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## **Annual Report 2017-2018**

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# MISSION, VISION AND VALUES



## *Our Purpose*

To work directly with people with a disability providing a diverse range of individualised and person centred services.

To promote Currajong Disability Services as a regional provider of community services for people living in the Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shires.

To respond to existing and emerging needs of clients, carers and families through service delivery, asset building, consultation, research and professional partnerships with other providers and local communities.

To encourage diversity on the Board, sub-committees and within the organisation. To seek funding and raise money to achieve these purposes.

To undertake and/or do all things or activities which are necessary, incidental or conducive to the advancement of these purposes.

## *Our Vision*

Currajong Disability Services strives to provide a diverse range of individualised services to clients, families, carers and communities in a financially and sustainably secure way.

## *Our Mission*

Maximising abilities and independence through individualised and person-centred service provision.

## *Our Values*

**Having integrity** – Being committed to our vision and communicating with our stakeholders in an honest and open manner. Valuing dedication, loyalty and cooperation in achieving our vision.

**Dignity and Respect** – Treating everyone with dignity and respect.

**Inclusion** – Valuing and encouraging diversity and the rights of people with a disability to participate and be included in their community of choice in a meaningful and respectful way.

**Empowerment** – Endeavouring to provide a range of person-centred activities that empower our clients to achieve their full potential.

**Accountability** – Working with integrity by being honest and openly accountable for our decisions and actions.



# OUR HISTORY

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Currajong Disability Services has evolved from its roots of providing education prior to 1983 as Westview Special School, to an integral community partner providing specialised disability services across the Parkes, Forbes and Lachlan Shires.

In 1985, the first group home was built in Parkes from the proceeds of the Westview Special School land sale and NSW State Government funding was received to run the home for 4-6 residents. In 1993, Westview Group Homes incorporated with the objective of providing supported accommodation and at the same time, families formed Currajong Enterprises Inc. to create Post School Options for school leavers with disabilities. In 2001 and 2002, Day Program and Flexible Respite were added to the service options, along with an expanded service footprint through opening an Outreach Centre in Condobolin.

In 2003, Westview Group Homes and Currajong Enterprises amalgamated to form Currajong Disability Services Inc. Over the next 5 years, Currajong successfully tendered for Community Participation, Transition to Work, Learning & Life Skills, Life Choices and Active Ageing funding through ADHC (Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care). These increased funding allocations allowed Currajong to deliver a diverse range of disability and community care services such as Community Living, Respite, Post School Learning and Living Skills Day Programs to people with disabilities in centre-based, community and in-home locations. Currajong grew steadily over these years and embraced person centred practices ensuring that services delivered were designed to meet the individual needs of all clients, facilitate community involvement, promote friendship, increase skill development and build support networks. Over this time, Currajong developed a reputation as a respected and professional local provider of disability and community services in the Parkes, Forbes and Condobolin local government areas. 2011 & 2013 saw Currajong purchase two more Group Homes in Parkes and in 2015 was assigned the management of a purpose built three Villa complex constructed by the State Government in Parkes to accommodate people with disabilities.

2017 – 2018, brought transformative change to Currajong with the implementation of and transition to, the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). This required a quantum shift in our day-to-day operation and saw significant cultural and administrative change occur to work within the highly transactional environment of the NDIS. The NDIS created a new way of doing business for Currajong and saw the enactment of real 'choice and control' for people with disabilities, particularly in how they choose their services and who provides those services. Currajong rose to the challenges of the NDIS and continues to innovate and improve, delivering upon the reputation it has built over its lifetime. In 2017, Currajong Disability Services also changed its legal status from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee, ensuring best practice and compliance frameworks that increased the level of professional not for profit governance. Currajong is proud of its journey and achievements in remaining flexible and adaptable, while continuing to provide high quality individualised programs and support services designed to sustain and enhance the independence and quality of life for people with disabilities.



# DAY ON THE GREEN A SUCCESS

CURRAJONG Disability Services successfully raised enough funds for not one but two Care Chairs from the proceeds of the Railway Bowling Club's Day On The Green from early February. The day was driven by former CDS employee, favourite and friend Lillian Thomson.

In a real boost for CDS, the two chairs will benefit all clients in need meaning none of the wheelchair based clients will go without a turn. That brings the total number of Care Chairs now at Currajong to three.

