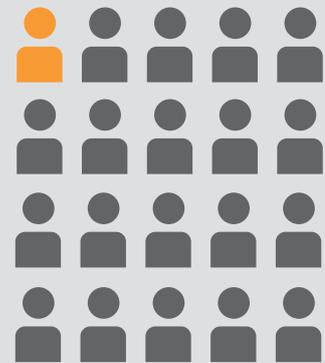


SUMMER FOUNDATION NEWS



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Welcome to our 2018 mid-year update. It comes with the latest news from the Summer Foundation and is delivered to you from our new CEO.

In April the Summer Foundation Board announced that I would take on the role of Summer Foundation CEO. I'm incredibly excited for the challenge ahead in continuing Summer Foundation's work to reduce the number of young people being forced into aged care because there is no where else for them.

Di Winkler, the founder and previous CEO of the Summer Foundation remains very actively involved and you can read about her new focus on research and innovation in this update.

The Summer Foundation has joined other disability groups to reinforce the importance of people with disability being able to choose where they live and who they live with. Released in April, the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)'s SDA Provider and Investor Brief raised concerns that participants might have limited choice about whether they lived alone or in shared accommodation. We are advocating strongly with other stakeholders to establish certainty for the SDA market to grow.

This month the Summer Foundation released its latest NDIS Report Card, which shows a 5 per cent reduction in admissions of young people to nursing homes since the NDIS roll out in trial sites in 2014. It's a tiny step in the right direction.

In this update, we include details about work building knowledge and understanding with health and aged care professionals, the Allen Martin Research Scholarship, and a profile of Sam Petersen and her first-hand take on SDA.

Warm regards,

Luke Bo'sher
CEO

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MEET OUR NEW CEO

Luke Bo'sher is the new CEO of the Summer Foundation.

Announcing Luke's move to the role, Summer Foundation founder and former CEO Di Winkler said the appointment had been carefully planned.

"Prior to joining the Summer Foundation almost two years ago, Luke worked on disability and housing issues across both the government and non-government sectors," Di said. "Luke has also been a key contributor to the development of the NDIS in his roles at the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and as a director at the NDIA."

Di will remain at the Summer Foundation as Chief of Research and Innovation and on the board.

"This will enable me to focus on my two favourite areas of work," Di said. "In my 12 years as CEO, what has excited me most has been developing and shaping new ideas and innovative projects.

"I will be working closely with Luke and the team to embed innovation in the organisation, so that we are capturing the best ideas from all staff and stakeholders."

Luke said he was looking forward to leading the Summer Foundation as it continued to take on the challenges of ensuring young people with disability received the support they needed to live ordinary lives in the housing of their choice.

"I am looking forward to the Summer Foundation working even more closely and collaboratively with housing, health and disability providers across the country," Luke said.

“ THE ROLLOUT OF THE NDIS PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT AND UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN NURSING HOMES. ”



NDIS REPORT CARD

Since the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) rolled out across trial sites in 2014 there has been a 5 per cent reduction in the number of younger people being admitted to aged care, our latest NDIS report card shows.

Published this month, the report card highlights the six most important areas under the NDIS that will achieve real outcomes for younger people living in residential aged care (RAC).

While the latest data shows a reduction in admissions overall, Victoria's Barwon region saw an increase. Summer Foundation's recent SDA Market Insights report showed that the Barwon region has a large undersupply of disability accommodation.

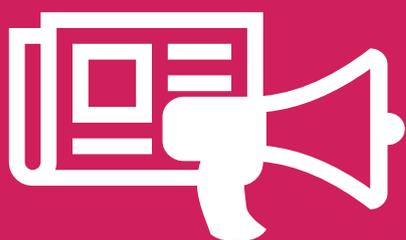
The report card also reveals:

- Of the 6,200 younger people in nursing homes, 2,082 had become NDIS participants
- 1 in 20 younger people in RAC had their applications for the NDIS deemed ineligible
- Between September 2017 and March 2018 an extra 1109 young people in RAC were added to the scheme. This was largely because of the NDIA's new approach of 'facilitated access' for young people in aged care
- There are 996 Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) places under construction
- The median value of NDIS plans of 1,576 young people in aged care is \$104,563. Around \$77,500 of this is taken up in RAC fees.

The high number of younger people in RAC determined ineligible for NDIS funding points to a critical gap that younger people are falling through. We need more transparency about ineligibility.

The report card is available here:

summerfoundation.org.au/ndis-report-card-june-2018



SDA UPDATE

Evidence shows that there are very positive outcomes for people with disability who want to live alone and have the opportunity to do so. Living alone is not for everyone, but Summer Foundation believes that people with disability should have that same right to live alone as any person without disability.

