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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



Happy New Year Everyone! I hope you have all had a good start to 2021 & enjoyed the Christmas & New Year period.

With our Annual Fundraising Dinner for 2021 cancelled, due to the uncertainty of COVID restrictions, our Fundraising Committee have been very busy organising our Opening

Doors Project MEGA DRAW. We would really appreciate your support of this initiative during the year as it will be our major fundraiser. You can purchase a ticket from our website www.clrs.org.au

The reintroduction of border controls, this time on the Victorian side, has caused us all some challenges and hopefully, with case numbers remaining at zero on both sides of the border, we will see these removed again soon. The closure has impacted on clients and staff getting to and from their usual activities and definitely impacted the trade in the Murray River Tea Rooms. On a positive note it has been wonderful to see how some people have adapted and taken advantage of the opportunity to be more active, such as David featured in our newsletter.

I have now spent a year in the role of CEO and have appreciated the support I have been given during the year by everyone.

Thank you

WELCOMING FEEDBACK - HAVE YOUR SAY

Your feedback is important to us and we invite you to complete the 'Have Your Say' form, email or speak to us to make suggestions, comments and complaints. Forms are available at 26A Percy Street, Echuca, CLRS sites and on our website www.clrs.org.au. Completed forms can be hand delivered to: 26A Percy St or posted to PO Box 424 Echuca, VIC 3564. Our Strategy & Practice Manager, Lauren Davy will respond to your written feedback, suggestion, complaint or comments.

KEEPING ACTIVE!



David McHardy and Colleen Miners, Team Leader – Residential taking advantage of the beautiful weather by riding their bikes.

David attends programs at No. 4 and to beat the delays in crossing the bridge he decided he could ride to and from his home in Moama. This is about a 6km round trip.

David was going so fast he even beat another staff member on the way. Well done David!

ROYAL COMMISSION

CLRS is committed to continuous improvement and enhancement of support and services for people with disability. CLRS supports the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability, which is now underway.

If you have questions regarding the Royal Commission please contact our CEO, Leah Taaffe. General information is available online: www.disability.royalcommission.gov.au



Brian Croucher on a day out in Tongala with CLRS staff.



David McHardy celebrating his 60th birthday at a luncheon with friends at the Moama RSL.



Kim Boland visiting the Brim silos along the Silo Art trail.



Club Teen enjoying a spot of fishing on Gunbower Creek...



....Catching up with friends.



All they caught was a turtle! (which was returned to the creek of course)



Nicola Dawes enjoying the meal she chose, Tofu Vegetable Noodle Stirfry, and helped make at the Healthy Cooking program.



A beautiful cushion upcycled by the 'Collaborate' team. Visit the Murray River Tea Rooms and Op Shop to see more items.



Once again, Operation Plum Pudding, through the Commonwealth Bank, donated hampers to families in our region for Christmas. Thank You!

PROFILE - JODIE MAIDEN



We welcome Jodie Maiden to the Support Coordination team.

The support coordinators role is to support NDIS participants to build capacity and to effectively utilise their funding and achieve their goals. The ability to think creatively and look for opportunities across our community are key to this role.

This is an exciting career change for Jodie as she had been a teacher at Echuca East Primary School for the past 13 years. Jodie says "I am really enjoying the challenge of meeting new people and learning about how the NDIS works to support people with disability in our community."

PROFILE - ALISON HALLORAN



Late November 2020, Alison joined CLRS as the Services Manager - Support Coordination.

Alison's career has included over 20 years in leading teams in customer service community based roles, in federal and local government.

Alison's focus is customer centred, seeking opportunity or options to support clients in their preferred outcome. 'I am so pleased to be supporting our community to achieve their goals and assisting them to negotiate what can be a challenging pathway. I have personal connection and motivation to positively impact our community and the inclusion and empowerment of people with disability, the aged and their families. As a team we will continue to build strong connections with our clients through listening, communicating and action. My focus for the Support Coordination team is commitment, courage and resourcefulness in seeking opportunities for our clients to achieve their chosen goals.'

NDIS - SUPPORT COORDINATION



Community Living & Respite Services offers the NDIS Support Coordination Service. Our team is supporting NDIS participants to implement their plans. If you have questions about the NDIS in our area, or would like CLRS to be your Support Coordinator, our team of NDIS specialists can be contacted on **5480 2388** or by emailing support@clrs.org.au.