Contributors included Cunningham's IGA who donated from their Community Chest Program towards the cause while Companions Thru Cancer also stepped up with a substantial gift. There was also a significant personal contribution made directly to CDS for the new Care Chair from a generous local community member.

"It's fantastic for Currajong," said Jeff Evans, CEO of Currajong Disability Services.

"There has been a tremendous collective effort and fundraising drive and we are ecstatic.

"It has exceeded our expectations and we can't thank everyone enough - especially Lillian, the Railway Bowling Club and IGA!"



**A total of \$8,228.66 was raised from the inaugural Day On The Green and community donations allowing for Currajong to purchase not one but two Care Chairs for our clients. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!**

# CEO'S REPORT

What a year!

The 2017 - 2018 financial year has certainly been monumental in the life of Currajong Disability Services with the implementation of the bilateral agreement to transition the ADHC cohort of individuals receiving support (both Block & Individual) into the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and the Department of Health Continuity of Support Program (CoS) for those over 65.

It is pleasing to be able to report after my first 12 months with Currajong, that the primary goal of transitioning to these new frameworks has on whole been successful, as the Financial Reports will evidence. Approximately 95% of the individuals and families we support chose to continue their NDIS journey with Currajong. This strongly reflects the robust partnerships our Service Delivery Team (from frontline staff through to management) have developed with our families. It can also be attributed to the collaboration that was undertaken in the pre planning and NDIS planning conversations to ensure that the appropriate services could be funded by the NDIS for each participants 'reasonable and necessary' need.

The rollout of the NDIS has not been without complication, it has been rushed and seen significant inconsistency in plan development and implementation from a participant perspective. It has also caused an enormous increase in administrative workload from Currajong's standpoint. The NDIS Portal has been clunky and the NDIS processes complex and time consuming. Nevertheless, the NDIS core principles of 'Choice and Control' are making a considerable difference in participant's lives and well worth supporting despite the systemic shortfalls. Thankfully, the NDIA is continuing to make incremental change as the Scheme matures, resulting in families receiving the appropriate supports and increasing efficiency for service providers.

I would like to acknowledge the work of Currajong's Board of Management whose diligence in ensuring that the organisation was prepared for the myriad of changes catalysed by the NDIS, has been integral to the success of 2017 - 2018. This year saw CDS -



- Successfully change its legal structure from an Incorporated Association to a Company Limited by Guarantee. Ensuring a higher level of governance accountability and procedural compliance.
- Continue to explore alternative revenue streams through the Jujube Farm and Carob tree businesses. The third year of planting jujubes has seen 1500 trees planted in total.
- Achieve Accreditation through the Third Party Verification (TPV) process. This was conducted by HDAA and certifies Currajong until March 2020 when we will have to undertake accreditation again under the new NDIA Quality and Safeguard Commission framework.
- Implement a new financial accounting system, creating greater flexibility and increased transparency of the organisations financial status at a glance. Along with this, we converted to electronic banking using a secure Netlock and Token system that was necessary for the transaction heavy environment of the NDIS. (Instead of a dozen revenue transactions a year under the 'old funding framework', we are now doing between 350 and 400 transactions a week). These changes also prompted a review of our 'Delegation and Procurement Policy' to mitigate risk and safeguard the financial integrity of the organisation.

# CEO'S REPORT



- Undertake a staged rollout of an electronic rostering and payroll system. This has generated increased administrative efficiency and at full implementation will allow Currajong improved visibility to rostering/payroll costs. One of the significant benefits of this system is the ability to cost the payroll prior to service delivery. This will ensure we can track the largest expense of the organisation in real time.
- Invest in an electronic Case Management System (CMS). This has been a massive undertaking but the benefits to the organisation and the families we support are countless and definitely outweigh the significant cost/time resource allocation required to see this executed. Participant data, person centred support plans, individual management plans and the ability to access shift notes and changes to support are now accessible to all staff in real time. The CMS also has the capacity to track participant service costs, and use the Bulk Upload Billing feature of the NDIS Portal to draw down payments from the Agency.
- Build an employee Intranet (Currajong Central), giving all staff immediate access to policies, standard operating procedures, meeting minutes, MSDS, training videos, resources and electronic forms for simplified submission of priority documentation.
- Underpinning all of the above systems, we rolled out 50 Chromebook devices and Gsuite email access so all employees can utilise and access the new ICT ecosystem. Along with this, we upgraded our office Internet access with BitWave Networks - fixed wireless service and our group homes and satellite locations with NBN.

