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FROM THE CEO ...

Welcome to Spring time, isn't it nice to see the sunshine after our long cold Winter.

As always there has been a lot happening at 'focus' but I must start with the most important news.

THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS)

After many months of waiting, on September 16th the Commonwealth and Victorian State governments signed the Bi-lateral Agreement and announced the schedule for the full roll out of the NDIS across Victoria.

'focus' will become part of the National Disability Insurance Scheme on:

1st April 2018.

Now that we have that date we can really start to develop some timelines and make all our preparations.

We know that families and carers will require a lot more information about the scheme and now that we have the schedule we will begin to hold some information sessions. There will be some exciting times ahead!!

For those who have been watching the construction of the new Oak House will know that it has been completed and handed over. The Oak House clients and their families joined us for a beautiful lunch in late August, to have their first look at the finished product. It is a light, bright, beautiful home with plenty of space and storage. Everyone was very pleased with the finished results. In the coming weeks the old Oak House will be demolished ready to build a new house on that site.

MELISSA SOUTHALL 25/05/1961 – 02/08/2015

Melissa will be known to many of our families, she was part of the group of clients who came to Red Hill when the original four houses were first completed. She lived in Pine house for many years before her family agreed for her to move into our house in Frankston. Melissa enjoyed her life in the Frankston Community for several years, before her health began to deteriorate. We moved her to Bungower Road, where the staff took wonderful care of her until she passed away peacefully on Sunday 2nd August. May she now rest in peace.

Unfortunately, Ms Katie Eagles has resigned from her position as Executive Manager, Support Services. Katie added a lot of value to the organisation during the few months she was with us and we thank her for her contribution. We wish her all the very best for the future.

Gail Foster
Chief Executive Officer

AROUND THE HOUSES



MAUREEN SAW NEED AND MET IT

SURPRISE – Maureen Crawford celebrates her HESTA Unsung Hero award.
by SIMON GARNER

A women who founded the first volunteer-supported respite care program of its kind has been recognised with the HESTA Unsung Hero Award.

Maureen Crawford's determination 35 years ago to support children with a disability and their families led to the establishment of Interchange.

"The Unsung Hero award was the most amazing surprise for me and a big honour," the 71-year-old said. "It's also lovely for Interchange and I'm really thrilled.

"But the real unsung heroes are those parents who have children with disabilities – it's 24 hours a day, seven days a week; there's no break."

Forty-three years ago Maureen's life changed when she had her second baby, James.

"You go from the first baby having no problems, life is rosy and it's all about the joy of living," she said. "Then 18 months later the second baby is born with a severe intellectual disability, cerebral palsy and autism."

Maureen said she struggled, especially when James became a toddler.

"You feel as if your whole life is tied up with a disabled child. "I struggled to look after my other children. "My husband was a very busy businessman, and we have families, but they have their own responsibilities. I was basically on my own.

"When I was with the children I was constantly listening and looking out for James, worrying about what trouble he could get into."

Maureen found there was no community organisation that offered respite care and realised countless other parents would be in a similar position. So with a small group of parents and assistance from the (then) City of Camberwell, she opened the first Interchange program.

Interchange has grown to become a member body for 12 agencies throughout Victoria and interstate that offer respite and social opportunities to children with disabilities and their families.

About 4000 children are supported each year. Interchange's growth in the early years was largely due to the tireless efforts of Maureen and many others.

"Philanthropic trusts have been tremendous in their support," she said. "My mother gave me a great faith – seek and you will find. If you ask for help, you'll get it."

After 12 years building a major community-based support provider, Maureen took a step back. "Interchange was well and truly running under its own impetus and I decided it was time to take on other roles. "I was a trained social worker, so I completed a Masters Degree in Psychological Medicine, and am now counselling parents who are struggling with the grief of having their children diagnosed with intellectual disabilities."

www.interchange.org.au

On behalf of all at 'focus', we congratulate Maureen on her well deserved award.



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BANKSIA

TY DISCOVERED A NEW PLACE TO RELAX.

Once upon a time, when the sun decided to finally show up after 2 days of rain, long with his staff, Ty decided to take advantage of it and go for a little adventure. We ended up at McClelland **Gallery and Sculpture Park**. It is one of the most beautiful places to relax. We toured the park and played with some of the creatures. Ty was pretty happy to pose for photo shots on many of the sculptures.

They have beautiful, quite places in the park to relax. We made use of one of these places for Ty to sit and have his snack in a peaceful atmosphere. We ended our adventure inside a hall that is surrounded with magnificent sculptures.

It is absolutely free of charge to tour the park, view the sculptures and to take photos.

Everyone should give it a shot, I'm sure many clients will like this environment. It will be a good destination during the summer.



BONDI

MEGAN

On behalf of the fantastic staff at Bondi Avenue and 'focus', I would like to say a few words about Megan.

Bondi Avenue is a very special house for those that are fortunate enough to live and work there. Bondi has been opened for four years, three of those years we shared with Megan.

