

Sunnyfield Matters



NSW Premier announces new initiative to protect people with disability

Left
NSW Premier, The Hon.
Gladys Berejiklian MP

NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian MP visited Sunnyfield Enterprises Chatswood in December 2018 to announce the introduction of a NSW Independent Ageing and Disability Commissioner commencing in July 2019.

The new commissioner will work closely with NSW Police, NSW Ombudsman and the Elder Abuse Helpline and Resource Unit to raise community awareness about abuse, neglect and exploitation, and provide advice on preventing, identifying and responding to issues.

The Premier was accompanied by The Hon. Ray Williams MP, Member for Castle Hill and NSW Minister for Disability and Multi-culturalism, The Hon. Tanya Davies MP, Member for Mulgoa and NSW Minister for Mental Health, Women and Ageing and Mrs Kathryn Greiner, Retirement Village Ambassador.

“Sunnyfield has a trusted history and track record of delivering responsive and quality supports for people with disability. We are very supportive of this initiative from the NSW Government and firmly believe in creating safe places for older people and people with disability.” Caroline Cuddihy, Sunnyfield CEO.

Along with the announcement, the Premier and Ministers took time to meet with Sunnyfield clients, supported employees, families, Board Directors, and Management.

“It is always an honour to welcome the Premier to Sunnyfield. As local Member at Chatswood she has been a long term supporter of Sunnyfield through the NSW Community Building Partnership program, awarding grant funding that supports Sunnyfield’s infrastructure,” said Caroline.

The Premier and Ministers saw first-hand how these grants are helping Sunnyfield to provide supported employment options for people with disability who want to positively contribute to their community. They discussed with families and Sunnyfield Board Directors about the value of employment for people with disability.



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Message from the CEO and Chair

Dear clients, families, guardians and friends of Sunnyfield,

As we commence the New Year 2019, and with this year's first issue of Sunnyfield Matters, we would like to wish a very warm welcome to the Endeavour Sunnyfield clients, families and staff.

Sunnyfield acquired the disability services division of Endeavour Industries in the NSW Hunter region on 1 December 2018, and we are proud to say that teams have worked tirelessly to ensure that clients and families have a smooth transition of their support services.

And while a new year is well underway, the NDIS continues to have significant impact on people with disability, their families and carers, and the disability sector. More people with disability, accessing more funding, and having choice and control has enlivened the sector. However, in Sunnyfield's experience, people with disability are feeling both achievement and frustration; and service providers are being tested by complexity and uncertainty.

Sunnyfield continues to support clients – either through NDIS paid supports like Support Coordination; or by ensuring we assist and provide the evidence that helps clients and families to communicate their reasonable and necessary support requirements to the NDIA. We will continue to actively work with the NDIA, and industry associations (including NDS & Alliance 20) to constructively contribute to improvement ideas for the NDIS. In the meantime, our commitment to the highest levels of service and support will not change.

2019 is sure to be another exciting year for Sunnyfield, full of opportunity and challenges for both the organisation and the people with disability we support. **We look forward to working together with clients, families and carers** to deliver Sunnyfield's Mission every day – to enrich the lives of people with disability by creating choice, opportunities and skills for life.

Karen Ingram Sunnyfield Board Chair

Caroline Cuddihy Sunnyfield CEO

Left
Karen Ingram,
Sunnyfield Board Chair
(right) and Caroline
Cuddihy, Sunnyfield
CEO (left)

