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Another Housing Win for the EBL Community

EBL are excited to announce another housing win! That's right, another Unity Affordable Housing project is currently under construction in Blair Athol, and is due for completion in September 2017. Delivering on our strategic objective to provide affordable homes in sustainable communities, the project redevelops existing stock, which is no longer appropriate, to the needs of our tenants. The project has involved the sale of four obsolete dwellings and reinvestment on a Renewing Our Streets and Suburbs (ROSAS) site. The work is being delivered by Oryx Property in partnership with Unity, with the project providing eight new housing outcomes. Each of these will be a mix of two social housing properties for people living with a disability, two social housing properties for large families and four general market housing.

At the completion of the project, Unity will replace four obsolete social housing outcomes, sold to the private market as affordable housing to first home buyers, with four new social housing outcomes that are more appropriate and fit for purpose for persons living with a disability or are aged, and for large families on low incomes. Unity will also have created four new properties sold into the general market.

This is a great win for EBL and we are excited by the opportunity it brings to the EBL community.





A Word from Wendy

As I sit down to reflect on the last few months, it's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner! As Spring does it's best to settle in, there certainly is much to reflect upon and to look forward to, within EBL and the wider community.

As the front cover of the newsletter states, we are thrilled to announce another win with the Blair Athol Housing project going ahead. This is a huge accomplishment by our valued partner, Unity Housing Association and we are so excited to be able to provide the level of support to those with a disability wishing to take up residence in these new beautiful homes.

As we continue to work with the ever-changing NDIS, it is increasingly evident that EBL is remaining flexible and mobile to keep up with these changes. In an environment where we are seeing significant shifts in service delivery, EBL is able to remain agile and innovative. A consistent source of strength through this major change is our strong culture, dedicated staff and ongoing learning and development, which in turn allows for our clients and their families to remain the number one priority, always.

In this edition of the newsletter, we will hear from our new Carer Advisory Group Conveyor, Dawn Brodie, who shares a warming story from their recent meeting. Dawn also reminds us that the AGM is just around the corner.

The AGM is on the 24th October at 6:30pm at the Technology Park Conference Centre, Innovation House, Mawson Lakes. As always, we would love for you to come along to the meeting to share your thoughts or to simply hear more about what EBL has achieved over the last 12 months, as well as what we have planned for the year ahead.

Matt Heading and Tahlia Gradara have also shared some valuable and important information regarding Plan Management, the NDIS and NDIA in this edition too.

I am also extremely grateful to have recently been elected into the NDS State Committee, as it means EBL has an even stronger presence within the sector, allowing us to have a voice for both small to medium size businesses, as well as EBL and the wider community. With this in mind, I welcome your feedback and will be here to voice your thoughts via the committee. Equally we are keen to hear about the positive experiences you have had with the NDIS, as we want to celebrate what's working well and share it with other providers and carers.

In other news, we are excited to announce that House Manager Cailin and her partner Taylor, have just welcomed baby Milah into the world. Welcome Milah and congratulations from all of us at EBL.

In addition to this, it turns out we have an artist in the house! Billie has been busy drawing and colouring pictures from 'The Hungry Caterpillar' book during her day program with EBL. We are all extremely impressed with Billee's fantastic work and look forward to seeing many more pictures!

All in all, the team at EBL continue to do an amazing job and our clients continue to make us smile, reminding us why we love what we do each and every day. As always, should you have any questions concerning your funding or NDIS planning, want to share some feedback or simply wish to speak to someone, please contact us at any time on **8252 1000**.

Wendy Warren

Chief Executive
EBL Disability Services

EBL Carer Advisory Group



The spring newsletter is here already, let's hope we will have some spring weather also. The Carers Advisory Group met recently and the NDIS was highlighted by a story of a friend who is also a client of EBL. She was so happy to have EBL put her plan together for her NDIS planning meeting. Suffering from ill health herself, she was looking for more services to help her cope with caring for her daughter. The outcome was a huge success and she is now in

the process of setting up quotes and contracts for the services she has chosen and all of this with EBL staff assisting and now managing her daughter's plan. I don't know of any other service providing this type of plan assistance and I know the person involved was so pleased to have that burden off her shoulders.