Megan was a bit hesitant to come to Bondi at first, yet another change for her to deal with. Megan settled quickly into Bondi, and was a great asset to the house. Earlier on Megan enjoyed helping with the weekly grocery shop and for some time did her own washing. Megan planted and tended to our best ever crop of tomatoes; you would see Megan outside having a smoke while she watered the plants. Megan also enjoyed scrapbooking and made two lovely books.

Bondi is a quirky place, with lots of different characters and personalities, these combined made for some fun and interesting times, humour and laughter an everyday event. Megan's smile and laughter was never far away.

Some of the activities Megan enjoyed was going to the movies, drives down the peninsula and out for coffee.

And of course she loved to have her nails manicured and painted. (Purple) the staff at the nail salon always greeted her warmly over the years.

After having Megan's nails painted we would go to the little coffee shop in Karingal for their cakes and desserts.

Megan would sit in front of the treats and choose one, over time we had trialled every one of these cakes and desserts loaded with cream Megan also loved the sweet death by chocolate, we all ended up covered with chocolate.

There were other memorable occasions that Megan enjoyed, attending the ballet, concerts



and shows at the Frankston cultural centre. Then there was the fun night when we went to see man power, a hilarious night had by all, most of our enjoyment was watching Megan have so much fun.

We also enjoyed the company of Megan's family friends and relatives, listening to the very loud laughter when they reminisced about the fun times they have had.

Megan touched all of our lives, and we are all better people for knowing Megan.

Megan fought her battle with dignity and grace, I never once heard Megan complain about her illness or her lot in life.

We feel blessed for knowing Megan, as we saw how she bravely and calmly handled Huntingtons Disease; she was such an inspiration and a remarkable woman.

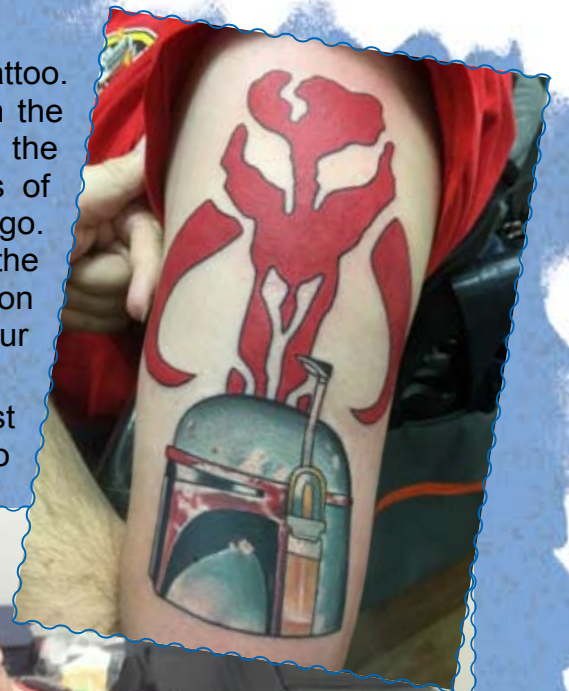
Megan will be sadly missed by all staff and residents at Bondi.

CADE'S 'INK TRANSITION'

Three months ago I decided I wanted a "BOBA FETT" tattoo. If you don't know who that is, he's a Bounty Hunter from the 'STAR WARS UNIVERSE' – After a meeting with James the tattooist from 'INK TRANSITION' in Hastings, 3 months of saving & a visit to the GP for medical advice I was good to go. My appointment was made for 11.00am on Thursday June the 16th. After going over the details of the design I settled on what I wanted. A shoulder down to elbow piece, with a 5 hour sitting!!

I know what you're thinking – 'did it hurt'? No, it was just uncomfortable and hard to sit still for that long. After the tattoo was completed, they sprayed a protective mist over my arm to seal the tattoo & prevent infection.

During the healing process I just kept it clean with soap & warm water & applying a special cream to keep it moisturized. It's completely healed now & looks awesome!! Check out the pics.



THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE.....BUNGOWER HOUSE!

Melinda was excited to be going to see the production of "The Wizard of Oz" at the Frankston Arts Centre.

Clicking our heels together, we went in search of the Wizard of Oz with Dorothy, Toto, the Lion, the Tinman and the Scarecrow.

What an amazing production! Melinda's favourite was Toto the dog, who was by far, the best actor of the night (so cute too!). The music, the sets and all the colour was fantastic. And not forgetting the good witch, the



wicked witch and the munchkins. After the play, Melinda was able to meet up with a few of the actors, who came out to meet the audience.

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OPPY HOUSE

ANIMAL SHELTER

Fiona, Jane, Pip, Sally and Debra are all animal lovers and occasionally visit Peninsula Animal Aid to say hello to those in need which got them thinking... hmmm...what can WE do to help?

Following discussions the ladies and the Oppy staff collected up towels, blankies and other useful items and made a visit to the shelter where they spoke to RSPCA volunteers about the animals and their ongoing needs. The staff at the shelter were really grateful for the donations which will be put to good use.

The ladies are all so glad to be helping the four footed creatures and have also made a commitment to purchase a small amount of pet food regularly to be taken to help them out also.

