



SUMMER 2021 UPDATE

Meet Doug

Doug is a friendly gentleman who loves a chat. He lives with housemates at one of New Haven Farm Home's Richmond based sites and enjoys being able to independently go for a walk to the local shops and around his community.

His Aboriginal culture and heritage is very important to him. Doug enjoys participating in a local men's Koori art group where he can continually socialise with other Australian Indigenous men, learn about his heritage and practice his skills in Aboriginal art. He has created some beautiful artworks and is always happy to share them with others.

Doug is a very talented musician who is amazing at playing the harmonica and is learning to play the ukulele. He attends regular ukulele classes where he has the opportunity to practice the songs he learns in a group. Doug also enjoys singing and dancing, listening to country music and anything by Johnny Cash or The Beatles.

Doug always enjoys going to markets or stopping by a garage sale in search for cheap radios which he repairs into better working order.

He loves dark chocolate, old movies, making loom bands, photography and creating new art projects.



A Note From The Acting CEO:

Hello All,

I hope this Summer edition finds yourself happy and healthy. Thank you once again for allowing us to share this newsletter with yourself.

Despite the increase in the state imposed Covid restrictions over Christmas and early in the New Year, it is pleasing to be able to enjoy some of the lessening restrictions. It is hoped that as they continue to decrease we can look forward to more gatherings throughout the year and enjoy the company of each other once again.

As you will see throughout this edition and the photos I have included below, our clients have been very creative of late, enjoying such things as house decorating competitions leading up to Christmas and Australia Day celebrations.

Wishing you all the very best.

Warm Regards,

Annette Allen
Acting Chief Executive Officer



Hazel enjoys art and craft and had lots of fun creating a koala using plates and mixed craft supplies to decorate her home for Australia Day.



Harry, Pat and Ron enjoyed taking a trip on the Metro train where they learnt practical skills in keeping social distancing while on public transport.

Australia Day Lamington Bake-Off!

Australia Day at New Haven Farm Home was lots of fun, with clients putting their baking skills and creativity into practice to participate in a Lamington Bake-Off! It was wonderful to see everyone get involved. There were lots of very creative entries with amazing decorations, including lamingtons in a range of colours and flavours, even lamingtons that looked like the Australian and Aboriginal flags!

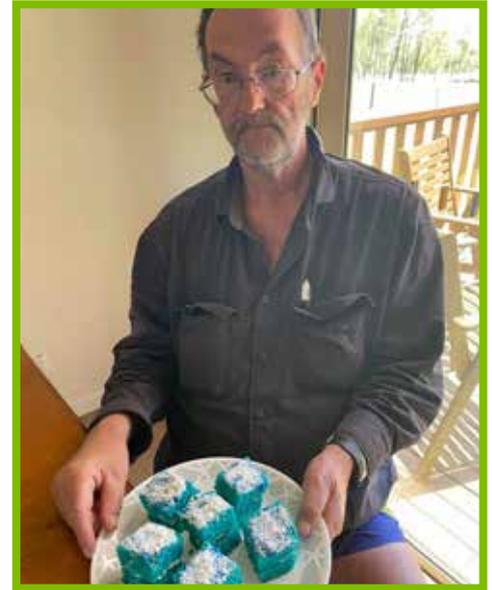
Special thanks to all of the staff who made the bake-off a great success.



Ilan made green and red lamingtons covered in red and green coloured coconut.



Vicki baked tasty chocolate lamingtons that looked fantastic!



Stephen baked his lamingtons using blue colouring, coconut and hundreds and thousands.

Sector Update

Recently, on a sector level we have seen the roll out of two new concepts.

The first occurred on the 1st February 2021 when NDIS rolled out a national worker screening check, following the establishment of the NDIS Commission's worker screening database. The introduction of the national screening check replaces previous requirements of state based screening and clearances such as a police check. It is hoped that the implementation of such will effectively make it easier for staff to work between states and decrease the complexity for support staff to meet screening requirements. With this new approach, every new worker who is employed by a registered NDIS provider will be required to apply for a worker screening check in line with their type of employment. The identity of the worker will need to be verified, following which, the screening unit will conduct a risk assessment to determine whether the worker will receive clearance to be employed. For all current employees, it is now essential that when their current state issued police clearances expire (all checks currently have a two year expiration) that they be updated with an NDIS worker screening check. For current employees there is no requirement to obtain a NDIS worker screening check until

such time as their current checks expire. It is mandatory for all employees of a registered NDIS provider to have obtained clearance to work in the sector.

The second has been the implementation of the Disability Gateway. It has been identified that a significant barrier for people with disabilities to increase their independence and community participation is that themselves and their support network experience significant difficulties in accessing information regarding policies, programs and support. In response to this, the Department of Social Services has implemented the National Disability Information Gateway which is a resource that can be accessed by either people with disabilities (regardless of whether they are an NDIS participant) or their support network and can be accessed via a website (search Disability Gateway), a dedicated phone number 1800 643 787, as well as social media channels. The platform provides access to trusted information and services. It also replaces the previous Disability Information Helpline, however, to avoid any disruption to services, the same phone number has been utilised.

Annette Allen
Acting CEO

CONGRATULATIONS LOU PACKER!



Congratulations to Lou Packer who was awarded the Spring 2020 Staff Recognition Award!

Lou has been part of the New Haven Farm Home team since December 2014 and always demonstrates amazing commitment to the people she supports in her role as a Disability Support Worker.

Lou is always willing to help and encourage other staff and share her contagious happy and friendly outlook.

Lou has also been a member of our WHS Committee for several years.

Thank you for your hard work and commitment Lou!

Introducing Scott



Scott joined the New Haven Farm Home team late last year, taking on the Operations Manager role. Scott brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our team and is committed to providing high-quality services and support to both our clients and their family members.

Alongside managing the operations of New Haven Farm Home, Scott also manages our Short Term Accommodation service. In this aspect of his role, Scott ensures all people staying with us in this respite service feel comfortable, welcomed and supported. Scott also recognises the importance of this service to carers and family members and is committed to ensuring this service is tailored to each and every client and their family.



Ward made each of these paper red poppies by hand, cutting them all out and gluing them together to create this amazing feature wall outside his home for Australia Day.



David cooked a very tasty BBQ lunch to share with his friends on a recent weekend. He did a great job and everyone really appreciated his cooking skills.