Shortly you will be receiving a notice concerning the EBL Disability Services AGM and urge you to please consider coming along. I have been a Board member for quite a while and have been to a lot of AGM meetings. The meetings are not long and certainly give you an insight into the successes of EBL, as well as provide you with an account of their financial position. Be assured you will not be

coerced into anything. Attending the AGM is a way of showing Wendy, carers and the administration staff how much you appreciate them for providing the type of service we can rely on. In the new NDIS environment, it is nice to be reassured that EBL Disability Services is doing well. Staff and board members will be present if you wish to talk to them on the day too. The AGM is on the 24th October at 6:30pm at the Technology Park Conference Centre, Innovation House, Mawson Lakes. Hope to see you there!

Dawn Brodie

Convenor
EBL Carers Advisory Group

Welcoming Milah

Treasured Harrow House Manager, Cailin and her partner Taylor are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Milah Ivy Hunter. Born 12.44am 6th September 2017, weighing in at 8.1 pound, 50.5cm long. We are so happy for you both! Welcome to the world Milah!



NDIS readiness meetings

In the last newsletter, we spoke of EBL doing NDIS readiness meetings and profiles to prepare people going through the NDIS transition. Since this time, we are delighted to hear that those who have transitioned, have taken their profiles into their meetings, and have received the funding they currently have, and in most cases, additional funding for services such as therapy and respite.

We are continuing to meet with people to answer any questions about the NDIS and create profiles - please contact EBL on 8252 1000 to book in for an NDIS readiness meeting, if you wish to be supported through the transition.



NDIS Updates

To follow is a snapshot of the latest news and updates from the NDIS and NDIA.

- Adults with disabilities who are living in the northern suburbs and Barossa are continuing to meet with the local area coordinators (Feros Care) to create their NDIS plans - this can occur at the individual's home or at Feros Care as per the participant's request
- The local area coordinators ask a series of questions to the individual and their supports, go through current supports, desired supports, goals for the plan and how the plan should be managed financially - this information then goes to a delegate from the NDIA who will finalise the plan and approve it
- A person may meet the access requirements to become a participant of the NDIS up to 6 months prior to the scheduled roll out date
- Local area coordinators for other areas in South Australia have not been named yet
- We expect that people living in supported accommodation will meet with the NDIA to do their plans
- We are now aware that people living in supported accommodation will enter the NDIS after the roll out of their area - dates are below:
 - **from 1st of November 2017:** Northern Adelaide (Playford, Salisbury, Port Adelaide Enfield - East), the Barossa and Light and Lower North
 - **from 1st of December 2017:** North Eastern Adelaide (Tea Tree Gully), The Murray Mallee and Limestone Coast
 - **from 1st of March 2018:** Southern Adelaide, Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island, the Yorke Peninsula and Mid North, Far North, the Eyre Peninsula and West
 - **from 1st of June 2018:** Western Adelaide (including Port Adelaide Enfield - West), Adelaide Hills and Eastern Adelaide
- People transitioning to the NDIS who currently receive a mobility allowance will need to request the allowance through the NDIS as Centrelink will stop this payment when a participant receives an NDIS plan. Once included in the plan and bank details have been provided to the NDIA, a fortnightly payment will be put into the bank account of the participant

For further information please visit: www.ndis.gov.au

Tahlia Gradara

Support Coordinator & Developmental Educator

Plan Management

EBL has invested heavily in one of our newest service offerings specifically designed for the NDIS participants called, Plan Management. In the shift from government managed funds to individualised funding packages, you as a participant have the option to have an external provider manage your funds for you.

We have partnered with one of the best consultants in Australia to help design the infrastructure of this plan management system in order to provide the smoothest transition possible for those entering the NDIS world. Engaging with this consultant allowed us to set up a system to handle the expected massive growth in NDIS participants over the next year. This means, when the number of people we are assisting grows rapidly, existing clients will not be ignored or disadvantaged.

Since the beginning of 2017, we have grown from only a handful of plan management participants to now 50+ families we are assisting in navigating the NDIS and helping maximise the value of their funding. We continue to gain valuable insights into the market both from a competitor and participant point of view as we get to deal directly with other providers. Because of this, we are able to see how they are managing the transition and also speak to a variety of new NDIS participants to help us understand where the demand and gaps in the market are.

Plan management is definitely a space to watch in the coming months as we plan on releasing our custom designed end of month reports to each individual participant to assist in the ongoing spend and management of their funding.