Currajong currently employs 54 staff in a mix of fulltime, permanent part time and casual positions, with 87% of staff working directly with participants. Currajong Employees make the organisation what it is and I personally would like to recognise the dedication and diligence of the Currajong team and thank them for the conscientious commitment to their roles and the professionalism with which they conduct themselves. The staff truly are the heart of this grass roots community organisation. Without their passion and connection to the individuals they serve it would be easy to lose focus in our disrupted sector, on why we do what we do.

We operate in a complex environment, the work is not without its challenges, and this year has been one of consolidation. Managing our resources, ensuring ongoing high quality service provision and improving frontline services options have been at the forefront of our strategy, along with the goal of increasing employee engagement, aiding communication and encouraging collaborative feedback loops for staff. To do this the team has held regular monthly staff meetings, implemented staff supervision and annual performance review pathways. The increased demand for tailored individual service means an increasing component of our workforce is working independently and we are constantly refining our processes and procedures to ensure continuity of service to all stakeholder participants.

# CEO'S REPORT

Over the next twelve months, we will strategically and progressively evolve our business. Initially:

- We will focus on strengthening our training and implementing professional development programs.
- Embedding robust systems in daily practice – closing the gap between what we say we do and what we actually do.
- Develop measurable and assessable frameworks to measure our outcomes, providing a pathway to enhance our capacity and capability to deliver quality supports and exceptional standards of service.
- Explore Supported Employment prospects – through seeking opportunities to conceive and cultivate Australian Disability Enterprise (ADE) opportunities.
- Determine feasibility on expanding our Supported Accommodation presence and housing options.
- Increase relationship and collaboration with the NDIA, NDS, Local Area Coordinators, NDIS Implementation Network and other strategic community based organisations.
- Ascertain and respond to key market opportunities
- Identify and implement operational efficiencies to ensure increased capacity and long lasting business sustainability.

Thanks must also be conveyed to the Parkes, Forbes & Lachlan Shire communities, their individual members and the community organisations (too many to list individually in this short report) that continue to support Currajong and in turn those whose lives we intersect with daily.

Finally, let me express my heartfelt thanks to our Currajong community; those we serve and their families/carers. Every day we are moved by your resilience, inspired by your courage, challenged by your determination and motivated by your positive attitude. Thank you for allowing us the privilege of partnering with you in the journey of your life. I am convinced that there is organisational strength in applying small improvements every day. Our commitment to you is that we will continue to make the changes necessary to ensure that you can live your life with opportunities.



# Financial Highlights 2017-2018

## Profit and Loss

The Financial Report outlines Currajong's on-going focus on developing programs and delivering services to remain viable in the NDIS environment. As an Organisation, Currajong aims to continually work towards improving our effectiveness and creating cost efficiencies across the organisation. Currajong will endeavor to maximize Organisation capacity and utilisation of resources, in an ethical and sustainable manner, whilst ensuring that services delivered are of the highest standard.

Statement of Surplus or Deficit for the year ended 30th June 2018

\$

### Income

Provision of Services	\$1,300,000.00
Government Funding	\$2,557,000.00
Interest	\$29,000.00
Sales Revenue	\$36,000.00
Customers Contributions	\$267,000.00
Fundraising & Donations	\$15,000.00
Other Income	\$1,000.00
Disposal of Assets	\$1,000.00

**Total Income** **\$4,206,000.00**

### Expenses

Staff and Related Expenses	\$2,905,000.00
Depreciation of Property, Plant & Equipment	\$120,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$535,000.00

**Total Expenses** **\$3,560,000.00**

**Surplus for the year** **\$646,000.00**

## Balance Sheet

Statement of Financial Positions at 30th June 2018

\$

Cash and Deposits	\$1,194,000.00
Investments ( <i>Capital Growth Account</i> )	\$1,486,000.00
Receivables and Other Debtors	\$24,000.00
Inventories	\$52,000.00
Other Debtors	\$73,000.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$2,829,000.00</b>

### Non Current Assets

Property, Plant and Equipment	\$792,000.00
<b>Total Non Current Assets</b>	<b>\$792,000.00</b>

