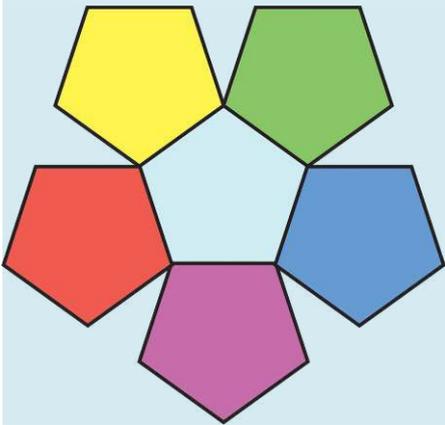


Dame Pattie Menzies Centre

Proudly supporting people in the Murrindindi Shire



June 2017
Newsletter

A cuppa for cancer and a challenge

We once again came together for a cuppa and a chat to raise funds for the Cancer Council with Australia's Biggest Morning Tea. This year the day began clear with a bit of autumn sunshine, this is a rarity as in past years the day has always begun with thick fog.

Friends and family began to arrive to share in the yummy food and listen to the music group's performance. It was a fun filled morning which was enjoyed by everyone.

It's a Challenge

The annual Rotary Challenge was held in April. This year the team challenge was a game of quoits. After enjoying a meal together the challenge was on. This is always a spirited game with the title hotly contested. Dame Pattie Menzies chooses the game, this is always a well kept secret until the night.

The scores this year were tight with only a point difference but DPMC were victorious!



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Diary dates

Queen's Birthday

Monday 12 June
Day Services closed

Last day term 2

Friday 7 July

NDIS Planning

Session
Monday 17 July
10am—2pm

First day term 3

Tuesday 18 July

From the desk of the CEO

Biggest Morning Tea

Many thanks to the families and members of the community who attended the Biggest Morning Tea on 25 May and to those who supplied the tasty food. An amount of almost \$200 has been forwarded to the Cancer Council.



It was a lovely opportunity for the music group to show off their talents and entertain all present.

Thank you to the clients and staff who assisted with the set up for the day and preparation of food. I hope everyone enjoyed the hay bale art at the entrance to DPMC.

NDIS Planning Information Session

The next client free day is at the start of term 3 on 17 July. On this day we will have an information session about how to prepare for planning with the NDIS. The information will assist in how to think differently about recognising what supports are required to ensure that current and future needs are met.

The session will run from 10am to 2pm and is available to staff, clients, families and members of the COM. Please notify by 6 July if you wish to attend to ensure that we have a suitable venue and adequate catering.

CEO Position

The agreement between DPMC and myself in the role as CEO comes to an end in November this year. I will not continue in the role into 2018 so the process to recruit a replacement will commence in the near future.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my involvement with all at DPMC, initially through my employment with ConnectGV and since November 2015 as CEO employed by DPMC, but the travel across the hill from Shepparton is starting to wear on my little car and myself.

Leah Ross

Chief Executive Officer

Flying north for the winter

As the temperature drops in Alexandra and the frost paints the grass white, it seems like a good idea to visit the sunshine and warmth of the northern states. June is a busy month as clients pack up and head to the warmth.

The Gold Coast is always a great place to holiday in June with sunshine, theme parks and beaches. Jenna is currently enjoying all the Gold Coast has to offer on her supported holiday. Jenna has chosen to visit the theme parks and The Outback Spectacular as she loves horses.

Rupert also enjoys the Gold Coast and has been a regular visitor over recent years. Rupert is off for a week in the sun mid June. Rupert plans to visit the theme parks, especially Movie World, and hopefully drive a boat again like he did last year.

Jamie is a keen rugby supporter. Last year he travelled to Brisbane to watch the State of Origin match. This year he has chosen to go to Sydney to watch the Blues and the Maroons battle it out. Jamie is a Maroons supporter so he is hoping he will see the Maroons fight back and be victorious in game two. After exploring Sydney, Jamie will be spending time in Cairns to visit family.