Of course no visit would be complete without a chance to get up close and personal with some of the shelter residents and hope that they soon have their own homes – they will check back with them on their next visit.

(The Oppy ladies are also helping out a local pet shop supplying them with shredded paper which is not only helpful but also great to be recycling)



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CEDAR HOUSE



Bernie is presented the volunteers with a turn out coat they used in the merchant navy.

I had visited the maritime centre and notice they did not have any uniforms of the merchant navy, as I had an old turn coat at home, I took Bernie with me so he could present the coat to the maritime centre for their display.

HARTIGAN

MOONLIT SANCTUARY

Michelle, Julie & Robert went to the Moonlit Sanctuary; where they enjoyed seeing the animals and feeding the birds. They especially liked watching the koala show and patting a kangaroo. The day ended with a cup of coffee and spinach roll. Everyone had a great time.



BUNNINGS warehouse



One Friday Grant had a great lunch at the 'focus' fundraising BBQ and had a walk around Bunnings. Grant enjoyed looking at the plants.



Grant has an outing every Friday. His favourite activity is to go swimming at PARC. He enjoys swimming up and down pool and just floating in the water.

Grant often sees some of the people from McAlister ISS. After swimming Grant goes out for lunch usually he chooses Fratelli Italian restaurant in Frankston. He likes to have pasta or a hamburger.



OLSEN HOUSE

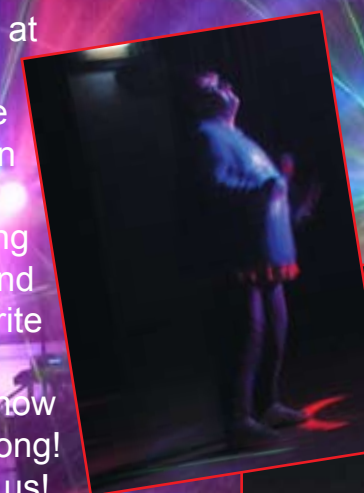
WESLEY MISSION DISCO

We have got DANCE FEVER at Olsen House!!

The Ladies love to dance and love to go to the Wesley Mission Disco in Patterson Lakes every month.

Awesome light shows, floating through the smoke machine and dancing up a storm to all the favourite hits.

Better watch out, because we now know that we can REQUEST a song! Poor DJ won't be able to get rid of us! Dance until we drop! Which is usually after everyone else is gone – we have the stamina to go until the last song of the night!



HOLLYS'S COOKING ADVENTURES

What has Holly been up to this past month? MAKING SOUPS!

Holly decided that it was time to give some Winter Warmers a go, and searched the internet for only the BEST soup recipes she could find.

There was Fish Soup - a lot tastier than you would think – a Hit with Holly

Lentil Soup – Warm and hearty, full bellies all around
Minestrone – a Classic Winter warmer packed full of YUM!

And last but not least – TACO SOUP, yes Taco Soup there is such a thing.

I'm not sure if this one was as much of a hit as the others.

Holly really enjoys her cooking night and has such great creativity when choosing recipes each month.

UNTIL NEXT TIME!



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OLSEN HOUSE



PINK

Some of the ladies at Olsen House enjoyed a fabulous night out with Pink at Frankston RSL.

They each danced the night away,

managed to get up close and personal with Pink.

Susan was serenaded by the lead Guitarist, Dixie put everyone to shame by dancing all night long, and got the party started by being the first on the dance floor, and Nicole was overwhelmed at the fact that Pink danced on her table and then climbed down to give her a big hug.

Susan said "She was beautiful and I can't believe I got her autograph."

Nicole was equally as happy and grinned all night long. One of Nicole's comments were

"I can't believe she hugged me". Dixie concentrated more on her moves. We soon learned that Dixie is quite the air guitarist and equally as talented and singing into the imaginary microphone.

The ladies didn't want to go home, they were up for an all nighter.

All in all THE BEST NIGHT EVER!!! According to the ladies of Olsen house.

LET'S DO THE TIME WARP AGAIN....

It really wasn't JUST a jump to the left and a step to the right on our journey into the city to see Frank-N-Furter and all of his fellow Horrors as there were many a public transport issue, but we made it! As we sat down, we were quickly transported to a fantastical world of laughs, singing and maybe some questionable humour.

Holly's Review: The Rocky Horror Picture Show
2/5 Stars



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Bits of it were an interesting experience.

It was a bit rude!

Craig McLachlan looked silly with all of his makeup

The singing was catchy – I had fun singing along.

Rocky was a bit too spunky for me

The Bed scene was clever and I wish I had a bed like that. It was funny because they were standing up in bed.

I like the program I bought.

I like the Time Warp – I sung and danced along.



PINE HOUSE

A DAY AT THE GALLERY

A few weeks ago on a not-so-sunny winter's day, Jane and Mandy headed off into Melbourne for a ladies day out in the city. The pair spent the day inside and out of the cold at the National Gallery of Victoria. They began their expedition on the first floor where they browsed exhibits which were centuries old, from all across the world. After all this walking, it was time to take a quick lunch break. The ladies headed down to the gallery café where they enjoyed a delicious lunch, and of course we couldn't say no to a cup of



coffee! Once they had refueled, Mandy and Jane headed up to the second floor where they strolled down the aisles of some more contemporary art works – these seemed much more appealing to Mandy's tastes!