Please remember if you are heading into your NDIS planner meeting, you need to specifically ask to be plan managed otherwise you will not get the funding! Please feel free to call through to the EBL head office if you would like to know more about NDIS plan management.

Matt Heading

Finance Manager



“Our mission is to provide quality lifestyle support and accommodation services to enable people with disabilities to enjoy active fulfilled lives.”

Expressions of Interest – Day Options

Seeking Expressions of interest from families caring for a person with a Disability in the CBD and Eastern Suburbs who are looking for a Learning and Lifestyle (Day Options) Program

- Do you care for a family member with a disability who is a school leaver?
- Are you looking for a program closer to home?

At EBL Disability Services, we offer day programs

Monday to Friday, located in Frewville.

Our Learning & Lifestyle programs encourage a person-centred approach aimed at improving the independence, confidence, self-esteem, interaction skills and life choices of each person. These programs are centre-based and provide support for people to access a range of learning experiences, as well as recreational and social activities.

Our employees take care to engage with each person to ensure they understand what is important to the individual. A key focus of our Learning & Lifestyle programs is the activities we provide which are designed to continually increase each person's potential for participation in the local community.

To speak to a Service Coordinator about accessing this service please call **(08) 8252 1000**.

Ask to speak to Kim or Lynda

Billee the Artist

Billee has been hard at work personally drawing and colouring these pictures from 'The Hungry Caterpillar' book during her day program with EBL Disability Services. Fantastic job Billee, we are so impressed with your artwork and look forward to seeing many more pictures!



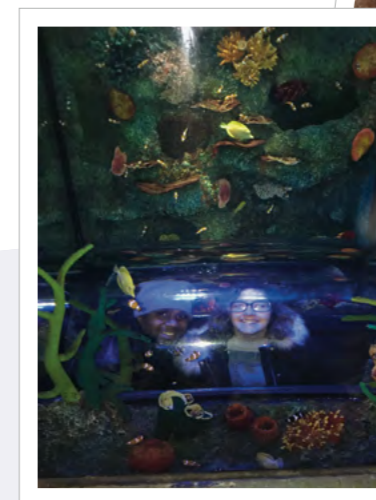
Wendy elected into the NDS State Committee

We are pleased to announce the recent election of our CEO, Wendy Warren, into the 2017 NDS State Committee for South Australia.

This is an amazing opportunity which in turn provides EBL with a voice within the NDS peak body, also creating a stronger presence and representation for both small to mediums size businesses within the sector. With this in mind, we welcome your feedback and will be here to voice your thoughts via the committee. Equally we are keen to hear about the positive experiences you have had with the NDIS, as we want to celebrate what's working well and share it with other providers and carers.

Melbourne Trip!

Recently, Travis, Amy, Kate and Della headed to Melbourne for a holiday. The group enjoyed many activities including a visit to the Melbourne Aquarium, Luna Park and even a Draculas show! The holiday was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Reminder of the NDIS Roll Out Dates

Adelaide Metropolitan areas

- NDIS for Northern Adelaide region has been available for adults from the 1st of July 2017
- NDIS for the Southern Adelaide region will become available for adults as of the 1st of January 2018
- NDIS for the Eastern Adelaide region will become available for adults as of the 1st of April 2018
- NDIS for the Western Adelaide region will become available for adults as of the 1st of April 2018

Greater Adelaide area

- NDIS for Barossa, and Light and Lower North region has been available for adults from the 1st of July 2017
- NDIS for the Fleurieu and Kangaroo Island region will become available for adults as of the 1st of January 2018
- NDIS for the Adelaide Hills region will become available for adults as of the 1st of April 2018

Country regions

- NDIS for the Eyre Western region will become available for adults as of the 1st of January 2018
- NDIS for the Far North region will become available for adults as of the 1st of January 2018
- NDIS for the Limestone Coast region will become available for adults as of the 1st of October 2017
- NDIS for the Murray and Mallee region will become available for adults as of the 1st of October 2017
- NDIS for the Yorke and Mid North region will become available for adults as of the 1st of January 2018

Source: www.ndis.gov.au/about-us/our-sites/SA.html#HowWill

“We deliver quality service options that support the individual to make a positive difference in their health and wellbeing.”

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