

# COMMUNITY News

## Spring 2023 - EDITION 49



## Johnno's Run 2023

Johnno's Run 2023 was a great success, with 354 people registering to participate across our 4 events - 21.1km, 10km, 5km and the Gravity Shack Junior Bolt. We raised \$36,053.44 that is going towards our current Opening Doors Project on Spoonbill Street Moama.

We were delighted to celebrate our 10th anniversary at home in our beautiful twin towns Echuca-Moama. We are very proud to facilitate an event where all courses were accessible for people who use a mobility aid.

# A Message from our CEO From our CEO

Welcome to the 49th edition of our newsletter.

I want to thank our Johnno's Run 2023 Sponsors; Moama Bowling Club, Cosgriff Lawyers, Ace Radio/2QN & EdgeFM, Radiant Media, Revolution Print, Riverine Herald, Fast Finish Timing and Worklocker Echuca, as without their support our event couldn't go ahead.



*Leah Truff*

I also want to thank everyone who volunteered with us on the day. The support from every person is invaluable and makes our event safe and fun for all our participants.

I am really excited to tell you that CLRS and Vivid are joining forces to deliver a fundraising event, called 'Blind Speed'. Ben Felten (the world's fastest blind man on a motorcycle) and Kevin Magee (former Australian Grand Prix motorcycle racer) will tell the story of lifelong friends and their pursuit to break the Guinness Book of Record for the fastest speed on a motorcycle ridden blindfolded and Ben's upcoming record-breaking attempt.

The dinner is on Friday 13 October at 6pm at Rich River Golf Club. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$700 for a table of 10. Purchase tickets via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CLKGO>

CLRS and Vivid are the only two not-for-profit NDIS Registered Providers in Echuca Moama, delivering direct support to people with disability. We are excited to be working together on this event and can't wait to listen to Ben and Kevin talk about their fascinating story.

Rich River Golf Club, Riverine Herald, Ace Radio/2QN & EdgeFM, Echuca Toyota and Highside Motorcycles Echuca are generously supporting this event.

Our next Opening Doors Project, is moving along well. We are planning for a move in pre-Christmas which is wonderful. As we get closer to the finished project, we will be planning an official opening so keep an eye on our social media and your emails.

Thank you for reading and I hope to see all of you at 'Blind Speed', at Rich River Golf Club on the 13th October.



**BlindSPEED**

Friday 13 October  
Rich River Golf Club  
6.30pm

**Kevin Magee**  
Former Grand Prix motorcycle road racer

**Ben Felten**  
The fastest blind motorcycle rider on earth!

**TICKETS \$75 pp**  
**\$700 table (10)**  
Includes 2 course dinner

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## Spotlight on client - Catherine



Catherine participated in the Club Teen Photography Workshop in the July school holidays program.

She enjoyed having a camera in her hand, being creative and capturing photos of nature.



Catherine and her friend used a bubble wand to take photos of people, bubbles and nature.

After the workshop, Catherine spoke about how much she enjoyed taking photos and stated that she wants to become a photographer. To support this new interest, we asked Catherine if she would like to volunteer as a photographer at Johnno's Run 2023 on Sunday 6 August.

Catherine jumped at the opportunity. She did a fantastic job taking photos on the day of the participants out on the course.



## Chatting with CLRS staff member - Che

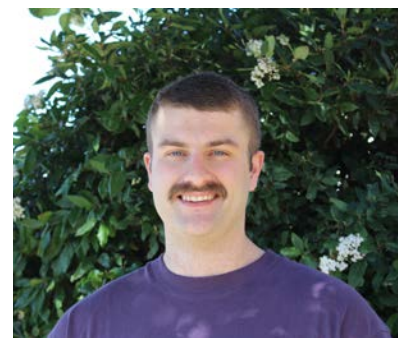
**What do you enjoy about your job?** It doesn't feel like going to work. I enjoy working with behaviours. There is always something you can work with to support and help people.