Right
The Singleton crew
enjoying Wet n Wild

Sunnyfield welcomes Endeavour to our community

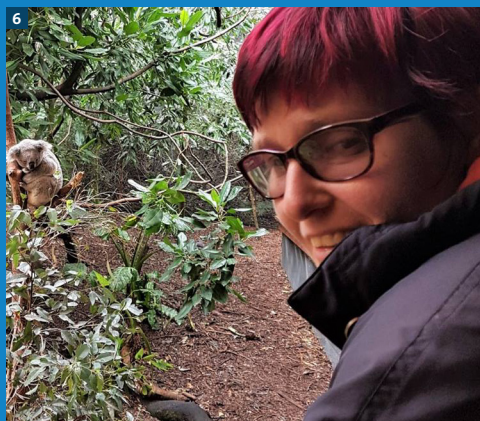
On 1 December 2018 Sunnyfield acquired Endeavour Industries' disability services division, EGA, from financial Administrators. This was the start of Endeavour Sunnyfield (a wholly owned subsidiary of Sunnyfield), ensuring that over 220 people with disability being supported by EGA would continue to receive the support they needed; and that 80 EGA staff would remain employed providing support services.

EGA had been providing a range of individualised and group-based community services to people with disability and their families in the Hunter region of NSW for over 50 years. The acquisition has not only provided continuity of service to clients (same support services, provided by the same support workers) from one of the six EGA community hubs in Singleton, Muswellbrook, Kurri Kurri, Port Stephens, Fennel Bay and Maitland; it is also a good strategic fit, complementing Sunnyfield's existing regional locations across the Central Coast and New England.

"We respect that EGA staff have created positive differences in the lives of people with disability within their communities and we're proud to have an opportunity to carry that tradition forward. We are enjoying working alongside new team members, and to support bright futures for over 200 EGA clients and their families and guardians." Caroline Cuddihy, Sunnyfield CEO.



Endeavour Sunnyfield



1 In Muswellbrook, Garth, Shane and Ethan volunteer at Calvary Retirement Village and each month they fire up the BBQ for the residents

2 Lake Macquarie Hub spent February getting fit, setting fitness goals and trying new things. They even tested their karate skills at BMA Mingarra

3 Singleton's Little Grasshoppers Group enjoyed a wonderful day out with a trip to the Newcastle Museum and a walk around the foreshore

4 In Cessnock Doug has been enjoying work experience and expressing himself through his food creations at Mr O Kitchen Espresso Grocer

5 In Maitland, the ladies group celebrated springtime by creating artwork inspired by their favourite flowers

6 Port Stephens participants recently visited Blackbutt Reserve in Newcastle learning all about native animals

7 The Lake Macquarie crew took a cooking class to celebrate World Vegetarian Day and created a Mediterranean feast. They enjoyed learning about vegetarian food choices and alternatives

8 Julian from Kurri Kurri completed his travel training with a difference. His efforts so far have focused on bus and train travel but this time he decided to try a completely different mode of transport.

A GIFT TO BUILD A DREAM ON

Creating shared living home opportunities for people with disability

There are many people with disability who would like to live in a shared living home. However there is a shortage of appropriate housing solutions, and a lack of affordable options is a significant limitation in Sydney. A number of families are working in partnership with Sunnyfield to create accommodation solutions for people with disability that provide benefits for clients, families, guardians and Sunnyfield.



Help create the reality of a lasting home for your family member

Bruce's daughter Lynne has been attending one of Sunnyfield's Community Services Hubs for several years. He has always been impressed with the quality of services Sunnyfield has provided and the dedication of staff to improving the lives of people with disability.

"I hope to show others who may be in a similar situation to think of this as a possible solution." Bruce, Parent

With no other family members, Bruce was concerned about the future welfare of his daughter. He decided to make a gift to Sunnyfield to enable the construction of a purpose built home, where his daughter can be comfortably accommodated and where other ladies with similar needs can also live. Sunnyfield will provide round the clock staffing to support this Shared Living home arrangement.

If you would like to discuss leaving a gift in your Will to Sunnyfield, gifting or setting up a property in trust, or if you would like to let us know that you have already left a gift in your Will, please contact Donna Taanman, Fundraising Manager for a confidential discussion.

To get things started contact Donna Taanman for a confidential discussion.

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Feedback

We're not only in the business of improving lives, we also are in the business of improving the way we do it. So, if you have any feedback about the things we have done well, or the things we could do better, then please get in contact and send an email to our confidential email account at feedback@sunnyfield.org.au

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