The Summer Foundation and 20 other organisations issued a joint statement in response to the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA)'s SDA Provider and Investor Brief published on 24 April.

The Brief indicated only a "very small number ... of a very small percentage" of NDIS participants would be funded to live alone in SDA".

This is a big concern to people with disability, housing providers and those funding the construction of new disability accommodation. We know that when governments spend more upfront to support people to live independently, the long-term support costs will be lower.

The NDIS is an opportunity to invest more in high quality housing and capacity building upfront. This means more innovative housing models can develop, providing alternatives to group homes for many young people in aged care who may not want to live in a shared housing environment.

The Joint Statement from Summer Foundation and 20 other organisations called for immediate reassurance and said that "certainty is needed on how the SDA market is expected to grow and operate".

The Australian Government has announced a review of the SDA framework. This is an opportunity to outline what is working well and what needs to improve. You can read the Summer Foundation's statement on the SDA framework review here: summerfoundation.org.au/joint-statement



PROFILE: SAM PETERSEN

Sam Petersen is very worried about how the NDIA's decisions on SDA might affect her and where she hopes to live.

"The uncertainty over what is essential for me makes me feel like my life has had the pause button put on," she said.

Sam recently received a conditional offer for an independent living unit and she is concerned it is an offer unlikely to come up again.

"I don't think I'll ever get offered a place like this again – so close to the city," she said. "I could miss this chance and I'm scared there won't be another."

Sam has lived in her current shared home for three years, but has never felt safe.

"I'm in a constant state of panic...there is a lot of screaming and crying. Some of it is understandable but I can't do anything about it and that kills me. I often go out to avoid it, but sometimes they scream at night and I'm stuck in bed, unable to get away."

Sam said she had lived independently in a flat before her circumstances changed and she wanted to be able to do that again.

"I want room to live, to be able to have friends and a partner over. I don't feel comfortable doing that now," she said. "I want to have a home with my own things so that it feels like my home."

“ I WANT TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY SO I CAN FINISH MY STUDIES, GET WORK, DO ORDINARY THINGS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND WORK ON MY ART ... YOU KNOW, JUST ORDINARY THINGS. ”

BUILDING KNOWLEDGE

The majority of younger people admitted to nursing homes come from a hospital setting. Building knowledge and understanding of health and aged care professionals is critical to helping solve the issue.

In the past three months, the Summer Foundation has delivered 40 training sessions – 23 to hospital staff, 12 to Residential Aged Care (RAC) workers and five to Aged Care Assessment Teams (ACAT).

The sessions included information about NDIS access, planning and implementation and open discussion about specific challenges or issues that health and aged care workers have faced.

As well as the training sessions, the Summer Foundation has travelled across Australia to hold state-based forums and one national symposium examining the interface between the NDIS and health systems.

The forums were well attended by health professionals and executives who gained an insight into what role they could play in improving the outcomes for young people with disability at risk of entering aged care from hospital.

Our library of resources for hospital discharge workers, ACAT and RAC staff is growing. To access resources as they are released, keep an eye on our website:

 summerfoundation.org.au/resources

HOSPITAL DISCHARGE PROJECT

After extensive planning and consultation we are seeing positive outcomes in our Hospital Discharge Project.

We are implementing many initiatives identified in the project in the Barwon and Central Highland regions.

Collaboration between health services, the NDIA and a number of participants have resulted in:

- Access determination and planning meetings happening more quickly
- Open and responsive communication between the health services and the NDIA
- Support coordinator being introduced earlier to help a participant identify housing options in the community

PARTICIPANT LED VIDEOS

People with disability are being empowered to make their own videos to tell their support workers what is important to them and how they want to be supported.

The Summer Foundation's Participant Led Videos project aims to demonstrate a simple process for a person with disability to make a short, personalised training video for their support workers.

Materials include a workbook outlining the steps to plan and produce the video; a 'how to' video demonstrating the steps; and a guide for service provider organisations.

It is an initiative of the Department of Social Services, funded by the NDIS Sector Development Fund.



RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

The Summer Foundation is pleased to announce the Allen Martin Research Scholarship 2018, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Kew and Robinson Gill Lawyers.

This scholarship is open to clinicians, health professionals and students to conduct a new research project in the field of recovery in the community following acquired brain injury. The project must have a functional application to clinical/community practice.

This year two scholarships will be offered – one for full-time students and one for all other applicants. Each award is valued at \$5000 and needs to be expended over a period of one year.

Please email louise.dixon@summerfoundation.org.au for more information or to be notified when applications are open in August.

Previous rounds of the scholarship were offered by the Victorian Brain Injury Recovery Association (VBIRA).