SEAVIEW

FOOTY MATCH AT ETIHAD STADIUM



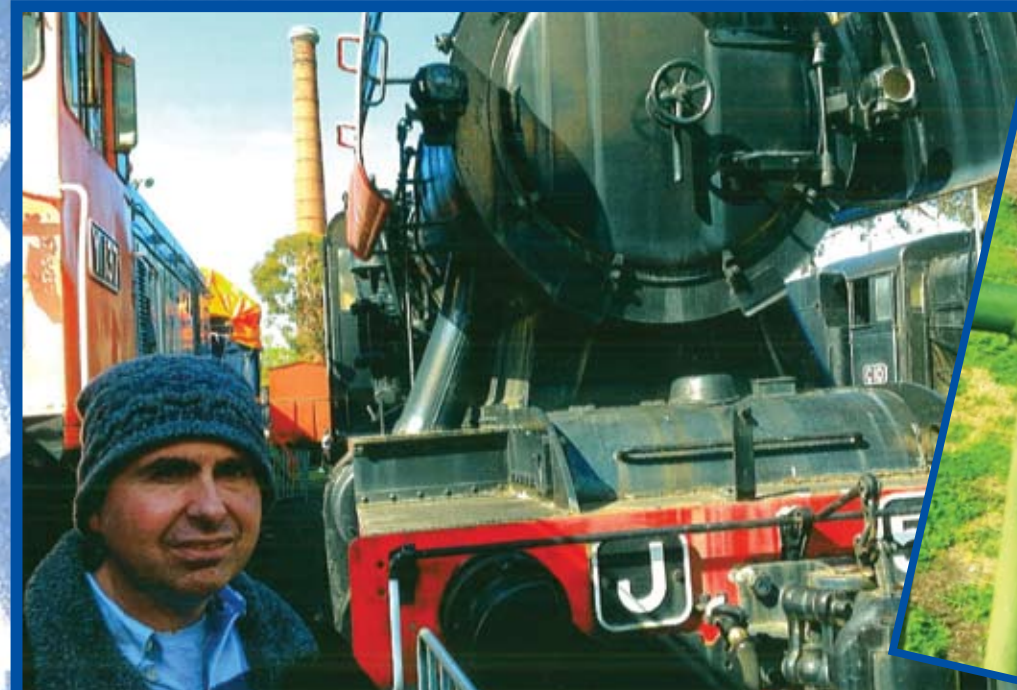
In July Mary-Anne and Rex went to Etihad Stadium to watch Essendon play St Kilda. Mary-Anne is a huge Bombers fan and made sure she was dressed in all her supporter gear. Although Rex is a Carlton supporter, Rex was very keen to watch the match. Both Rex and Mary-Anne were very enthusiastic throughout the game, Mary-Anne in Particular was very happy when Essendon got goals! Although Essendon lost the match, both Mary-Anne and Rex stated they had a great time and would love to go again!



WILLIAMSTOWN TRAIN MUSEUM

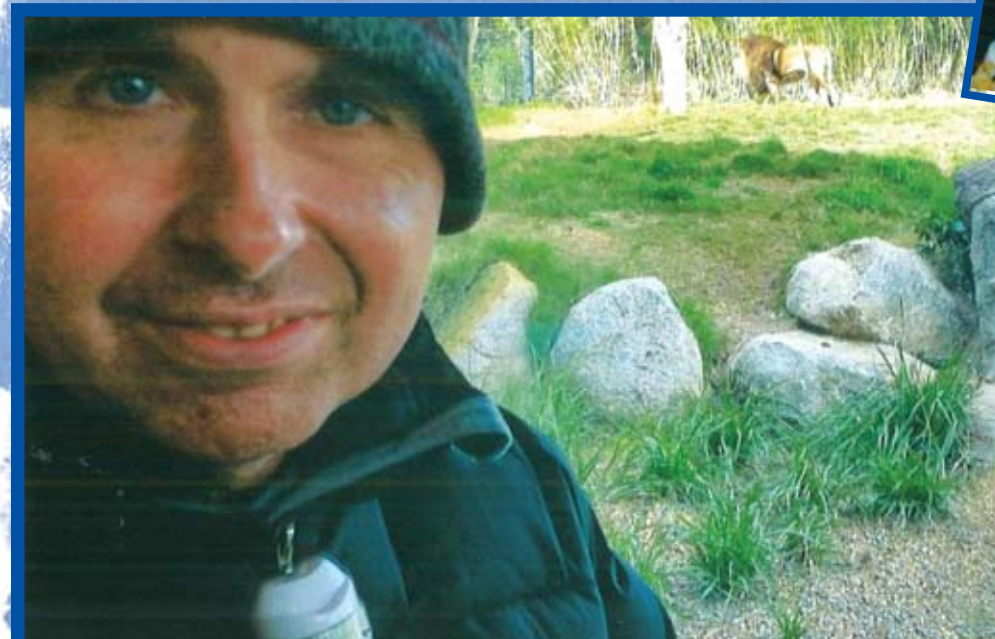
On the 15th of August James went to Williamstown to visit the Australian Railway Historical Society Railway Museum. It took just over an hour to get there but it was an easy drive and we stopped on the way for a coffee and to stretch our legs.