**Total Assets** **\$3,621,000.00**

### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable and other payables	\$226,000.00
Borrowings	\$3,500.00
Employee Provisions	\$550,500.00

### Non Current Liabilities

Employee Provisions	\$12,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$792,000.00</b>

**Net Assets** **\$2,829,000.00**

**Equity**

Retained Surplus at beginning of Financial Year	\$2,182,000.00
Reserves	\$646,000.00
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$2,828,000.00</b>



# Financial Highlights 2017-2018

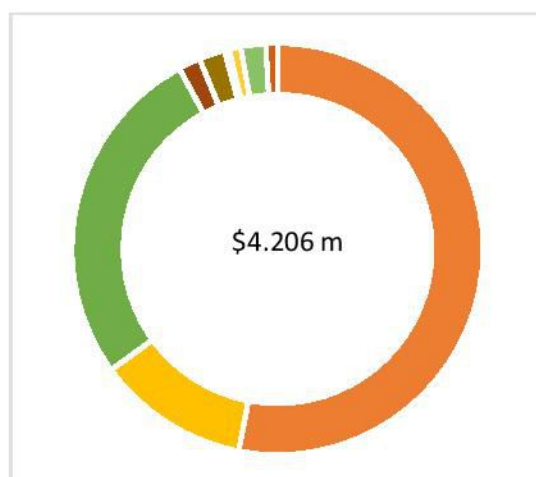
## 2017 -2018 Revenue by Source

Ageing Disability & Home Care	30%
National Disability Insurance Agency	60%
Department of Health	2%
Donations	0%
Customer Contributions	8%
Other	0%



## 2017 -2018 Revenue by Category

Accommodation Services	53%
Short Term Accommodation	12%
Community Engagement	27%
Plan Managed Service Delivery	2%
Support Coordination	2%
Financial Management	
Transport	
Transition to Work	2%
Sales	1%
Other Projects	1%



## 2017 -2018 Expenditure by Type

Employee Expenses	82%
Vehicles & Vehicle Maintenance	1.5%
Client Costs	4%
Consultancy & Professional Fees	0.5%
Depreciation	3%
Operational Expenses	9%



# CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



## 2017 - 2018

The transition to the new funding model under the NDIS is now operational for CDS and our clients. The tremendous amount of extra work that was instigated by the Board last year to prepare CDS for the "unknown", and taken on board by our loyal staff has seen a relatively seamless adaptation into the "new World" of service provision for disabilities. I must commend our staff who had to contend with all the adaptations from computer systems to accounting management, to mention just two, while still having to keep up with the normal everyday pressures to service our increasing client base. This was no small ask and I thank and commend our dedicated staff who worked untold hours to get us through all the turmoil involved.

As always, no one person can claim individual credit for the performance of CDS in the last year of basic restructure. I must acknowledge the faithful support of all the Board members who are voluntary and willingly give up their own time for the benefit of the disability sector in Parkes. The Board can only set the direction and it then passes to our CEO, Mr. Jeff Evans and the staff to ensure that CDS performs to the benefit of the Parkes community as we support all those who seek support with whatever disability it is that makes life difficult for themselves. Without our loyal and dedicated staff who always give more than 100%, CDS would not be what it is. My thanks to you all.

The CDS business ventures continue and take unexpected turns. The final planting of another 500 Jujube trees has happened, and now just shooting after a very dry and cold winter. Fruit fly and fruit bats will be a challenge, but nothing in this world is free, it all takes work.

The paper shredding does not generate enough paper to attract resale, so CDS is now experimenting with composting the paper with manure etc. for resale back into the keen Parkes gardeners. If successful, this will generate another income stream that was unexpected.

The Carob project is well on the way with district farmer support to the extent that CDS is struggling to propagate enough seedlings to supply demand. While a long-term enterprise, it has a very bright future for Parkes farmers and CDS once they begin to bear. Any other possible business ventures are studied on their merit and if they are viable to provide income and support for our clients, we will pursue them to support our clients into the grey areas that are unique to rural NSW and not covered by the NDIS.

In conclusion, I must acknowledge all the generous support given to CDS by everyday people in Parkes. Parkes shire continues to support us for which support we are indeed grateful. MSM milling is also a very generous corporate sponsor from outside the Shire, for as they state, "We cannot survive without the support of the Parkes area". All I can say is that Parkes is a very generous town when it comes to those in need. My thanks to all our supporters who help us to help those with a disability, as we strive to provide them with a "life with opportunities".

