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DAACCS LATEST NEWS

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Did you know?

Over the next three decades, the number of older persons worldwide is projected to more than double, reaching more than 1.5 billion persons in 2050 and 80% of them will be living in low- and middle-income countries

Saturday 1st October 2022: International Day of Older Persons.

This day is an opportunity to highlight the important contributions that older people make to society and raise awareness of the issues and challenges of ageing in today's world. This year's theme is *'The Resilience and Contributions of Older Women'*.

Resolution 45/106, passed by the United Nations General Assembly on 14th December 1990, declared 1st October to be the International Day of Older Persons. This observance is similar to National Grandparents Day in the United States and Canada, the Double Ninth Festival in China and Respect for the Aged Day in Japan.

NDIS Monthly Summary

In August 2022, the NDIS provided \$3.10bn of paid supports to participants. An increase of 38% for the same period; August 2021.

Year to date – financial year 2022-23, the NDIS provided \$5.53bn of paid supports to participants. An increase of 26% for the same period in 2021-22.

As at 31 August 2022 there were 548,487 NDIS participants in the Scheme. An increase of 9% on the same period in August 2021.



Saturday 1st October 2022 is International Day for Older Persons and is also International Coffee Day.



LATEST NDIS NEWS

A new approach will see NDIS participants discharged from hospital more quickly, says Minister for the NDIS, the Hon. Bill Shorten

Minister Shorten said the NDIA is implementing an operational plan to reduce the time taken for participants to be discharged from hospital.

“At the moment there’s too many NDIS participants stuck in hospital who are medically ready to be discharged, which is creating poor outcomes for participants and adding strain on hospitals across the country,” Minister Shorten said.

“Improving the effectiveness of the NDIS and outcomes for participants including by addressing this problem has been a priority since Labor assumed Government.

“I have been working with states and territories on this matter and, following these discussions, I’m pleased to say the NDIA is starting to take steps to help speed up access and planning to support hospital discharge.

“What this operational plan will deliver is streamlined processes and faster decision-making from more NDIA staff, which will lead to better outcomes for participants and their families.”

The operational plan includes:

Increasing the number of dedicated Hospital Discharge staff supporting each state and territory, including additional Hospital Liaison Officers (HLOs) and NDIS hospital discharge planners.

Increasing the delegation of those staff and streamlining processes to facilitate quicker decision-making.

A commitment from the NDIA to contact every NDIS participant (or their authorised representative or nominee) within four days of being notified of their admission.

A commitment from the NDIA that an NDIS discharge plan will be approved within 30 days.

Enhanced data collection and reporting to measure progress against these commitments and identify reasons for any delay

DAACCS Midterm Audit

All NDIS registered providers undergo an audit against the [NDIS Practice Standards](#) as part of their ongoing NDIS registration requirements. An independent approved quality auditor assesses each organisation against the components of the NDIS Practice Standards that are relevant to the services and supports they deliver.

3-4 November 2022 DAACCS will be engaged with auditors to conduct our Midterm NDIS audit. An auditor may like to conduct interviews with our NDIS participants and staff during this time. If you have indicated “No” to participating in the audit process in your service agreement you will not be contacted.



● **New NDIS job website: The Field**

The Field is a new job website that the NDIS will be launching soon. It has been built by and for people with disability. It actively connects people with disability with jobs from inclusive employers.

The Field aims to revolutionise employment opportunities by creating an accessible and inclusive job site for people with disability who want to work and have skills, capability and experience in all industries, all roles, and levels. Launch date has not yet been released.

Manage your plan wherever you are with my NDIS app

NDIS has created the [my NDIS app \(opens in new window\)](#) to make managing your NDIS plan easier and more convenient.

Participants and their families said that the myplace participant portal is difficult to navigate and confusing. The my NDIS app:

- improves accessibility
- makes self-managing your NDIS plan easy
- allows you to claim on the go.

Since the release of the app, the NDIS has added lots of new features. You can now make claims even faster by saving claims you use a lot as a favourite. You can also view all your NDIS budgets in the app, not just your self-managed budget.

The NDIS will continue to improve the app and add new features. They want to make sure the app continues to be accessible and useful for all.

If you have any questions about the app, call NDIS on 1800 800 110. You can also talk to NDIS [using live webchat \(opens in new window\)](#) or **send an email to** enquiries@ndis.gov.au.

[Learn more and download \(opens in new window\).](#)



Floriade returns with the Sounds of Spring!
Saturday 17 September – Sunday 16 October
Commonwealth Park, Canberra

9am – 5.30pm every day. Last admissions 5.15pm

Floriade is Australia's Biggest Celebration of Spring and is committed to reducing barriers and delivering an event that is accessible and inclusive.

We would like your visit to Floriade to be an enjoyable experience. Floriade is accessible to wheelchairs, mobility scooters and strollers, and will offer the following services:

- Accessible parking
- Front gate drop off zone for mobility impaired or aged visitors
- Accessible toilets
- Mobility Marquee – hiring out walking frames, wheelchairs and mobility scooters for use on site
- Sensory Hour

Floriade is also accessible by public transport and by the Floriade shuttle bus. The buses are all wheelchair accessible. [Please see the Getting to Floriade page for more information](#) on the Shuttle Bus Services, public transport and parking.

What's On at Floriade this year?

[Floriade Program - Floriade \(floriadeaustralia.com\)](http://floriadeaustralia.com)

[Nightfest program - Floriade \(floriadeaustralia.com\)](http://floriadeaustralia.com)

Please feel free to contact Abhi on 0410 213 411 or Arjun on 0410 616 365 if you would like to book a support worker to attend Floriade



Meet our team

Andre

Support Worker



"Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day"

What is a fun or interesting fact about your hometown?

My town is Malabon City, it always floods after it rains but it's really normal and people are happy about it 😊



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

Gun or knife, lighter, food and water

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

A medium rare A5 Wagyu steak



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

Nothing

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

Cycling, eating and drinking, spending time with my family and friends



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

In the Club by 50 cent

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

Mushu from Mulan



What do you like best about working at DAACCS?

I'm really comfortable working with DAACCS because everyone is really caring and understanding