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

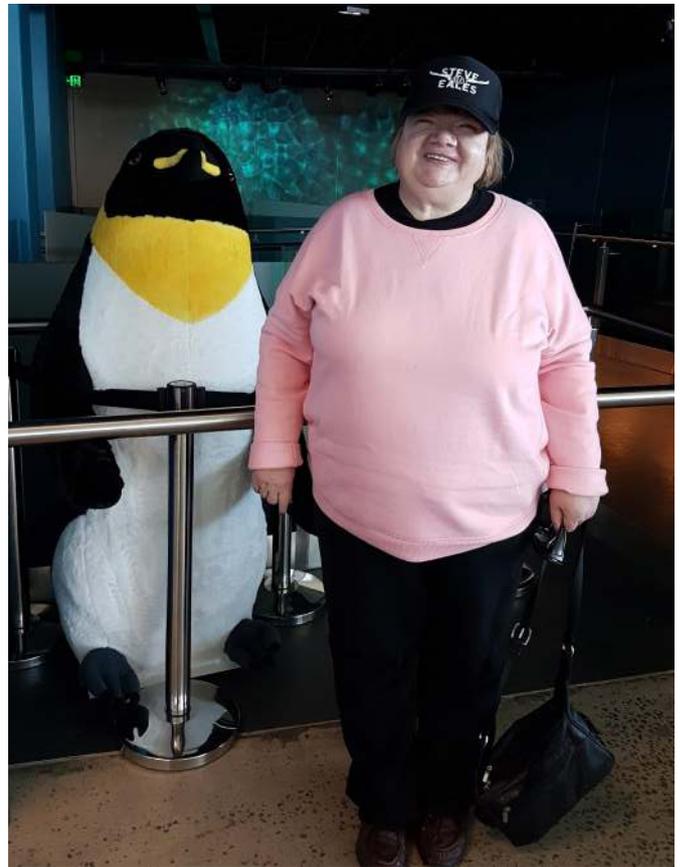


Rupert enjoying Dreamworks Lights while holidaying in Rosebud this year.

While others are flying north, Nola will be staying in Melbourne so she can attend the Elvis Presley concert "The Wonder of You". It's Nola's dream to visit Graceland as she is a huge Elvis fan. The Elvis concert isn't quite Graceland but it is very exciting to be able to see Elvis perform.

Supported holidays are tailored to each individual's wishes and needs. Dame Pattie Menzies Centre assists people to plan the holiday they want from a short stay in Melbourne to an international trip.

Everyone enjoys a holiday, we look forward to the stories and photos as each traveller returns.



Nola enjoyed a short break at Phillip Island in April. Seeing the penguins was a highlight of the trip.

Time for a cuppa!

The work skills group took up the challenge of a bit of hay bale art with the morning tea theme—below is the impressive result. A giant teapot, tea cups and of course biscuits (Iced Vo-Vo biscuits to be exact!).





Questions and Answers about the NDIS

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) rolls out in the Murrindindi shire in January 2019. The NDIS brings large changes in how people will purchase their supports.

Q. Can I request an in-person planning meeting?

Yes, you can request an in-person planning meeting if a phone call is not suitable. The NDIA is committed to Dignified Access for NDIS participants. That means being able to access NDIS services and offices in a manner accessible to people with a range of disabilities.

Some people prefer a phone call, as it means they don't have to come into an office or take time out of their routine.

If that isn't the case for you, you can request an in-person planning meeting by telling your planner when they call that you would like to request an in-person planning meeting.

Q. How do I find out about NDIS events in my area?

NDIS events are listed on the events page of the NDIS website, where you can select your state or territory and see what events are happening near you. Generally, there will be a link to register your interest in attending.

Also stay tuned to the NDIS social media channels – Facebook (external), Twitter and Instagram – because they'll often post about upcoming events on those channels.

You can also keep up to date with NDIS news and events by subscribing to the NDIS eNewsletter.

Q. Where can I find easy to read information about the NDIS?

The NDIS website has a lot of information written in Easy English. Easy English combines text and images to convey information simply and so it is easy to understand.



Top left: Evan admiring the 'garden'
Top right: Savoulla enjoying the Hawaiian party.
Left: Jamie and Ros at the Biggest Morning Tea
Below left: Rupert with Kung Fu Panda
Below right: Mark, Rod and Jess practicing their first aid skills.



Around Dame Pattie Menzies Centre