

PRESS RELEASE

Air Chief Marshal ANGUS HOUSTON AC, AFC (Ret'd)

RETIRED DEFENCE CHIEF BECOMES PATRON OF NON PROFIT ORGANISATION

Sunnyfield's Chief Executive Officer, Caroline Cuddihy, today announced that the highly distinguished Air Chief Marshal Angus Houston AC, AFC (Ret'd) has agreed to become a Patron of Sunnyfield, one of the largest, most progressive and innovative disability service providers in NSW.

"The Sunnyfield Board and our members are thrilled that ACM Angus Houston (Ret'd) has agreed to become a Patron. His honesty, integrity and unswerving diligence has inspired many under his command and we look forward to him becoming involved with the progression of our organisation into the future," said Mrs Cuddihy.

ACM Angus Houston (Ret'd) was recently named ACT Australian of the Year 2012 and 2011 Australian Father of the Year. In 2008, ACM Houston (Ret'd) was made a Companion of the Order of Australia and in 1980 he was awarded the Air Force Cross. He holds many other military honours.

It is these extraordinary qualities, together with his personal and hands on approach to people facing hardships that make him a perfect Patron for Sunnyfield.

ACM Houston (Ret'd) said he was delighted to be a Patron for Sunnyfield.

"Sunnyfield does fantastic work for people with special needs. I am very proud to be associated with an organisation which **encourages and supports people with special needs to follow their dreams and gain greater independence,**" ACM Houston (Ret'd) said.

Sunnyfield has been supporting people with intellectual disabilities for 60 years, with a core purpose to enrich the lives of people with disabilities to create choice, opportunities and independence for them to lead the lives they want.

Using a Person Centred Approach, Sunnyfield support over 1,500 people with a disability, and their families, across New South Wales by offering services which include Housing and Support, Day Programs, Respite, Transition to Work, and Supported Employment.

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