

December 2021

Sunnyfield Matters



Above
Tweed Heads Community
Services Hub clients and staff.

Message from the Chair and CEO

Dear clients, families, guardians, staff and friends of Sunnyfield,

2021 has been a very challenging year for all Australians. While we started the year full of excitement and ready to move on from the COVID-19 impacts of 2020, we certainly didn't foresee the severe social restrictions and lockdowns we would all endure as COVID-19 again reminded us of what a changing, deadly and debilitating virus it is.

But through it all, we are so proud and humbled to have been part of a team that sees every challenge as an opportunity.

Together with families and carers, we have steadfastly kept as our number one priority the safety and wellbeing of the people with disability who choose Sunnyfield to support them. Sunnyfield has not been immune to COVID-19 with some clients and staff unwell but thankfully recovered. But in every instance the Sunnyfield team, clients and families worked together swiftly and decisively to implement NSW and ACT Health instructions, to minimise the impact and reduce risk to other clients, staff and families. Thank you to everyone for your patience and cooperation through this challenging year.

As 2021 draws to a close and Sunnyfield welcomes back many clients who were not able to access services during COVID-19 restrictions, we are excited for our future together.

Across all of Sunnyfield, we are investing in new and exciting developments so people with disability have more access to more services, to enrich their lives by having choice, opportunities and skills for life.

Through our partnership with a property developer, we will see five new purpose built Shared Living homes open in Sydney next year. Our Community Services team now provide Skills for Life and a wide range of tailored programs for people with disability of all ages. The Employment Services team are ensuring people with disability have the opportunity to work, and are investing in training and Skills for Work programs. And the reach of our Support Coordination team continues to grow across NSW and ACT as more people with disability benefit from this important person-centred service that helps them navigate the complexity of the NDIS and choose service providers.

And it isn't only our client services that are growing. Sunnyfield is investing in new technology that will, when fully implemented in early 2023, benefit everyone – clients will have access to better information about their support services and how Sunnyfield is helping them achieve their goals; staff will have less administrative paperwork, giving them more time to spend with clients;

and Sunnyfield will be stronger because of improved compliance and reporting, ensuring people with disability are able to easily access the support they need to live the life they choose.

Thank you to the people with disability, and their families, guardians and carers, who chose Sunnyfield as their service provider and trusted partner throughout 2021.

We wish all clients, families, carers, staff and supporters a wonderful festive season. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable break, and look forward to working with you in 2022, when we will, together, in March celebrate Sunnyfield's 70th anniversary.

Best regards

Karen Ingram Chair
Caroline Cuddihy CEO



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2021 HIGHLIGHTS

For a brighter future



1 Dave from Allambie Heights Hub exploring all the best Sydney has to offer, getting up close with the Harbour Bridge. **2** Mitchel from Kurri Kurri Hub reporting for duty! Clients spent the day learning important surf life-saving skills with Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Surf Life Saving Club. **3** Singleton Hub's Learning Tree clients having way too much fun prepping dinner. **4** Helen, Andrew and Jordan used their lockdown time to enhance their education, successfully completing the Skills for Life programs, Budgeting and Numeracy. **5** Shared Living residents from Coolangatta House love DIY projects like making their own tie-dye aprons. **6** Sean Keppie from Manly Sea Eagles spent the day with clients at Allambie Heights Hub and gifted them all some merchandise to wear to their next game. **7** Sarah loves using Singleton Hub's new SMARTBoard to plan out her meals in her Skills for Life program. **8** Shared Living resident, Mikey, faced his fears and had a successful trip to the dentist. **9** Tweed Heads Hub clients collecting their weekly Oz Harvest delivery.



10 Parramatta Hub clients groove to the classics, sung by Mitch from Affinity Music. **11** Orchard Hills Hub clients preparing the food for the Orchard Hills Hub café. **12** Sunnyfield Supported Employees excited to receive Toovey Tee's from Geoff Toovey as part of the Fox League Retro Round campaign. **13** Ethan and Makayla from Muswellbrook Hub completed an upcycling project, transforming an old timber bedhead into a chalkboard to use at the Hub. **14** Mt Druitt SLES student, Shyan, learning about Time Management. **15** Sea Breeze House residents decorated their home and dressed up for an at-home Saturday night disco. **16** Lake Macquarie Hub clients showing off their muscles after a hard workout.



1 RAFFLE... 2 WINS

Buy a ticket for your chance to win a car, and in doing so, help Sunnyfield purchase a car for one of our services.

Sunnyfield has been a beneficiary of ASX Refinitiv Charity Foundation's fundraising activities for over 20 years. Every dollar raised from each raffle ticket sold goes directly to Sunnyfield.

This year Sunnyfield was able to purchase a wheelchair-modified van for our short-term accommodation service for children located in Caringbah with their donation.

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By purchasing a raffle ticket you are supporting Sunnyfield and buying a chance to win!



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