The museum has many old decommissioned trains dating back to the 1940's. James really appeared to enjoy himself, wandering around touching the trains and luckily it was a beautiful winters days, cold but sunny. You can board some of the trains and walk around inside but James preferred to look at the outside and he really likes the wheels! After we had a good look at all the trains and carriages we stopped at a Williamstown café where the coffee was so good James had two. After a slice of cake it was time to go and we are looking for new train related activities to try if anyone would like to come out with us next time.

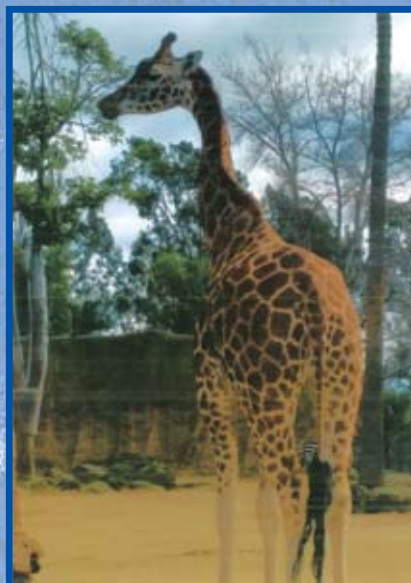


TRIP TO THE MELBOURNE ZOO

On the second of August Seaview residents Sandra, James and Mary-Anne decided to go for a trip to the Melbourne Zoo. Luckily the weather was fine as we walked around for over 2 hours looking at all the animals. James seemed to like the loins and seals the most, Mary-Anne's favourite were the elephants. Sandra thought the orangutans were the best, swinging from tree to tree and making funny faces. We sat and had lunch in the sun before having a quick look at the gift shop, then headed back home. Everyone had a great day and would like to try the Werribee Zoo next time.



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RDA

Horse Riding at the new RDA site in Moorooduc has been a

huge success, everyone is enjoying the new facilities and learning new tricks.

Our riders from ISS Red Hill are David, Warwick, Corey, Flynn, James, Michael and Dale. Every fortnight the guys eagerly await their turn to sit high on their horse, hold the reins, feet in the stirrups and go over the bridge, through the lane way and over the jumps, we also try a little canter on our beautiful horses – Spike, Jasper, Silver and Digger, after each rider dismounts, they say thank you and give there horse a pat.

I thought we would share a little history about the Riding for the Disabled.

“RDA Victoria was founded in 1970 through the pioneering efforts of Michael Field, Wendy Maplestone and Betty Wood. Michael brought the idea with him from England, where RDA was already well established. Victoria was the third Australian state to establish Riding for the Disabled, after Queensland (1964) and South Australia (1970).

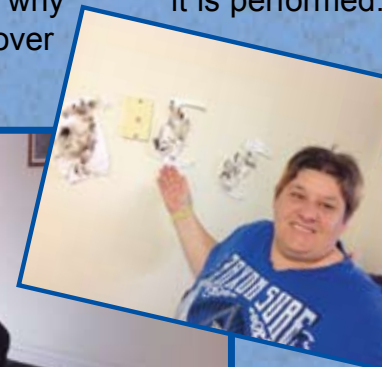
The original inspiration for the RDA movement was the Danish dressage rider Elizabeth Hartel. She won a silver medal in the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki, despite a disability from polio contracted in 1940, forcing her to use a wheelchair. Her achievement caused a change in attitude internationally towards people with disabilities, to focus on ability and achievement.” (information from RDA website)



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AROUND THE WORLD PROGRAM

Our new program that has started at Dromana ISS, is called Around the World and has got participants very interested. A discussion was had between the group and several countries were decided upon to research for 3 weeks each and learn as much as we can about each country. The group also decided on what they would like to discuss and research about each country such as the countries flag, food, animals, money, sport and traditional dress. Australia was the first country to be investigated and some awesome posters were made to display. There was lots of information to be talked about and the posters were great fun to make. New Zealand was the next country to discover and participants made a great New Zealand poster using the traditional flora of New Zealand, the fern to decorate it. Kiwi birds have also been made with lots of fun using real feathers. The glue got a bit sticky at times making it very tricky to stick the feathers on. There has been lots of discussion about the traditional tattooing and the symbols that are used and there meaning and the powerful haka dance and why it is performed. The next country to discover will be the good old USA.



