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INDEPENDENT DISABILITY SERVICES

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY, COMMITMENT & CARE

Join us for the inaugural IDS Gala Dinner

"Christmas on the Catwalk" in collaboration with Helping Hands Mission

at the State Library Victoria, on 3 December 2024, celebrating International Day of People with Disability. Tickets on sale now!

Also In this month's newsletter we congratulate Australian Paralympic athletes on their achievements at the recent Paralympic Games in Paris.

The NDIS Bill 2024 has received Royal Assent; visit the NDIS website for updates on how it may affect you.

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"Skills for Active Support" Training, developed by La Trobe University and Greystones Disability Services, offers practical techniques to enhance support for people with disabilities.

At IDS we're here to support you.

The IDS client services team are available to take your calls between 6am to 10pm, 365 days a year.

Call us on 03 9340 5100

CHRISTMAS ON THE CATWALK



We are thrilled to invite you to our upcoming

“CHRISTMAS ON THE CATWALK” GALA DINNER

Proudly hosted by Independent Disability Services in partnership with Helping Hands Mission.

This special event will take place on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024, at the State Library of Victoria from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

Join us as we celebrate the International Day of People with Disability, recognising the contributions and achievements of people with disabilities while promoting inclusiveness, diversity, and accessibility.

The evening will include a three-course dinner, beverages, a fashion show, inspiring speakers, live entertainment, and the opportunity to connect with a community dedicated to making a difference.

We would be honored to have you at this inaugural event, which promises to be a memorable evening of celebration, glamour, inclusion, and unity.

Early Bird tickets are available until 5th October for \$135. Standard tickets are \$145 after this date.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

CLIENT AND CARER ENGAGEMENT GROUP

Pivotal to the IDS strategy and purpose is the influential Client and Carer Engagement Group (CCEG). The group meets quarterly and the the CCEG plays a vital role in shaping IDS through discussions, key feedback, and real-life, person-centred experiences. Chaired by board director Caroline Eaglesons, the group includes clients, support workers, a board member and invited office staff. A heartfelt thank you to Caroline, Richard, John, Eulie, Emily, Cheryl, Jasmine, and Melanie for your invaluable contributions and support in driving IDS forward.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AUSTRALIAN PARALYMPIANS!

IDS is thrilled to congratulate our Australian Paralympic athletes on their outstanding achievements at the recent Paralympic Games!

Their hard work, dedication, and incredible performances have truly inspired the nation and showcased the strength, skill, and determination of Australia's athletes with disabilities.

Each athlete's journey is a testament to resilience and the power of sport in uniting and uplifting people of all abilities. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments and the way they have represented Australia on the world stage. Congratulations to all!

HERO OF THE MONTH CONGRATULATIONS TO DORIS!

Meet Doris

I became a Disability Support Worker (DSW) because I found it to be the most meaningful and valuable job in my life. At IDS, all staff share the same vision, working together to achieve our clients' goals. One of my best days at IDS was the last Christmas celebration at the Ringwood Community Centre, where we gathered to discuss our company's vision, share feedback, and enjoy each other's company. I am from Malaysia, a multicultural country, which taught me to respect and work with people from diverse backgrounds. My message to aspiring DSWs is to use person-centered care, as every client is unique and has the right to meet their needs. Achieving goals takes time, but opportunities are always there. To ensure clients feel comfortable and secure, I read their profiles to understand their goals and preferences, and then meet them to build a caring relationship. IDS stands out because it encourages participation and respect, with HR staff actively supporting training and events, pushing our vision of success forward.



QUITE ACHIEVER - AJOK

Congratulations on receiving the Quiet Achiever Award AJOK! Your dedication and hard work have made a significant impact on our service and the lives of those we support. Your commitment to providing exceptional care, often behind the scenes, does not go unnoticed. Thank you for being an invaluable part of our team and for your unwavering support and compassion. Your efforts truly embody the spirit of our mission, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do.



NDIS AMENDMENT BILL RECEIVES ROYAL ASSENT

On September 5, 2024, the National Disability Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024 received Royal Assent, officially becoming an Act of Parliament. To stay informed about these changes and understand how they might impact you, visit the NDIS website for up-to-date information and a summary of the new laws.

BILL SHORTENS RESIGNATION

Bill Shorten has announced his resignation from politics, marking the end of a significant chapter in his career. As a prominent figure in Australian politics, Shorten has made substantial contributions, particularly in his roles as Leader of the Opposition and Minister for the National Disability Insurance Scheme. His departure will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the political landscape. We extend our gratitude for his years of service and dedication to the nation. For more details on his resignation and future plans, stay tuned to upcoming updates.

SKILLS FOR ACTIVE SUPPORT

“Skills for Active Support,” is designed to empower and support people with disabilities. This training provides invaluable insights and practical techniques for enhancing the quality of support we offer. Learn how to encourage greater independence and active participation in daily activities, fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment. The Training is highly recommended and engaging and informative, equipping the skills needed to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we support. It was a truly enriching experience that will undoubtedly benefit both our team and our clients. This training was developed by Latrobe University and Greystones Disability services.

R U OK? DAY

R U OK? Day is an important event for Independent Disability Services (IDS) as it highlights the critical role of mental health and well-being within the disability community. This day encourages meaningful conversations and fosters a supportive environment, where individuals are empowered to check in on each other, breaking the stigma around mental health challenges. For IDS, R U OK? Day aligns with their mission of inclusivity, care, and support, ensuring that everyone, regardless of ability, feels valued, heard, and connected. It reinforces the importance of open communication and mental health awareness in building stronger, more resilient communities.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

A joyous birthday wish to Alicia, John, Ryan, Harsya, Merinda and Sebastian! We hope your special day is filled with laughter, happiness, and memorable experiences. We applaud your journeys and eagerly look forward to celebrating more milestones with you in the year ahead.



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Changing lives, empowering people



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Search for Independent Disability Services (IDS) on Google. For any additional comments and feedback, call us at (03) 9340 5100.



Rebecca
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it not aother services ... but wonderful life i acheived from there support thanks heaps idsa



Zeba Hekmat
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★★★★★ 2 years ago

My sister uses IDS for home supports and she could not be happier. They are thoughtful, responsive and always put her needs first. Lovely to deal with too. Five stars!!!

