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DAACCS LATEST NEWS

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Did you know?

Public consultation on new legislation

The Government is continuing to work to create a simpler, faster, fairer and more consistent NDIS that works better for people with disability, their families and carers.

The proposed NDIS legislative reforms include:

- Legislating the Participant Service Guarantee; and
- Implementing the recommendations of the 2019 Independent Review (the Tune Review) of the NDIS Act 2013

Some of the proposed reforms require changes to the legislation. The Government has recently released draft legislation for public consultation, which are proposed to be made law in the coming months.

How can you be involved?

The Government is committed to consulting with the disability sector and is seeking feedback on the draft legislation. All Australians are invited to have their say.

The draft legislation is available on the [DSS Engage](#) website for comment, with submissions closing midnight AEDT Thursday 7 October 2021.

You can provide a submission to: engage.dss.gov.au or email your feedback to: NDISConsultations@dss.gov.au

DAACCS held its 2nd Covid vaccination hub on Tuesday 28th September at our DAACCS office in Belconnen. The 1st hub was for staff and high-risk residential participants held at our Gingera House in June 2021 where approx. 20 staff and participants were vaccinated. Our 2nd Hub saw 70 participants their families and carers receive their 1st Pfizer vaccination. The Aspen Medical team were extremely impressed with the hub, they said that everyone was wonderful, and they really enjoyed working with us all and can't wait to come back!

DAACCS has also supported numerous participants to get their jab from their GP's and Govt Vaccination clinics.

COVID-19

ACT - From 15th October 2021

Lockdown will be lifted (11.59pm 14 October 2021)

- 5 people can visit another household at any one time
- 25 people can gather outdoors
- All non-essential retail can operate a click & collect or click & deliver service. Small business can also operate by contactless means – max 10 people allowed or 1 per 4 sqm
- Open – hairdressers, beauty and personal services - max 5 clients
- Open – accommodation, campgrounds, caravan parks and campsites – gathering restrictions apply
- Open – swimming pools for lessons only – max 25 swimmers
- Education: 5 October – year 12 start returning for practical classes and key exams/assessments. Year 11 attend only for essential assessments that cannot wait until 18 October. • 18 October – year 11 and 12 return to on campus learning.

Fact: There is only one country on earth without mosquitoes: Iceland.





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE NDIS WORLD

Latest information – Analysis to help NDIS participants to find work

22nd September 2021.

The NDIA has released outcomes and research analysis providing important insight into employment enablers and barriers for people with disability. The analysis will inform the way the NDIS can support participants to find, and keep, meaningful jobs.

The [Employment Outcomes](#) analysis aims to identify the positives and challenges for people with all types of disability to find and retain work.

The NDIA has also released [findings from a research analysis](#) as part of a broader employment research project.

The study includes interviews with participants and focus groups, and a survey with NDIS frontline staff.

Some key findings from the analysis include:

- Participants and NDIA staff reported the lack of inclusive employment options as the greatest barrier to participants finding and keeping a job
- Disability or poor health was listed as the main reason for unemployment for many participants
- Participants felt flexible work environments and work culture were really important for keeping and enjoying work.

[Analysis to help NDIS participants find work | NDIS](#)

NDIS Acronyms
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FaHCSIA – Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
FASD – foetal alcohol spectrum disorders
FPDN – First Peoples Disability Network
FTE – full-time equivalent

IAGDP – Indigenous Australian Government Development Programme
IDRG – Intellectual Disability Reference Group
ICT – information and communications technology
IFA – Individual Flexibility Arrangements
ILO – Independent Living Options (alternative funding to SIL)
IPS – Information Publication Scheme
JSC – Joint Standing Committee on the NDIS
KPI – key performance indicator
LAC – Local Area Coordinator
LCE – lifetime cost estimator
LAT – Low Risk Assistive Technology (usually funded under Core budget – for off the shelf items such as a walking stick or non-spill cup)
MoU – memorandum of understanding

Next newsletter we will move onto more.

Meet our team

Donna Operations Manger



"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's learning to dance in the rain"

What is a fun or interesting fact about your hometown?

Parkes is not just about the Dish or Elvis! Parkes is literally the crossroads of the Nation with the Newell Highway, connecting Brisbane and Melbourne, and the transcontinental railway linking the eastern seaboard to Perth.



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

My wonderful hubby, he's a plumber, so water and sanitation are essential. Lifetime supply of Prosecco and my bed.

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

Toast, it's so versatile, you can have anything on it, cheap, easy, fast.



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

Change people's thinking to: no matter what shape, colour, ability we have - we all breath the same air.

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

Spending time with my family. Watching a good movie in bed- without falling asleep in the first 5 minutes!

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

Too many to choose from, Mickey, Summer of 69, Copperhead Road, American Pie, Anything by the Eagles, Dragon, Wham.

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

Tinkerbell, meaning: Anything whose existence or power depends on the faith of believers



What do you like best about working with DAACCS?

Such diversity in our team, everyone is kind and dedicated to supporting others.