BUNNINGS BBQ

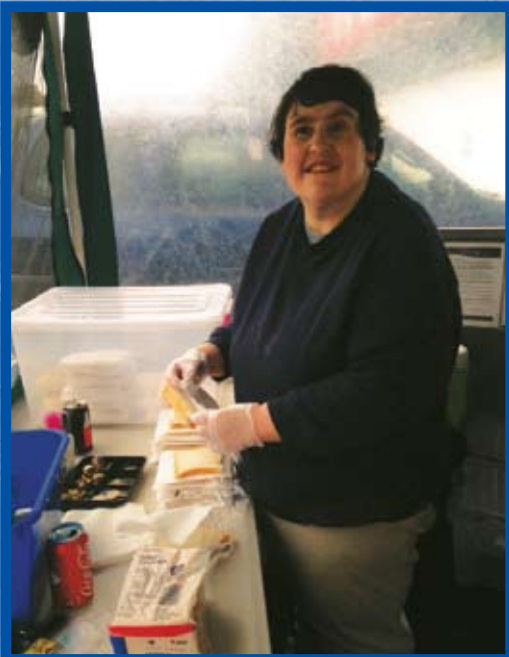
Individual Support Staff and participants have braved the cold weather and continued our fundraising endeavors throughout the winter months.

The Bunnings BBQ's are a fantastic opportunity for us to increase community awareness of our organisation, whilst giving the people we support the opportunity to increase their work and social skills.

The funds raised are put to good use purchasing much needed equipment for our broad range of programs.

If any one is willing to volunteer some of their time to assist with future BBQ's please don't hesitate to let us know, they are usually on a Friday at the Mornington or Frankston store.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT >>>>>



We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our Awesome Sausage Sizzle Team and the following organisations for their continued support:- Whole Fresh Dromana, T-Beez Bakery Dromana, and BRAD's

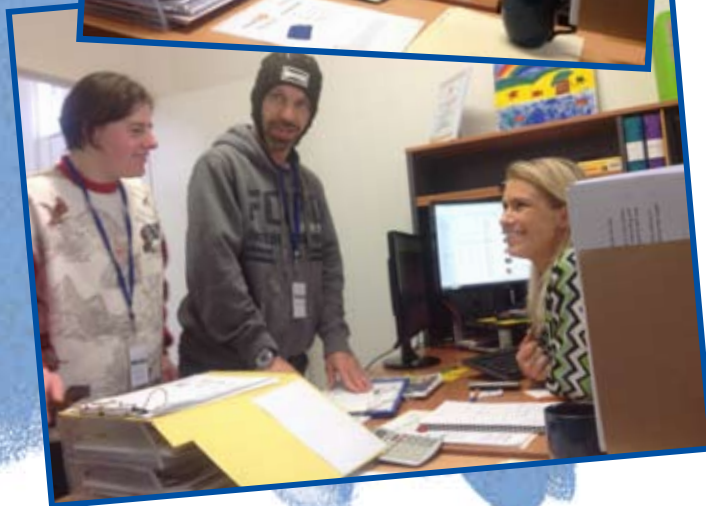


MEDIA

This term we have introduced an exciting new program at ISS Dromana. "Media" All participants have enjoyed exploring the different forms of Media and how it is used to communicate in our world, from Newspapers, Magazines, Radio, Television, Computers and Social media.

As part of the program participants have created a Media board, where articles of interest from the newspapers are chosen and discussed then displayed each week. Participants have also enjoyed conducting a survey to gauge what forms of Media are most commonly used. A big thank you to all those who have given up their time to help the Media group in this survey.

Next term the Media group are planning to visit a Radio station to check out how radio works and how this form of Media communicates in our society.



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STAFF DEVELOPMENT WEEK

The hardworking Team from ISS spent the week from the 29th of June to the 3rd of July participating in a Staff Development week. This included some mandatory training such as First Aid/ C.P.R and Infection: Prevention and Control. Fortunately, it wasn't just a week of sitting down and listening to presentations for hours at a time. We also managed to have a bit of fun! Aside from the official training sessions, staff also took part in some team building activities.

To add a competitive element to it all, the group was split into 3 teams: the Wise Warriors, Power Rangers and Golden Conquerors. Teams were allocated points throughout the week for completing certain tasks, and also for showing flair and creativity. The week finished off with a great lunch at the Peninsula Club.



FOOTY FUN DAY!

McAlister participated in the Footy Fun Day which was held at the Edinburg Reserve in Springvale. There was lots to do on the day and there were many helpful volunteers at each station. There were many great games provided. Our first activity for the day was a game of Volleyball, Jane and Pip mastered the art of serving the ball. Our next highlight of the day was a game of footy where Gerard, Amanda, Adam and Fi kicked many goals.



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MCALISTER

With Spring now here the McAlister group have pulled out their green thumbs and replanted the vegie garden. With lots of hard work from everyone we have now completed the garden and await some yummy vegetables and herbs to use in our cooking program. We would also like to say a big thankyou to Bunnings Frankston for donating all these beautiful plants. We have pumpkin, tomato, carrot, celery, cucumber, lettuce mix, onion, micro herbs and much, much more .

We are only 2 months away from presenting this years production everyone is doing a fantastic job every Wednesday at The Factory remembering their roles and working together as a team.

We have had a few Birthdays at McAlister and would like to say a big Happy Birthday to Tim, Adam and Gerard from all the staff and clients at McAlister we hope you had a great day.

