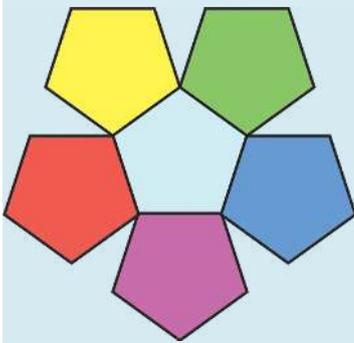


Dame Pattie
Menzies Centre

Supporting
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December
2016
Newsletter

*We wish you a joyous
Christmas Season and
look forward to 2017.*

*May our New Year be
happy and safe.*



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From the Desk of the CEO

The sun is shining and the hills are drying off, the end of 2016 is hurtling towards us. My four months of leave in the middle of the year has seen the time fly by and as a rabbit once said to Alice In Wonderland – “ so little time and so much to do”. We are preparing for an external audit on 24 & 25 November to check our compliance with the DHHS and National Disability Standards. This will provide us with an action guide going into the next 18 months prior to our recertification in 2018.



Senior managers have attended several forums on different aspects of preparing for the NDIS transition in 2019. They have included looking at determining pricing/costing in the NDIS world and managing viability as a business into the future. The AGM included an overview of the NDIS by David Moody from our peak body National Disability Services (NDS), this sparked a lot of discussion from the floor but still left questions unanswered for some. The Committee of Management will have further discussion with an NDS staff member at the November COM meeting to assist with strategic planning.

An information session for families/carers on the NDIS transition will be held in the new year with representatives from Carers Vic who are facilitating workshops around the state.

The development of the new strategic plan has been delayed to ensure that as much information as possible regarding the transition to the NDIS can be considered in the planning process. Meetings will commence at the end of January and stakeholder feedback will be encouraged.

DPMC has been invited to join a network of other local human service agencies to ensure that the community will be well represented in adjusting to the changes to Aged Care, HACC services and Disability in the coming years. This group will explore work force issues, change to funding models and preparing for external competitors.

Fundraising activities in recent months have included a wood raffle and golf day, these events were very well supported by many generous people within the community and we are most grateful.

The Alexandra Op Shop has again made a generous donation which is much appreciated and will be used to enhance the service we provide to the clients. Their donation last year was used to purchase new furniture for the lounge at The Mount which has brightened the room and made it more comfortable.

2016 has seen the clients involved in many and varied activities within the local community, interstate and overseas. Look for the photos within this newsletter.

The CFA has offered to hold a safety information session for clients, families/carers and staff at DPMC. This will be held on 7 December but the time is yet to be determined, if you are interested in attending please phone the office (57721888) for further details.

This newsletter contains the term and holiday dates for 2017. As Good Friday falls within the April holiday week, we will again transfer that day of leave to the Monday prior to Melbourne Cup to give people a long weekend. If there are any queries please call myself or Steve Turner.

The revised Sun Smart Policy is also attached so please make sure hats are compliant with recommendations.

Thank you to everyone for their support during 2016.

Leah Ross
CEO



Football and Netball Carnival

In July a group of clients attended the All Abilities Football and Netball Carnival in Mooroopna. Some hidden talents came to light as we competed in both the netball and football.

This carnival is part of a series of regional games for people with a disability. It was agreed by all that it was a great day and we would be back!

Diary dates

Saturday
3 December
International Day
for People with a
Disability

Friday
9 December
International Day
for People with a
Disability
celebration at
Kinglake Middle
School
(clients attending)

Friday
16 December
Get Fit Get Active
Spring Games in
Alexandra

Tuesday
20 December
Client Christmas
Luncheon

Wednesday
21 December
Last day of term 4

Wednesday
18 January
First day of term 1



Day Services will
not operate on
days declared
Code Red in the
North Central Fire
District.

Victorian State Disability Plan 2017–2020 Consultation Overview

An overview of the feedback that was provided during our mid-year consultation on the Victorian state disability plan 2017-2020 has been released.

