodation and lifestyle support service dedicated to providing person centred support for people living with a disability.

Situated in the Hawkesbury area, New Haven Farm Home's state of the art supported accommodation services have been enhancing the lives of people with a disability for over 57 years, helping them achieve their personal goals through person centred support, skill development and community inclusion.

A trusted charity and not-for-profit organisation, New Haven Farm Home acknowledges that all individuals, regardless of their support needs, gender, race, ethnicity, religion or nationality, have the right to opportunities that will enable them to enhance, fulfill and demonstrate a valued role in their community.

It is important to us that each individual is in the centre of the decisions made about their lives, with real choice in the activities they participate in, the skills they would like to learn and develop, and the goals they would like to achieve.

New Haven Farm Home staff are highly qualified and committed to delivering exceptional quality services to the people in our care and their families. Staff work together to create a safe, positive environment of belonging, encouragement and respect.

Our properties, located in the Hawkesbury area, are safe, modern and purpose built to suit the varied needs of our clients.

New Haven Farm Home clients are supported to live as independently as possible, developing determination and living skills while receiving individually tailored, person centred support.

We value the community in which we are all a part of and support individuals to be involved and integrated in the everyday community environment - living, working, learning and contributing.

While developing social and living skills, this sense of belonging and inclusion enables individuals to be respected and appreciated by others as valued members of the community.

New Haven Farm Home is committed to working with the community to form mutually beneficial partnerships, providing opportunities and innovative solutions for people with a disability.

Generosity and support from individuals, community organisations and businesses assist us to bring additional experiences to the lives of the people in our care, helping them to develop their skills and share in activities that we all enjoy.

Please contact us to discuss the ways you can support New Haven Farm Home.



KEITH AND ROY VISIT CANBERRA

Keith and Roy had a fantastic trip to Canberra for a few days with their New Haven Farm Home support worker Bernadette in November.

Leaving bright and early in the morning, the men enjoyed stopping along the way to take in some sights before reaching Canberra.

Keith and Roy enjoyed seeing many of the local sites, including the Australian National Botanic Gardens; Parliament House; Lake Burley Griffin and they even went up Telstra Tower. The highlight, however, was to attend the National Remembrance Day Service at the Australian War Memorial.

Following the service, the men had the opportunity to meet and chat with some of the service personnel and stop for some photos before heading into the War Memorial to look at the displays.

In sharing his time away with office staff on their return, Roy said he was most taken back by having the opportunity to attend the Remembrance Day service and to see the grave of the unknown soldier.

Both Keith and Roy had a great time away and really enjoyed seeing Canberra. Thanks to Bernadette for supporting the men in seeing so many of the different sites and supporting them in achieving this goal.



SOME EXCITING NEWS

While New Haven Farm Home has been successfully supporting individuals living with a disability for over 57 years, there is an increasing need for us to expand our service availability to meet the growing demand in our community.

We are very excited to be able to share with you the news that New Haven Farm Home is taking the steps to address this demand by growing our supported accommodation and lifestyle support services, opening a new and additional site in Richmond.

Once fully operational, this site of 3 new villas, will provide support for an additional 12 individuals from our community – a great step towards addressing the service shortage impacting people in our local area.

A sense of belonging to a greater community improves ones motivation, health and happiness – it is a human need, just like the need for food and shelter, so we are very pleased to be able to increase our role in creating a positive change for the people in our community living with a disability.

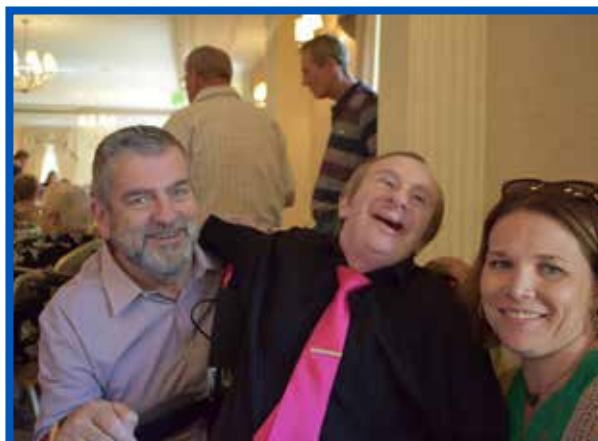


NHFH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

It was wonderful to celebrate Christmas with New Haven Farm Home clients, their family members, friends and NHFH staff in December last year.

The lunch, held at the Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley on Sunday 3rd December, was a great chance for us to share and celebrate in some of the many achievements New Haven Farm Home clients have made over the past 12 months.

Thank you to all of the family members and friends who joined us at the event. Both clients and staff enjoyed being able to celebrate the end of the year with you.



New Haven Farm Home client Michael had a great time celebrating with CEO Jacques Stap and Operations Manager Annette Allen.

COFFEE AND COMMUNITY EVENT

On Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December, New Haven Farm Home held its first Coffee and Community Event in partnership with Gloria Jeans Coffee in Windsor Riverview shopping centre.

The weekend was a great success, giving New Haven Farm Home the chance to chat to more members of our community about our services and the importance of supporting community inclusion.

Thanks to the generosity of over 20 local businesses who donated a total of 36 prizes, we were able to hold a mega raffle which helped us to raise over \$3,300! These funds will be used to help provide New Haven Farm Home clients even more opportunities to achieve their goals. Thank you to all of you who showed your support by purchasing raffle tickets, making a donation or stopping for a coffee over the weekend.

Special thanks to Snap Phillip Street Parramatta for generously donating all of our print needs for the event as well as Commonwealth Bank Windsor and Richmond Branches for their amazing donation and support. Thanks too to Windsor Riverview Shopping Centre; Windsor Public School; Newline Beverages; House of Jay; Wild Willow Photography, Rachael Goldsworthy Realty; TSG Windsor; Chattering Scissors; Windsor Riverview News; Blooms the Chemist Windsor and Richmond; Advance Medical Practice Windsor; Wattle U-Bee @ Bodalee's; Crowne Plaza Hawkesbury Valley; Guy Stuff; Lollies 'n' Stuff; Tony Tennis; Pauls; King of the Pack Windsor; Hawkesbury Hotel and Rug Shop Windsor for your support in product and service donations. Together, these amazing businesses donated over \$12,500 of products and services. Thank you for your support!



Thank you Leanne and Kyleigh from CBA Windsor and Richmond and to NHFH Patron Steve Mortimer for joining us.



Thanks to the Gloria Jeans Windsor Riverview team for their ongoing support of New Haven Farm Home client Shaun.



Thanks to everyone who helped over the weekend, especially to Shaun who did a great job looking after the raffle table!