# CDS STATS

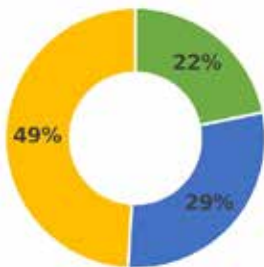


## Our Workplace

**28%      72%**



### EMPLOYMENT TYPE

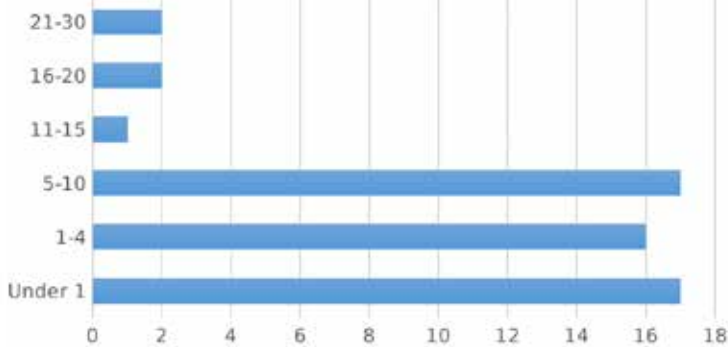


Permanent Full-Time	12
Permanent Part-Time	16
Casual	27



Did you know ... that CDS covers Parkes, Forbes, Trundle, Peak Hill Lake Cargelligo and Condobolin

### YEARS OF SERVICE



CDS has a strong workforce of 54 staff with about 87% of those working directly with our participants.

### Positions



Currajong also spends around \$80,000 on groceries each year and we inject approx. \$3.6 million into the regional economy per year as a result!

**DEDICATED SERVICE**

THANK YOU

**5+ YEARS**

- \* ***Sue Balemans***
- \* ***Miriam Barber***
- \* ***Melanie Dietrich***
- \* ***Michelle Fisiilose***
- \* ***Tina Hawken***
- \* ***Paul Hocking***
- \* ***Beverley Gabriel-White***
- \* ***Dietre Jackson***
- \* ***Kylee Martin***
- \* ***Sue McGrath***
- \* ***Tanya Orr***
- \* ***Brad Parker***
- \* ***Scott Salter***
- \* ***Sarah-Jane Shambrook***
- \* ***Jodie Turner***
- \* ***Julie Ward***
- \* ***Sharnie Morris***
- \* ***Roslyn Tucker***
- \* ***David Parker***



# OUR KIND SUPPORTERS

## SERVIES DONATES TO CDS

IF ever there was an example of the generosity of the Parkes business community it was on full display when the Parkes Services Club donated \$5000 to Currajong Disability Services to assist with transport needs. The cheque was donated by General Manager Denis Lane and Parkes Services Club President Terry Knowles. The donation, which is part of Parkes Services Club's commitment to contributing to the community and community organisations, will aid clients of Currajong who rely heavily on timely and adequate transport. Transport has become a big issue since the implementation of the NDIS in the Central West since July 1 last year.

"It is a tremendous gesture by the Parkes Services Club and we are humbled by the kind donation," said CDS CEO Jeff Evans.

"Parkes Services Club, like Currajong, fulfils an important role in the regional community on a number of levels and this assistance allows our clients to navigate day-to-day life with more ease.

"We are extremely thankful to them and all our supporters who have really stepped up over the past few months," said Jeff.

The donation will also allow clients to attend specialist appointments, workshops and other activities factored into their NDIS plans that previously they may not have been able to attend without huge costs and significant planning.

"This donation will directly help our clients who need to seek out individual or group consultations, meetings or care," said Jeff Evans.

"Prior to this it was challenging to maintain certain services but this alleviates some of the pressure on all concerned.

"It is just another example of the magnificent spirit of the Parkes and Central West business community helping out," he said.



## PPG's kind gesture



THE Parkes Painting Group have kindly donated \$1000 to Currajong Disability Services from their exhibition in late April 2018. Kim Chambers and Helen Huntly, who has grandson Blake at Currajong, were on hand to present the cheque to Currajong Chairman, Neil Unger.