The overview presents a high level summary of what consumers said. To read the consultation overview please [click here](#) or go to www.statedisabilityplan.vic.gov.au/consultation-overview.

The development of the new Victorian state disability plan 2017-2020 is well underway and is due to be released in 2017



Plants from The Mount to You

Term 4 has seen the beginning of an exciting new activity , Plants from The Mount to You. Last term we began growing succulent plants in attractive containers. We supply the plants to local businesses for a small fee as living decorations for reception desks and counters. Each fortnight the plants are changed so the display is constantly changing. Clients have enjoyed the activities including propagating the plants, decorating the displays and delivering their creations to local businesses.



Tom enjoys caring for the succulents and spending time in the greenhouse.

Dame Pattie Menzies Centre Term Dates 2017

Term 1 2017

17 January – 7 April

Staff Planning Day – January 17th (Day Services Closed)

Clients return – January 18th

Australia Day – Thursday January 26th

Labour Day – Monday March 13th

Holidays from: Monday April 10th – Thursday April 13th

Easter: Good Friday April 14th

Easter Monday April 17th

Term 2 2017

18 April – 7 July

Staff Planning Day – April 18th (Day Services Closed)

ANZAC Day – Tuesday April 25th

Queen's Birthday – Monday June 12th

Holidays from July 10th – July 14th

Term 3 2017

17 July – 28 September

Staff Planning Day – July 17th (Day Services Closed)

Footy Friday – September 29th

Holidays from October 2nd – October 6th

Term 4 2017

9 October – 22 December

Staff Planning Day - October 9th (Day Services Closed)

Melbourne Cup Monday – November 6th (Day Services Closed)

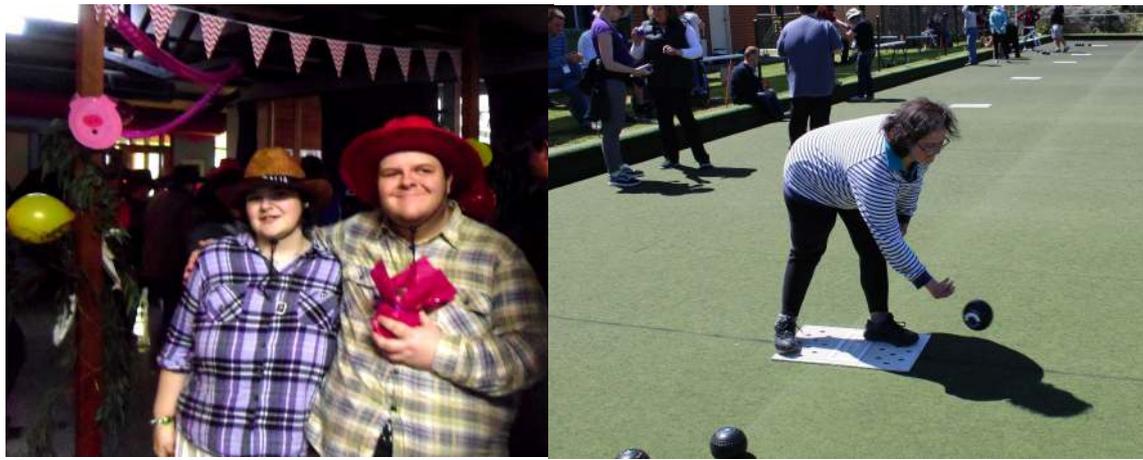
Melbourne Cup Day – Tuesday November 7th

Holidays from December 27th – January 17th 2018

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Top: The front fence was recently repaired by the Work Skills group. Rupert ensured passing vehicles were away from the work site.

Above left: Shirley and Ethan dressed up for a night of fun at Benalla for the barn dance.

Above right: Dayana displayed her bowling skills the Get Fit and Active Lawn Bowls day in Benalla.

Below: Luke and Wayne enjoyed the day at Monster Trucks in Melbourne. The Zombie truck was a favourite.



Around Dame Pattie Menzies Centre