

# Sunnyfield Matters



## A new place to call home

There's been a thrill of excitement as shared living residents Sharon, Kim, Nicole and Renee settled into their recently refurbished new home that has been designed to suit their needs.

Located in Toukley on the Central Coast, residents are within walking distance of shops, cafes and a short drive to the beach. The home is fully accessible and features four large bedrooms, two living areas, shared dining areas within furniture kindly donated by Clayton Utz and a spacious backyard with a new BBQ kindly donated by Bunnings.

For three of the residents it is their first time in a shared living home, and the ladies have already formed a close bond as friends and house mates. They've been exploring the community with outings to bowling and visiting the local shops. Each week they enjoy cooking together to make dinner and have already set in place planning their weekly meals, with Nicole in charge of the weekly shopping list and getting the groceries. "I am happy, I like my room." said Renee.

**Above**  
Renee (centre) with her family Marcia and Mark.

To celebrate their new home, Sharon, Kim, Nicole and Renee were very proud to host a family BBQ, surrounded by family, friends and staff. It was a wonderful day spent chatting and catching up, sharing a meal together and having a few laughs. "Thank you for all your support and help and for making things seamless, we really do appreciate it." said Corrie, Sharon's Mum.

Sunnyfield looks forward to continue expanding shared independent living services to ensure the best possible outcomes for people with disability. Expressions of interest are now open for two new purpose built four bedroom homes in Lake Haven on the Central Coast.

For more information about these wonderful new homes or other shared living opportunities please contact Raquel Solomovic

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# Message from the CEO and Chair

Dear clients, families, guardians and friends of Sunnyfield,

As a family and member-based organisation Sunnyfield is committed to continuing to support clients, families and carers with NDIS plan development and implementation to facilitate access to the reasonable and necessary supports of their choice. As 2018 draws to a close, Sunnyfield is proud to provide over 2000 support services for people with disability across NSW and the ACT.

2018 has been a year of many milestones for Sunnyfield, the clients we serve, the families we support and the staff we employ.

- Almost all clients chose to remain with Sunnyfield after they transitioned to the NDIS
- Completion of the 10 year devolution project to relocate 46 resident places from Hostel and Carinya to nine purpose built community homes
- The Community Services team has successfully commenced the realignment of the services Sunnyfield provides to meet client needs across community participation, skills for life, individual and group-based programs, while also being sustainable under the NDIS
- The Tweed Heads Community Services Hub celebrated its one year anniversary with over 40 clients accessing support services, and the team recognised by the local community for their positive contribution
- The Support Coordination team assisted more than 200 clients to understand their NDIS plans and help link them to service providers
- Construction is nearing completion on a new Shared Living home on the Central Coast funded by an extremely generous donation of \$1m from a family member
- Two new Shared Living homes opened providing six people with disability the joy and satisfaction of independent living
- Enterprises has secured new business customers that will provide Sunnyfield with the security to continue to provide jobs to over 230 supported employees
- Sunnyfield was awarded a NSW Government Department of Industry grant of \$1.44m to open a Community Services Hub in south western Sydney in 2019 that will support people with disability, particularly those from a cultural and linguistically diverse background
- Sunnyfield acquired EGA's disability services division, providing support services to over 200 people with disability from six locations across the Hunter region of NSW, and ensuring continued employment for almost 100 staff

Like most other service providers, Sunnyfield has operated this year in an environment where the NDIS continues to be built and change as it is being implemented. Unfortunately for some clients and families this has caused concern and distress. Sunnyfield will not compromise the quality of support services we provide and will champion for the rights of people with disability. To this end, Sunnyfield was proud to join Alliance20 in 2018. Alliance20 brings together Australia's most influential disability service providers, to try to shape the NDIS for a future that enables choice, delivers value and sustainability, and achieves better outcomes.

As we look forward to 2019, Sunnyfield has a positive strategy and business plan that will see us investing to strengthen, grow and innovate Sunnyfield.

- We will provide safe, secure, quality services and a quality environment for all clients
- We will prioritise safety and wellbeing of clients over other objectives
- We will support clients to make informed decisions, to have aspirations and goals
- We will encourage client's engagement and contribution in their daily activities
- We will be efficient, commercially minded, and effective
- We will invest in the future and manage for today
- We will enable staff to focus on client service delivery

While we celebrate the coming of another New Year, we acknowledge all the dedicated people who contribute to supporting people with disability to live happy and fulfilling lives. We thank Sunnyfield staff who work tirelessly to provide services and run the organisation. We thank our generous donors and volunteers. We thank the Sunnyfield Board for their support; and acknowledge Ian Fraser for his significant contribution as a Director upon his recent retirement from the Board. And mostly, we thank the clients and families who choose Sunnyfield as their provider and partner.

Sunnyfield wishes all clients, families, carers, staff and supporters a wonderful festive season. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable break, and we look forward to working with you in 2019.

**Karen Ingram** Sunnyfield Board Chair

**Caroline Cuddihy** Sunnyfield CEO



Above  
Karen Ingram,  
Sunnyfield Board Chair  
(right) and Caroline  
Cuddihy, Sunnyfield  
CEO (left)

# Sunnyfield 2018 Highlights



Over 22 recipients received Sunnyfield Long Service Awards at the 2018 Annual General Meeting



New beginnings on the Central Coast as the first foundations were laid for a new shared living home



Over 100 people with disability in the New England region got active for Sunnyfield's annual Sports Day



Kayla used her new baking skills acquired at Parramatta Community Services Hub to whip up some delicious treats



World champion surfer Mick Fanning joined us for Tweed Heads Community Services Hub's first birthday celebration



Caringbah's short-term accommodation service received new iPads, sensory items and linen thank to Club Cronulla



Residents of shared living home Burilla celebrated the official opening of their new purpose built home on Sydney's Northern Beaches



Shared living resident Kathy was presented with an 'Alderson Family Award' for active involvement in her local community



Enterprises held their 6th Annual Sports Day at Toukley

## Honorary Life Membership for Janice Mendham

Sunnyfield proudly awarded Honorary Life Membership to Janice Mendham in recognition of outstanding service to the organisation. Honorary Life Members are selected based on their significant contribution to Sunnyfield.

Janice Mendham and her husband Brien have been involved with Sunnyfield since 1993 when their daughter Honi started work experience with Sunnyfield. In the 25 years since, Janice has been a very active member of the Sunnyfield Auxiliary, helping with and leading a wide variety of fundraising and other volunteering initiatives, including art shows, the Sunnyfield Duck races, bingo nights and golf days. Between 2002 and 2007, Janice was heavily involved in the development of the annual Christmas wrapping fundraisers that raised approximately \$33,000, and since 2012 she has made countless sausage sandwiches at the monthly Bunnings BBQs that has now raised over \$40,000. Thank You!





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IN HIS LOCAL COMMUNITY. EACH  
VISIT HE DELIVERS MORNING TEA  
WITH A BIG SMILE TO BRIGHTEN  
THE DAY OF RESIDENTS. 🌿**

Janet & Myles, Tamworth Community Services Hub

### Feedback

We're not only in the business of improving lives, we also are in the business of improving the way we do it. So, if you have any feedback about the things we have done well, or the things we could do better, then please get in contact and send an email to our confidential email account at [feedback@sunnyfield.org.au](mailto:feedback@sunnyfield.org.au)

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