

From the CEO's Desk "ALL ABOARD FOR TRAVEL"

As was mentioned by our Chairperson, Judy Andrews CCLO held a Strategic Planning Day on 24th February, to plan our expansion initiatives for the next 2 – 3 years.

One of these initiatives was to further develop our Community Access activities including day programs and assisted holiday packages. The provision of this type of service we believe is pivotal in the development and sustenance of human needs and relationship and is perhaps an area of service provision that has not been adequately addressed.

We have therefore embarked on an expanded Community Access Day Program with clients from Casuarina and other areas, undertaking day programs such as shopping, movies, nature walks, luncheons and city day trips to name a few..

Additionally we are designing and booking assisted holiday packages. Over the last short period we have successfully booked and accompanied clients on Cruises to Morton Island on board the "Pacific Jewel", weekend stay over trips to "The Blue Mountains", short holidays to the Gold Coast, Melbourne, Bega and Crescent Head. Others are in the pipeline .Our Staff are fully trained and experienced in the provision of care and understand the requirement of assisted travel.

If you wish to expand your local or overseas travel or Community Access horizons, please contact us, the holiday you have dreamed can become a reality!

Kevin Johnston
Chief Executive Officer

Did You Know?

According to a report issued by the NDS (National Disability Services) Australia has an accessible housing crisis. By 2020, if nothing changes, more than 100,000 people participating in the NDIS could be without access to adequate, accessible, affordable housing.

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A Message from the Board of Management

A very successful Strategic Planning Day was held at Kooindah Waters in February. The meeting was attended by all Directors, key CCLO Staff and our Patron Dorothy Rosewell. We had a number of interesting speakers, all of whom provided information to help us in planning for the next 2-3 years. From this meeting comes a firm direction for the future of CCLO. New initiatives will be announced as they occur and I can assure you there are some exciting possibilities ahead.

With the purchase in Canton Beach Road Toukley, of four 2 bedroom apartments, we will be able to offer a number of our community clients a comfortable and secure living environment. Renovations are being completed on the first of the apartments to become vacant and by the time this newsletter goes to print, we will hopefully have the first CCLO community client in residence. Special thanks goes to the Building Development Committee and our CEO for their outstanding efforts with these renovations.

It is with great disappointment that I advise Deputy Chair Lance Stephenson has relocated to Melbourne and will no longer be a Director on the Board of CCLO. Lance will be missed very much for his financial expertise and general knowledge of the disability industry. He has been associated with CCLO right back to the days when the first CCLO residential home existed in Dunban Road at Woy Woy. It is very hard to replace his knowledge and expertise.

On behalf of the Board of Management may I wish our staff, clients, carers and families a very Happy Easter.

Judy Andrews
Chairperson



Canton Beach Rd Toukley

Happy 60th Birthday Lee Duggan!

CCLO Staff, Clients and Lee's Mum, Barbara had the pleasure of celebrating Lee's 60th Birthday at a luncheon party at the Dam Hotel on the 26th February.

Lee had a wonderful time and his favorite part was eating the chocolate from the top of the cake.

Happy Birthday Lee from everyone at CCLO!!!



Poem - Some of Us

We may not look or act like you,
We may do things that you don't do,
Some find it hard to get around,
The world some live in has no sound.

Some bodies are deformed or weak,
Sometimes we find it hard to speak,
Some of us don't speak at all,
Some are short and some are tall,

Some are fathers and some are wives,
Some can't live a normal life,
Things seem mixed up in our head,
But we have a common thread.

A disability's what we've got,
There was no choice it is our lot,
But with support, respect and care,
Together we will get there.

By our Support Worker – Gale Cockburn

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Boys Cruise

On November 20th 2014 Lance, David, David and CCLO staff Julieanne and Gary sailed out of Sydney Harbour on a cruise to Morton Island on the "Pacific Jewel".

They had a fantastic time listening to the music, watching people dance and sing on the main deck while relaxing near the pool enjoying cuppas and delicious food.

The days were nice and warm and they watched a movie on the big screen. Everyone had so much fun that they can't wait until they go again next year!

Birthday Celebrations!

March

David Palmer 14th, David McArthur 22nd, Cheryl Cantwell 24th, Ian Armfield 29th.

April

Alistair Wells 18th, Narrelle McKeown 20th, Gale Cockburn 23rd.

May

Tracey Douglass 5th, Peter Edwards 11th, Hayley Kingi 17th.

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