Last term participants from McAlister, The Factory, Dromana and Redhill sites all joined forces in raising much needed funds for the Cancer Council by hosting Biggest Morning Tea.

The event was held at 'The Factory' and turned out to be a great day, there was lots of food and conversations had and a few sore bellies afterwards. With contributions from all sites we were able to raise \$250.00 which is an amazing achievement

Well done and thank you to everyone who attended and dug deep for this remarkable cause and a special thank you to the following business for your continued support and donations

- Bakers Delight Frankston
- The Cheesecake Shop Frankston
- Bakers Delight Mornington

With a host of whimsical tools, the Get Out! ensemble performed "butterfly surgery" on volunteer patients at Cube 37 as apart of Art Access Victoria's " Art Matters" to remove unwanted nervous energy.

A group of McAlister clients went to Cube 37 to watch fellow client Dr Gerard perform this wonderfully strange, humorous and tender surgical experience. Gerard and other Doctors such as Dr Phil where there to help out people

who had a were not feeling well and make them feel better, McAlister staff Crystal and Jackie were personally picked by Dr Gerard to be checked over , and came out feeling much better Get Out! is a respite program for adults with disability that meets fortnightly on Saturdays at Frankston Arts Centre



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MITCHELL ROOM

Mitchell room participants have had a busy and awesome time. Some of the programs our participants have enjoyed are RDA, Swimming, Liberty swing, Morning Melodies and healthy cooking. With the wet weather we have had a bit more time indoors than usual. We have been discovering different sensory activities, lots of different objects, shapes, colours and textures. Our sensory room which has various lighting effects provides an optical experience for our participants.

We celebrated two birthdays in July both James and Michael enjoyed their special days and celebrated with a birthday cake.



REHEARSALS FOR WORLD OF OZ

Well we have all been busy practicing for the great production of the World of Oz.

We have settled into 'The Factory' in Mornington and rehearse every Wednesday between 10.00 and 2.00 pm. It's a lot of hard work and everyone is learning their parts really well.

The large space is fantastic and we are using props which different staff have made and sometimes try the costumes on as well. Hope you enjoy these actions shots.



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FRIDAY NIGHT DISCO BY VERONICA

On Friday 21st August, Nick and I went to the All Abilities Disco, held at Mornington Pavillion. I saw a lot of my friends there; Ezza, Ashleigh, Nicole, and others. My favourite part was socialising with everyone and talking to people. I like going out at night. The DJ played lots of songs including the Macarena, and we all danced for most of the night. There were nibbles and drinks, as well as bangles that glowed in the dark. I would like to go again. It was a fun night.



SKILLS FOR LIFE BY MARY

We have started a new program at 'The Factory' that we have called Skills for Life. The topics we are working on include; Health and Wellbeing, Communication, Team Building, Managing Moods, and Conflict Resolution. We're really enjoying it. The ownership and responsibility of the program is ours. We discuss what to learn and our aim is to run the program ourselves. The other areas we are working on include; social interaction and having healthy relationships with each other. We are role playing and discussing everything in the program with each other and we do games and activities like playing Musical Statues, Chinese Whispers, and team building scavenger hunts.

I like this program because we are all involved and we help each other with situations. I like going with the flow.



DIGITAL LITERACY - STEPHANY

We have just started our new Literacy Program at 'The Factory'. The program will cover a range of topics.

As a group we all decided what we would like to learn in the program; computer skills, PowerPoint, email, Google search, setting our individual project goals and achieving them, reading, writing skills and word games.

As part of our Literacy program, we have created our very own BOOK NOOK that houses a number of resources like; books to read, word games, and lots of other things to help us develop our reading, writing and comprehension skills. ANY BOOK DONATIONS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!

During our last book group Marcus read aloud to the group and felt extremely happy and proud of himself.

We will also be using Educational Apps on our IPads to help us with everything we are learning.



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THE WORKSHED

Things are still busy at The Workshed. As Ben is a keen gardener we have started a lawn mowing program at The Rise and Bungower houses and Ben is doing a great job. The clients are really enjoying the wood working activities, we have been making fishing rod holders, toy boxes, sand pits and surfboard racks. The clients wood working skills are improving each project. While some of the clients are busy building, Stef and Tim are happy to deliver pamphlets to houses around the neighbourhood.

Jayden has part of a wall set up for him in the quiet room, it is there for him to have time to himself and to paint what ever he chooses. Our cooking programme is very successful, the clients are choosing to cook a wide variety of meals on a Mon and Wed. Scott from Century Drive enjoys coming to the Workshed each Friday to work on the Hyundai we have parked out the back.



OUTREACH NEWS



Joanne picked up Amanda at 9 o'clock to go to her class. The library was close and a sign was on the door to reopen at 12 o'clock.

So Amanda decided she'd like to go and McClelland Sculpture Park in Langwarrin. Amanda walked through the bushland looking for the hidden sculptures and enjoyed the serenity of the place.

Amanda describing this place as a magical wonderland, before heading back to the Frankston library to attend her class.



