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DAACCS LATEST NEWS

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Did you know?

DAACCS is supporting our participants in collaboration with a social enterprise, Community Partners – their current project is handmade candles and gift packs. DAACCS support our participants during the week to make the candles, package them and then help sell their goodies at local markets.

Keep a look out for our stall this **Sunday 15th August 9am to 2pm at the Haig Park Village Markets**. Location: Canberra's Haig Park on the Braddon side: where Lonsdale Street meets Girrahween Street.

DAACCS has 2 houses that support participants. The Valley House – 24/7 Supported Independent Living. Gingera House – Short Term Accommodation/respice and day programs.

Thank you to those who expressed their interest in possible day trips and group activities. So far the main interest appears to be a trip to the coast. We are working on a day trip to Batemans Bay with a 3-hour lunch cruise. The cost of the cruise and lunch will be \$46 for concession and \$50 for adults. Support and transport costs will be as per NDIS price guides. We will keep you all informed once logistics are worked out. Covid restrictions permitting.

COVID-19

People living with disabilities, their carers and disability workers are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Getting vaccinated will protect you and the people you care for.

Use the COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility Checker to find clinics near you and to book an appointment. If you prefer to book appointments directly at a participating general practice or vaccination clinic, you can contact them directly to do so.

How is DAACCS staff tracking with our vaccinations?

33% staff are fully vaccinated 😊
25% staff have had their 1st vaccination
12% are booked in for their 1st vaccination
30% have yet to make the decision.

This is our first newsletter, please let us know if you would like us to include any other information.



NDIS IS NOW SUPPORTING 466,000 AUSTRALIANS



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NDIS WORLD

Latest information – In-person coaching for carers and NDIS National Workforce Plan

New in-person coaching service for carers

If you provide care and support to a family member or friend, you will soon be able to access a new in-person coaching service through [Carer Gateway](#). Launching at the end of July, this new service gives carers the opportunity to work one-on-one with a coach who supports you towards improving your overall wellbeing. You can work out what you want to change in your life and how to make it happen.

Carers who were part of a pilot program for the service reported that the in-person coaching helped with their sense of empowerment and taught them new strategies to put into place to support their own wellbeing in their caring role.

Carers can find out more about the coaching service and other support services by calling Carer Gateway on 1800 422 737, Monday-Friday 8am-5pm and selecting option 1 to speak with their local service provider, or [visit the Carer Gateway website](#).

NDIS National Workforce Plan: 2021–2025

The Minister for the NDIS has released a national plan to grow, develop and retain the NDIS workforce.

Another 83,000 workers will be needed to support NDIS participants in the next 4 years, bringing the total workforce to 353,000.

The NDIS National Workforce Plan: 2021–2025 will support the sector to attract workers while improving existing workers' access to training and development.

The plan identifies 16 actions across 3 priority areas:

1. Improve community understanding of the benefits of working in the care and support sector and strengthen entry pathways for suitable workers to enter the sector.
2. Train and support the NDIS workforce.
3. Reduce red tape, facilitate new service models and innovation, and provide more market information about business opportunities in the care and support sector.

The Department of Social Services (DSS) will host briefings with more detail on plan actions and timelines. Providers and peak bodies play an important role in the success of this plan.

NDIS Acronyms Let's start at the A's

- AAA – Access for All Abilities
- AAT – Administrative Appeals Tribunal
- ADL's – Activities of Daily Living
- AHPA – Allied Health Professionals Australia
- AHRC – Australian Human Rights Commission
- AIDIN – Australian Injury and Disability Insurance Network
- ANAO – Australian National Audit Office
- AND – Australian Network on Disability
- APS – Australian Public Service
- APSC – Australian Public Service Commission
- APY (Lands) – Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara
- ARC – Audit and Risk Committee
- AT – Assistive Technology

Next newsletter we will move onto more.

Meet our team

Inderpreet DAACCS Office Manager



"If you can dream it, you can do it"

What is a fun or interesting fact about your hometown?

Ludhiana is the largest business and trade hub for north India and Asia's largest hub for bicycle manufacturing and hosiery.



What are three items you'd take with you to a deserted island?

An endless supply of drinking water because it is essential for survival.
A magnifying glass or a mirror to start a fire, feel warm and be able to cook.
A Swiss army knife to prepare food, protect ourselves, and build a shelter.
That wouldn't be good... but if I had to, it would be pizzas.

If you could only eat one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

To live in a Covid free world

If you could change something in the world, what would it be?

What is your favourite thing to do when you're not working?

Always love spending my time with family

What is your favourite song from your teenage years that you still rock out to when nobody else is listening?

Well, I love all the songs by Babbu Maan (Punjabi Singer)

If you were a Disney character, who would you be?

Jasmine from Aladdin, watched her since my childhood

What do you like best about working with DAACCS?

Our lovely DAACCS team, learn so many new things every day.