"We continue to be overwhelmed and appreciative of the kindness of the Parkes business community," said Neil.

"From the Railway Bowling Club, Parkes Services Club and many more including the Parkes Painting Group.

"It is quite unbelievable the amount of donations and generosity we have received," he said.

"Parkes really is a special community."

With demand on disability services rising 7 to 8% per annum in real terms for the past 20 years and continuing to rise, not to mention a swell of up to an extra 100,000 in the industry (to go with the 50,000 added since the NDIS roll out in NSW over the past year) means every little dollar counts.

"Services will be at a premium as demand grows and we, like other organisations, need to purchase new equipment, maintain current resources and infrastructure as well as add to our existing services," said Neil.

"So this kind donation can't be overstated enough.

"Thanks again to everyone at the Parkes Painting Group for their support and we look forward to working with them in the future."

## PARKES CHRISTIAN SCHOOL FUNDRAISING BOOST FOR CURRAJONG



PARKES Christian School recently took time out of their busy schedule to pose for a photo and discuss their recent effort at the Moomba Birdman Rally.

"We have raised \$1400 for Currajong Disability Services (CDS)," said Design and Technology teacher Jason Wynstra, one of the driving forces behind the PCS effort.

"While we didn't defend our title this time it was an incredible performance.

"The distance was short of what the students were hoping for, but it is the experience that really mattered," he said.

"Along the way we raised funds to support a charity of our choice and this year we raised over \$1400 for Currajong Disability Services with the support of our school and the Birdman community," he said.

"It is really important for our students to have a range of experiences and to understand that there is more to life than the little bubble that can be created at school," Mr Wynstra said.

"Students working on the project have already evaluated our flight and are developing concepts for the Parkes Flyer 3."

## TARGET PARKES AGAIN HELPS OUT CDS



TARGET Parkes have given a generous donation to CDS. Kristy Harvey – Parkes Manager of Target was on hand to present the pillows and bedding to Currajong Direct Care Team Leader Indigo Kriedemann.

"The pillows are essential for us as we attract more clients and update our resources at our many residences," said Indigo.

"Target have long been supporters of CDS and we are very pleased with the donation and look forward to working with them in the future."

# SUCCESS STORIES



# PAINTING UP A STORM

## **Sarah Bowkett launches maiden art exhibition in Parkes attracting huge numbers**

FROM fledgling painter to in-demand exhibitor, Sarah Bowkett's journey from canvas to display has been nothing short of incredible – culminating in her maiden exhibition on Friday September 14 through to Friday September 21 at the Parkes Shire Library foyer.

Guided by renowned art therapist Maralyn Nash, Sarah has gone from strength to strength not only as an artist but also with her confidence and self-belief.

"She has come along in leaps and bounds," said Service Delivery Manager Jodie Turner.

"From being apprehensive about pursuing her painting to producing some memorable creations Sarah has really thrived under Maralyn's mentoring.

"It is testament to not only Maralyn's amazing rapport and skills but Sarah's willingness and dedication," said Jodie.

Speaking in her art room sanctuary at Currajong before her first to-camera interview with Prime7 Central West, Sarah was jovial and relaxed about the exhibition.

"When I draw I feel free to express myself without anyone telling me what to do," said Sarah.

"I really enjoy time with Maralyn.

"Being around Maralyn is as good as painting," she said.

The results speak for themselves.

Sarah is currently working on a painting of Dolphins inspired by the famous Dolphin fresco from the ancient Palace of King Minos, Knossos, Crete.

"As background, all of Sarah's paintings have been inspired by different periods in Art History," said Maralyn.

"From Expressionism – Vincent Van Gogh, French Impressionism – Monet, Byzantine – Religious icons and Italian Renaissance – the Mona Lisa painting – Sarah has been trying it all.

"It is a very exciting time in her development and journey!"

# FORBES GOLF DAY





# VITAL FUNDS FOR CDS

THE Forbes Currajong Disability Services Charity Golf Day held in November has raised a total of \$1338.50 for Currajong Disability Services.

Green fees, an auction and barbecue on the day all combined for the total.

Currajong Disability Services' Dane Millerd said the funds helped CDS deliver its services, helping provide respite or transport for clients from Forbes or Peak Hill to the service based in Parkes.

It can also help provide respite, for example clients enjoyed a trip to Bateman's Bay last week.