RAIN, HAYNE & SHINE FARMYARD

You can see from the smile on his face the enjoyment Dino experienced visiting Rain, Hayne & Shine Farmyard. It is fun for young and old, a fantastic place to get up close to farm animals. There are Gaggles of geese, Quacking ducks, donkeys, ponies, pigs, talking Cockies and kookaburra's. You can nurse a piglet, and cuddle a lamb. Feed calves, goats and even an emu if you dare. There is also good old-fashioned hay rides and you can enjoy your lunch on the old Red Rattler.

The farm yard staff are brilliant and really go out of their way to make your visit special. Thank you Rain, Hayne & Shine for a brilliant day out.



PENINSULA HOT SPRINGS MARION & JULIA FROM BALCOMBE HOUSE

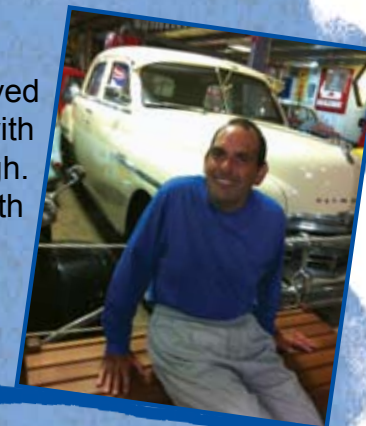
Here's Marion and Julia eagerly anticipating their relaxing ladies day at the Peninsula Hot Springs and afterwards looking forward to healthy lunch in the outdoors cafe. A fantastic time was had. Hint- if you are planning a visit during the school holidays, do book in.



OUTREACH NEWS

CHARLIE'S AUTO MUSEUM

Dino enjoyed being amongst an amazing collection of motor vehicles displayed in Charlie's Auto Museum, a 1940's style garage. He was fascinated too with the extensive collection of bowlers, signs and memorabilia to look through. Be prepared to spend hours looking at the unusual collection, speaking with Charlie and enjoying refreshments in the Cafe.



DINO

Mornington Park Cnr The Esplanade & Schnapper Bay Drive Mornington

Dino enjoyed a beautiful sunny July day, discovering some of the historical sites in Mornington. Here's a picture of Dino at the Historical Mornington Park Entrance which was built in the 1930's during the great depression, and observing the Bronze statue Memorial to Mathew Flinders where on 29th April 1802 he made his first survey of Port Phillip Bay.

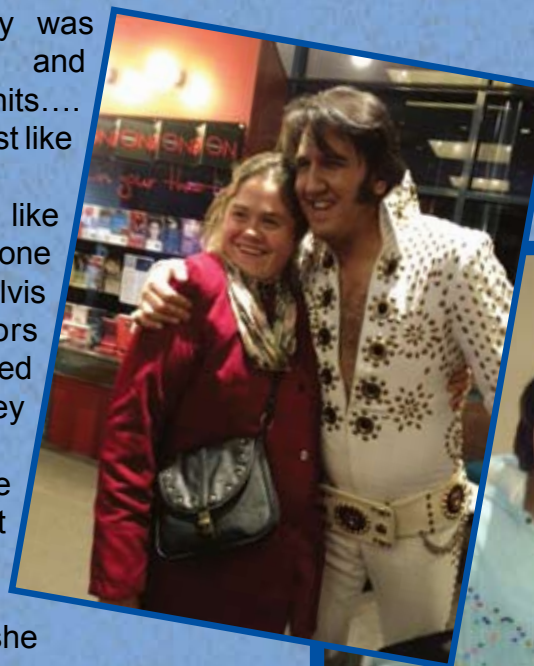


A NIGHT WITH ELVIS

Elly and Joanne enjoyed a lovely evening at Elvis on July 11th.

Mark Antony was very good and sang all the hits.... He looked just like Elvis and sounded like him. Mark is one of the only Elvis impersonators to be endorsed by the Presley Foundation. We had the best night and he signed Elly's picture and she got a huge hug....

The smile on her face says it all.



FRANKSTON RSL

A great time was had by Outreach Clients Les, Shirley and Dino at The Frankston RSL enjoying an afternoon of entertainment by "Elvis" & "Pavarotti". They had a scrumptious meal, the music was fantastic and everyone was thrilled to meet the entertainers for a chat and a photo opportunity.



Michael and I visited the new refurbished Mornington Pier on a rare sunny winters day. The pier has a guard rail all the way around and some seats to sit on and admire the view. There were lots of people fishing and Michael asked everyone of them if they had caught any fish! Seems it was a quiet day as the fish where not biting!! It is really worth a trip to Mornington with a kiosk and café near by.

Gary took himself off to visit his local hairdresser Ruth who spruced Gary up for his holiday to Queensland with his mum. Gary was happy to have his hair coloured and cut and left Ruth feeling very proud of himself.

Ron enjoys attending Music with Stuart in Hastings each Tuesday - Ron has a large record collection dating back many years and loves any kind of music - country or western!!!

Faye also attends Music with Stuart in Hastings each Tuesday. Faye is first to arrive each week!!



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DON'T FORGET THE DATE
FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2015
MATINEE 11.00 AM
EVENING 7.00 PM