

From the CEO's Desk

Welcome to our Winter Edition of "The CCLO Catch Up". A lot has happened over the last 3 months since our Autumn Edition, ranging from natural weather disruptions to us being approved by the NDIS to take over the care of a client who was previously in the Hunter NDIS trial site. This gives us the distinct advantage of dealing with NDIS at a practical and systems level before it is rolled out on the Central Coast or fully nationally instigated.

We have had a vacancy in our Lily Lane Supported Accommodation Home for over 12 months and happily this has now been filled with the arrival of Janelle in mid-May. She was previously in an Aged Care Facility and is now in a more client centred environment enjoying the care and attention that we at CCLO pride ourselves in providing.

Also over the last months we have had our NDIS supported client James and another of our Community clients, Chris moved into our recently acquired Canton Beach property.

We believe that Janelle, Chris and James will be happy in their new surroundings.

Our Canton Beach property will have a further vacancy, a small 2 bedroom unit available for occupation Mid July, following a few minor upgrades such as painting and blinds replaced. If there is anyone you know who would be suitable for this accommodation, we would appreciate you contacting us. The unit is centrally located close to shops and amenities and newly upgraded Canton Beach.

With winter upon us we will all notice an increase in our electricity consumption so consequently our Electricity supply bills. I am sure many of you have "shopped around" for the best supplier but for those who haven't perhaps now is the time.

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A Message from the Board of Management

It is now 12 months since your new Board of Management took control of CCLO and it has been an eventful year. We were sorry to lose Lance Stephenson, Deputy Chair. Lance relocated to Melbourne and had no option but to resign from the Board. We miss his expertise and valuable contribution to the running of CCLO. We were fortunate to recruit a new Director, Ron Thomsen, who has considerable experience in not-for-profit Boards specializing in finance and governance matters. After a minor reshuffle on the Board, we now have Cathie La Delle as Deputy Chair and Ron Thomsen as Secretary. We were also happy to see Malcolm Clifflands take over as contract bookkeeper following the resignation of our former bookkeeper. So even with the changes that have taken place, CCLO continues to be well managed due to the efforts of the Board, CEO and senior staff.

The purchase of a property comprising four two-bedroom units at Canton Beach Rd Toukley recently has resulted in CCLO being able to offer accommodation at competitive rentals to two of our community clients. Before these two clients moved in however there was a frantic working bee to get the property up to a standard acceptable to CCLO and my thanks go to the Staff and Directors involved in this work, together with our Patron Dorothy Rosewell. It was a mighty job by all concerned.

The storms last month wreaked havoc on our properties and in this we were no different to many people on the Central Coast. Fortunately for CCLO, our staff were diligent in their care of our clients and no major incidents occurred. So once again, I must thank all staff for their efforts during this difficult time. It was a timely reminder that our disaster management plan needs to be reviewed to ensure we have procedures in place for all contingencies.

CCLO continues to be in a comfortable position financially, but our dependence upon government funding is still paramount. The Board and Management are constantly looking at ways to diversify and provide other funding streams. We now have a very active Fundraising and Public Relations Sub Committee who are looking at opportunities for grants and corporate funding. **Donations to CCLO are always welcome and are tax deductible.**

Membership renewal notices have now been sent out and it is hoped that all current members will renew and perhaps introduce others as members for the coming year.

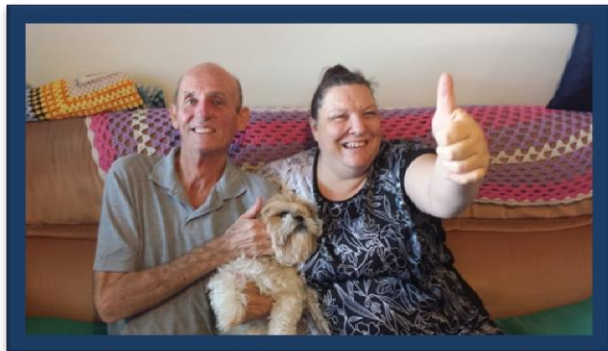
Judy Andrews
Chairperson

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Jeannee's "Bouncey" is 10



Jeannee is celebrating with her partner Chris on Bouncey's Birthday. Bouncey is Jeannee's dog and has been a constant companion to her over the years. He is now 10 years old!

Jeannee has been a long lasting client of CCLO since 2001 and we look forward to spending many more years together with her, Chris and of course Bouncey!

Happy 30th Birthday Peter!

Peter celebrated his 30th Birthday with a luncheon at the Dam Hotel with CCLO Staff, Clients and Family on the 15th May.

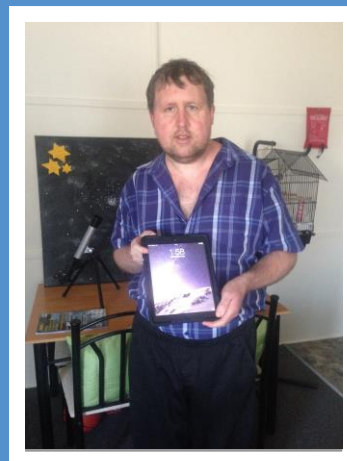
Peter enjoyed his party with a special 30th Birthday cake and presents. As you can see large presents were the order of the day!



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOW DUE!

CCLO Membership is due and still only \$5.

Show your support and renew now!
If you haven't received renewal details
Please contact the Office
4353 2411.



Chris's Achievement

Congratulations to Chris for saving very hard to buy his Ipad! Chris has been saving for a considerable amount of time and can now look up information on the stars, galaxies and his other love UFOs!

DID YOU KNOW?

According to the 2011 Census "A higher than average number of people with a Disability reside on the Central Coast compared to the state average"

Central Coast 22.6%
New South Wales 18.6%

Birthday Celebrations!

June

David Meehan 26/6

July

Marika Williams 22/7, Debbie-Lee Sorenson 30/7

NEWS FLASH!!!!

CCLO recently underwent an assessment as part of the Third Party Verification process and was confirmed as having met all of the requirements and standards of NSW-DSS. In recognition of having demonstrated our commitment to and certification for, maintaining quality management systems, we have been given approval to use the Health & Disability Accreditation Assessment (HDAA) Mark. CCLO is only one of 3 providers on the Central Coast to be accredited!

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