Mr Millerd said disability services were growing, and with more clients from Forbes CDS was looking to expand its involvement in the community.

He thanked Forbes businesses for their generous support of the charity golf day.

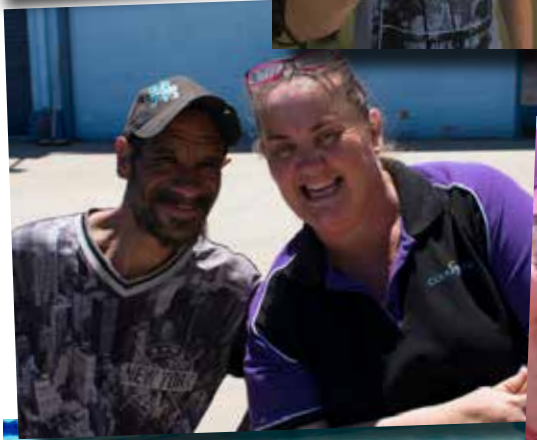
"The support of the town was amazing," he said.

The feedback from the day, which attracted golfers and non-golfers, has also been very positive.

**The Forbes Golf Day had 56 players and raised \$1338.50 for Currajong Disability Services.**

# 2018 CDS SNAPSHOTS





## Highlights

### Parkes Antique Motor Club raises \$675 for CDS



Tony Horsington of the Parkes Antique Motor Club presenting a cheque for \$675 to Currajong CEO Jeff Evans. The funds were raised from a raffle at the Autumn Tour Rally in May.

### Didgeridoo workshop a hit with CDS clients



Jarrad Simpson, Shannon Miller, Martin Bates, Dan Trout, Ian Kaupke, John Carey and Alan McKenzie - program organiser.

# CDS SEWING GROUP LEAVES MARK



Currajong Sewing Group's Karen Willis, Cherie Lovett and Deanne Callaghan most recently created some unique one-of-a-kind Elvis quilts to be raffled off at the Parkes Services Club to raise money for their group and Currajong. Great job girls - well done!

## ROK FM "does something" nice for Currajong



On July 25 ROKFM dropped in for Do Something Day (**#dosomethingday**) which is an initiative that is Australia's biggest celebration of giving back. Above are representatives of ROKFM with staff and clients from Currajong receiving scones.

# MSM MILLING TEAMS UP WITH CURRAJONG



IN November 2016 farmers from across the Parkes and Condobolin shires grew more than 1300 hectares of the specialty high-oleic canola crop, Monola, to raise vital funds for Currajong Disability Services.

Backed by Manildra-based canola processing company MSM Milling, not only did the exercise enable Currajong to survive in both towns and continue operation but also allowed the NDIS service provider to tackle a specialty project to ensure its own long term viability – a jujube orchard at Akuna Road just outside of Parkes.

"So far around 1500 jujube trees have been planted," said Currajong Disability Services Chairman Neil Unger.

"We could not have done this without the charity of MSM Milling which donated almost \$22,000 in total to Currajong. The Charity Partnership was paid \$10/hectare of Monola planted by the farmers who attended the grower meetings in the two towns followed by the bonus \$5/tonne payment for each tonne of Monola delivered to MSM.

"We can't thank Bob and Pete Mac Smith and the MSM team enough – this donation has ensured we can continue to service people with disability," said Neil.

With demand for disability services rising by 8 per cent per annum in real terms for the last 20 years and showing no signs of slowing, Mr. Unger is adamant that without the help of MSM Milling and others of their ilk that there would be a huge hole in the disability service industry.

"In dollar terms the NDIS is nearly as big as Medicare coming in around \$22 billion a year," said Neil.

"All these acts of extreme generosity such as that from the MSM Milling Charity Partnership not only ensure our survival but also will benefit those yet to be touched by disability.

"While only a quarter of the population is impacted by disability, it won't be long before we all get our turn," said Neil.

"That's why these acts of kindness can't be overstated enough."



# CURRAIONG

DISABILITY SERVICES



**Progress**Printing

**Our print range is extensive:**

- docket books
- business cards
- letterheads
- envelopes
- job cards
- note pads
- folders
- brochures
- catalogues
- stickers
- **flyers**
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- banners
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- pens & key rings
- stubby holders
- fridge magnets
- +1000s of other products*



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