

SUMMER FOUNDATION NEWS



June is a busy and exciting month for the Summer Foundation.

Construction of our newest housing project in the Hunter region of New South Wales is complete and we can't wait to see the impact these apartments will have on people's lives. If you are in the Hunter region, I invite you to register for a tour of the two display apartments to experience first-hand how adaptable, accessible and home-like environments can foster independence and better quality of life for people with disability. These tours will be offered for six months.

In May we welcomed two new Ambassadors to the Summer Foundation. Kirby Littley and Tania Lewis have a wealth of experience, and we look forward to working with them to help resolve the issue of young people in nursing homes.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) released a Specialist Disability Accommodation Decision Paper on Pricing and Payments earlier this month. These payments will provide a funding stream to scale housing for young people in nursing homes. Find out more about this paper on page two.

Finally, we are interested in getting your feedback on our newsletter. Please find the short survey enclosed in this edition and return it in the reply paid envelope provided.

Warm regards,

Di Winkler
CEO and Founder

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SPECIALIST DISABILITY ACCOMMODATION PAYMENTS

We are excited to see the release of the NDIS Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) Decision Paper on Pricing and Payments. This policy is designed to increase the long-term supply of housing for NDIS participants and foster the development of innovative housing solutions.

These payments will help to pay for the cost of NDIS housing for 28,000 NDIS participants with high support needs. Housing payment rates set by the NDIA cover the high development and ongoing maintenance costs required by people with disability.

The NDIS SDA payments will provide a funding stream that will enable us to partner with developers and community housing providers to replicate and scale our model of housing and support for young people in nursing homes throughout Australia.

To read the article visit summerfoundation.org.au/sda-payments/ or find out more about the paper at www.ndis.gov.au/news/sda-decision-paper-0



WELCOME KIRBY AND TANIA!

In May we welcomed two new Summer Foundation Ambassadors, Kirby Littley and Tania Lewis.

While their journeys have been different, Kirby and Tania are both strong advocates for young people with disability.

With the help of NDIS funding, Kirby recently moved out of the nursing home and back home with her parents. Kirby is an inspiring leader, and looks forward to increasing her independence by returning to live on her own, and ultimately returning to the workforce.

Tania lived in a nursing home for over two years until her husband found a house that would accommodate their family. However, the inaccessibility of this house left Tania with no choice but to sleep in the living room. Tania, her husband and their teenage daughter will soon move into one of the ten units within our newest Housing Project.

We warmly welcome Kirby and Tania to the Summer Foundation. To find out more about them, read our latest blog post at summerfoundation.org.au/welcome-kirby-and-tania/

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MAKING DECISIONS AFTER TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

Researchers at La Trobe University have recently completed a project exploring how individuals with severe traumatic brain injury (TBI) and those around them experience the process of making decisions about their lives after injury.

Participants reported that making decisions was important because it allowed them to exercise control and make choices that reflected their life goals. For many, having the opportunity to make small decisions was equally as important as making bigger life decisions.

Participants also stated that those around them played an essential role in supporting them to participate in decision-making. They valued support from people who knew them well, understood their goals, and supported them to take risks. Effective communication, mutual respect and trust were also important components of these relationships.

Parents and spouses most commonly provided participants with decision-making support, but friends and siblings were also important. Professional staff (such as health professionals and support workers) also played a role in shaping the individual's decision-making opportunities. For some people with TBI, having few people in their social support network meant they had very few opportunities to make decisions.

If you would like to find out more about this project, email Lucy Knox at La Trobe University:

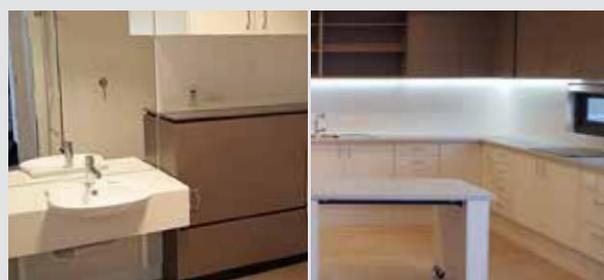
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HOUSING PROJECT UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce that tours of our Housing Project in the Hunter region of New South Wales will be commencing soon and will be available for a six month period.

Our newest Housing Project consists of 10 apartments and an additional apartment for support staff peppered throughout a 110 unit private development. These apartments combine accessible and adaptable design with smart home technology so that tenants can live as independently as possible. The apartments are well located close to shops, transport and services enabling tenants to be active members of their community.



Tours of display apartments will take place from 22 June to showcase this alternative model of housing for people with disability. Find out more or register your interest at trybooking.com/LIQX or call 1300 626 560.



Thank you to the Telstra Foundation for supporting us to resolve the issue of young people in nursing homes.

Breakfast Club Lectures 2016

Holding Resilience in Trust - Working Systemically with Families post ABI
with Franca Butera-Prinzi

LECTURE 3
20 JULY
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The Summer Foundation Breakfast Club Lecture Series is an opportunity for professionals working in the area of brain injury rehabilitation to increase their knowledge about the latest research and clinical practice.

The next Breakfast Club lecture will take place on 20 July. Franca Butera-Prinzi, ABI Team Leader of The Bouverie Centre will be presenting *Holding Resilience in Trust - Working Systemically with Families post ABI*. This lecture explores the complex nature of family resilience following acquired brain injury (ABI). Franca will present a systemic and dynamic view of resilience that is critical to helping families cope with the grief and stress surrounding ABI.

VENUE: Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre,
1 Yarra Boulevard, Kew, 3121

DATE: Wednesday 20 July 2016

TIME: 8.00am. Breakfast from 7.30am

COST: \$30 per lecture

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NDIS CONNECTIONS PROGRAM



As the date of national rollout draws closer, we are pleased to report that we are on track to meet our goal of connecting all young people in nursing homes to the NDIS in the Barwon and Hunter trial sites.

Our NDIS Connections Officers have gone from nursing home to nursing home connecting over 80 people with disability to the NDIS in the Barwon trial site, and more than 100 people in the Hunter trial site.

While it has been immensely rewarding to see the benefits that the NDIS has brought to some participants, many people are still waiting for planning and others have not received services as yet.

We look forward to seeing the opportunities that the NDIS will bring to young people in nursing homes with the move from trial to rollout on July 1. Benefits we have seen so far include funding for much needed equipment that has allowed people to return home, support to leave the nursing home on outings and funded allied health services including occupational therapy and physiotherapy.

HELP CREATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES

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