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LEARNINGS FROM THE ABBOTSFORD HOUSING DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

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The report showcases the impact and value of a highly successful collaboration between four organisations with a shared vision. The Summer Foundation, annecto, Common Equity Housing Limited and Residential Independence Pty Ltd (RIPL)/Transport Accident Commission worked together on an innovative housing and support project to demonstrate a new and more inclusive housing option for people with significant disability.

The report can be downloaded from the Summer Foundation website.

#MyHomeMatters

In November, the Summer Foundation launched the social media campaign #MyHomeMatters.

The Summer Foundation’s work over the past eighteen months has seen an increasing number of young people with disability and their family members lend their voices to the growing call to resolve the need for young people to live in nursing homes. This campaign was an opportunity to harness the powerful messages of these people in the form of short digital clips targeting politicians and decision makers.

To view these messages, visit our Youtube channel at www.youtube.com/SummerFoundation

NDIS NEWS

The Summer Foundation was invited to the NDIS Joint Standing Committee Housing Roundtable in late October. Drawing on findings from the Summer Foundation housing projects, Di Winkler explained that well located, good quality housing with the right supports would decrease long-term liability of the NDIS, and increase independence for people with disability.

In November, the Summer Foundation presented findings from the first 12 months of its NDIS Connections Project to the NDIS team responsible for the final rollout. The Summer Foundation team identified ways in which they support young people in nursing homes, and spoke of the challenge of better aligning health systems with the NDIS. The report is available on the Summer Foundation website: http://www.summerfoundation.org.au/resources/ndis-connections-year-one-report/.

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Breakfast Club lecture series

The Summer Foundation was pleased to present four Breakfast Club lectures this year, taking over where the Victorian Brain Injury Recovery Association left off. Thank you to all our speakers and everyone who attended this year. We are looking forward to presenting another four lectures in 2016. Dates and speakers to be announced in the early new year.

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ALLEN MARTIN RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

The Allen Martin Research Scholarship Recipient was announced at the Allen Martin Memorial Lecture in November. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kew, this scholarship was open to clinicians and health professionals who wish to conduct a new research project in the field of recovery following acquired brain injury.

Congratulations to Michelle Kahn for her outstanding application. Michelle is a senior clinician, neurological physiotherapist at The Epworth Hospital. She will be using the scholarship to research the development of a gold standard clinical assessment of arm disability following acquired brain injury (ABI).

LEVEL ONE & TWO TRAINING IN ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY – FEBRUARY 2016

The Summer Foundation is pleased to once again host level one and two training workshops in ABI presented by Professor Barry Willer of Buffalo University and Associate Professor Duncan Babbage of the Auckland University of Technology. The level one training workshop will take place in Sydney from 9-12 February 2016. The level two training workshop will take place in Melbourne from 16-19 February 2016.

Who should attend?

Registrations are invited from all practitioners and professionals working in the area of acquired brain injury including speech pathologists, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, doctors, nurses, psychologists, rehabilitation counsellors, social workers, case managers and service managers. People with brain injuries and families are also invited to attend.

For more information please visit our website at http://www.summerfoundation.org.au/events or call us on 1300 626 560.

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