

A Message from the Board of Management

The coming year looks to be a very busy and productive one, although not without its challenges. The Board, after much careful consideration, has taken the decision to proceed with construction of one supported accommodation home on CCLO land in Gorokan. This would be funded with a mortgage through our bankers Bendigo Bank. Just days after arriving at that decision, we have been told that the plans we have had approved by Wyong Council will not now meet the very stringent construction standards set by the NDIA which now apply to all new supported accommodation. This is extremely frustrating and the "moving of the goal-posts" by Government is just one of the challenges we face in preparing for the NDIS roll-out. So it looks as though it is back to the drawing board on this project, with a cost benefit analysis to be done to ensure that paying for the changes to the plan and other associated costs will be the best way forward for CCLO.

The Board and senior management staff met in February to consider the Strategic Plan set last year for 2015/2018 and considered any strategic changes that needed to be made to that plan. Housing was a major focus of the planning session.

The management team recently submitted two tenders on behalf of CCLO, one with ADHC and one with DSS. Unfortunately we were not successful with the ADHC tender, but we remain hopeful about the DSS tender. More about this once we know the outcome of the tenders, but needless to say, all fingers are crossed. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the Management team who do a wonderful job in seeking out opportunities such as these, and for the enormous amount of work that goes into preparing these tenders.

Congratulations to Karen, who has been elevated to a more senior management position, in recognition of the great work she has done for CCLO over a number of years. Also good news for Robynne who has now moved from Team Leader at Lily Lane into an administrative role within the office. Early reports are that she has become indispensable. Marika has very capably taken on the role of Lily Lane Team Leader. Kevin now has the backing of three very competent staff members and this provides us with a great management team.

Judy Andrews
Chairperson

From the CEO's Desk

As with many other NFP Community based organisations, CCLO recognises the need to find a contemporary and sustainable place in today's social economy without compromising its long held values, legacy and purpose. The advent of the NDIS has already and will continue into the future, change the way that traditional disability services will need to operate in terms of service offerings and self-generated funding in order to not be as reliant on Government funding as previously. In truth direct Government funding will all but cease, as clients will become our paying customers.

We need to shift away from the more traditional operational approaches that we have been successfully using as the NFP environment is rapidly changing. Many 'For Profit' companies are moving into the traditional NFP space, necessitating a commercial approach by us, but retaining our philosophical and charitable approach.

Going forward in this "brave new world of NDIS", our practices and thinking will need to be complemented by those more closely associated with the corporate environment and these changes will challenge many NFP organisations, some fatally. There have already been mergers take place in the NDIS trial sites, possibly due to a number of factors ranging from financial to operational imperatives. We are though in a very strong financial and operational position.

As a consequence of our forward thinking approach, we need to develop and implement a strategy or strategies that will enable us to manage, navigate and expand through the future uncertainties with purpose and focus. New ideas and changes to existing ways of doing things are welcome and old thinking should be challenged if necessary. It is essential that we are ready for any change and be well positioned to seize opportunities as they are recognised and presented to us.

"All Aboard for Travel"

A wholly CCLO owned supported travel company "Care Travel Options Pty Ltd" is now offering fully supported holidays & event participation to local, Australia wide and the more exotic overseas destinations, not forgetting those great cruise ship adventures! In conjunction with our fully accredited Travel Agent we can design a group or individual holiday to wherever you choose and you know that the quality CCLO Support Staff are with you every step of the way!

For further details and to explore the travel options available contact Care Travel Options Pty Ltd on

(02)4353 2411.

Kevin Johnston
CEO



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David Loves His Fishing!

The clients from Wakool are showing everyone how it is done with David catching a fish fit for any plate! They go fishing on a regular basis and enjoy the time spent outside in the sunshine with the CCLO staff.

By the look of it they are pretty good at it too!



Successful Grant!

CCLO are happy to announce receiving a \$15,000 grant towards a covered awning at Lily Lane. This will be of great value to the clients in providing a nice sheltered area to the house.

Below CCLO Chairperson Judy Andrews attended a morning tea presentation with David Harris MP that he hosted for all successful recipients.

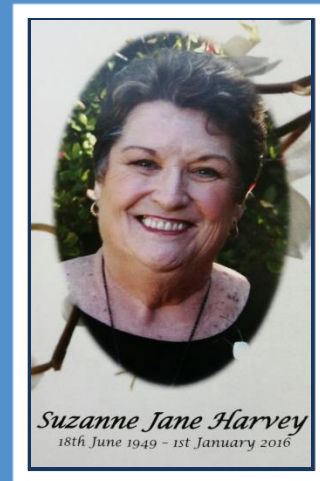


Client Advocacy /NDIS Committee

CCLO have their own Client Advocacy/NDIS Committee that meet and discuss Client issues and information on the NDIS. If you feel that you would like input or query into the meeting please email info@ccllo.com.au for your inquiry to be passed onto the committee.

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Vale Suzanne Harvey

It is with great sadness we advise that Suzanne Harvey, CCLO past Executive Officer has passed away after a courageous battle with illness at home on 1st January 2016.

She was a pivotal cornerstone to CCLO and dedicated her life to the welfare of the clients and the organisation. Our sincere condolences to Kylie, Todd and their Families.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to "The Disability Housing Futures Group" at least 45,000 people will remain in unsatisfactory housing under the NDIS when fully introduced.

Birthday Celebrations!

March

David Palmer 14/3, James Austin 18/3, David McArthur 22/3, Cheryl Cantwell 24/3, Ian Armfield 29/3.

April

Gaye Wilson 7/4, Alistair Wells 18/4, Narrelle McKeown 20/4, Gale Cockburn 23/4, Kevin Johnston 25/4

May

Tracey Douglass 5/5, Peter Edwards 11/5, Hayley Kingi 17/5, Kylie Christie 30/5

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