**What is your job?** I am a Direct Support Professional and my role is to support people build their independence. Eg. to learn about the local transport system and how to catch a bus.

**Why did you pursue a job in disability?** I had moved to Melbourne to become a carpenter but it wasn't for me. My brother has a disability and I had a friend working at Alexander House for CLRS. It has always been an area I am interested in. I started working for CLRS in 2017.

**What has been a highlight?** Supporting a client to make a positive change to their life. You don't know if it will take 1 week or 6 months - but when it happens it is a great feeling.

**Would you recommend working in the disability sector?** Yes definitely. It pays good money, has a lot of different career pathways and is a very rewarding job to have.



# Johnno's Run 2023



10 km participants are off and racing



CLRS staff & residents getting race ready



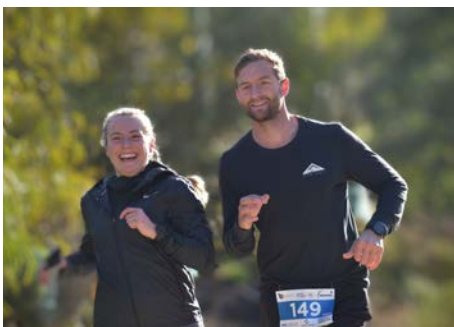
Rebecca & Adam Pankhurst at Race HQ



Serpell Family



Hayley Newman - winner of 21.1km



Maddy Clarke & Michael Lindeback



Bernie Hurren



Peter & Hayley Guy - Fast Finish Timing



Dean Sutherland



Warren Family

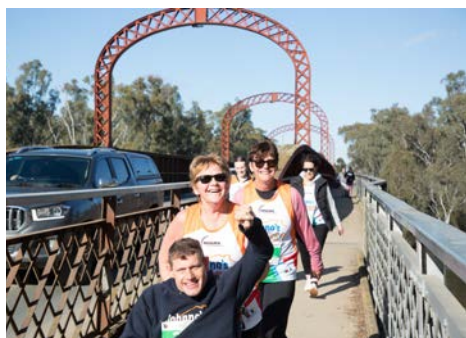


Michelle Allan - Event Marshal

# Johnno's Run 2023



10 years of Johnno's Run tops on display for the 10th Anniversary of Johnno's Run



Steven & Carmel Beck with  
Karyn Monahan



Ben De Kleuver



Kim - Keeping it Wheel



Ready - Set - Go! 800m Gravity Shack Junior Bolt 8 - 10 yrs



Winners - Hayley Newman (21.1km), Tom  
Arthurson (5km) & Jamie Soares (10km)



Brady Threlfall - Course Creator  
Brady Johnson - AKA 'Johnno'



Participants of the 400m Gravity Shack Junior Bolt 5 - 7 yrs

# Opening Doors Project - Spoonbill Street Update



Our two independent living units on Spoonbill Street in Moama are looking good. They both have a roof, windows, doors, bricks and plastering. A massive thanks goes to these wonderful businesses that are helping turn this dream into a reality;

- EDG Space the building designers who designed these units with accessibility inclusions
- Echuca Moama Signs for providing free signs that acknowledge all our supporters
- Echuca Metaland for supplying the roofing materials at cost price
- P&D Roof Trusses and Mitch Clydesdale Roofing for installing both of the roofs
- CIB Constructions for wrapping the house
- Glass Vision Windowtech for the windows and doors
- Build Pro Echuca for supplying the bricks
- Sean Solar Bricklaying for laying the bricks
- Thompson's Echuca Electrical and Tony Clarke at Silverfox for completing all the electrical work
- Dahlsens Building Centre for supplying all the insulation, internal doors and the ply for the outside verandahs
- Ryan Moorhouse for installing the solar panels for free labour



If you would like to donate to our Opening Doors Project - <https://www.givenow.com.au/clrs>