

JUNE 2012

Peckys News



General Manager Update

Hello everyone

This year seems to be going so quickly. Here we are in winter and halfway through the year. We are already talking and planning towards Christmas time, it only seems like yesterday we were celebrating together last year.

The Peckys site has been busy with construction once again and we now have a new kitchen in the main cabin, a new reception desk and area in the administration office and we are currently applying through Blacktown council to erect a new storage shed.

We launched our new logo earlier in the year, you may notice it on some of our stationery and we are currently developing new brochures and updating our website to reflect our new vision and mission.

Our new mission and vision focuses on working together in partnership with all stakeholders and basing our programs around an individual's abilities and what they can achieve. We listen to the needs, dreams and aspirations of the people we support and work in collaboration with families to foster an environment and provide stepping stones to achieve their goals.

In May, this organisation was successful in obtaining our accreditation in the Management Standard ISO 9001. Our

certification is valid for the next three years and illustrates that we have good systems and processes in place. It also places Peckys in a good position leading into the future.



Our Quality Assurance Logo

Just a reminder for people to keep supporting the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Current funding to the Disability field only provides half of what is needed. The NDIS is an opportunity to fix this problem. This new system will allow people to be supported on a personalised individual basis, with certainty about the future. We need every Australian to say that disability is part of human diversity and that people with a disability, their families and carers count. To find out more information or to join the campaign, please go to www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au

I hope you all keep nice and warm through this winter and enjoy the log fires, hot drinks and crisp fresh mornings.

Heidi

Day Service

Hello everyone,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to our June edition of our News letter. As we are truly approaching the winter month now, I trust that everyone is rugging up and doing their best to stay warm.

Activities

Kerry our lifestyle programmer has been very busy in the last few months organising some wonderful and I must say highly creative activities program for our

clients. The hip hop group was a big hit and have had positive feedback from all that participated.

If you haven't seen our cooking program yet – then I suggest you come into the centre and check it out, it is a wonderful opportunity for our clients to develop life skills, make new friends and what better way to share all this over a lovely meal that has been cooked and prepared together.



The gang from the Wheelie Warriors visited in March and were received with great enthusiasm; everybody enjoyed the one on one thrilling bike ride around Prospect Reservoir and it was such a delight to see all the shrieking laughter and smiles on their faces – Thank you Warriors!



Look out for “Bart” the golden retriever who made such a great impact here at Peckys with our clients as part of the Animal assisted therapy (AAT) programme. Bart and his owner will be visiting Peckys again very soon.



Some other activities that our clients have participated in this quarterly:

Easter Show, Vegas Day, Hawkesbury Race Day, Hawkesbury Farm

Upcoming events:

6th of July – Fishing Charter

19th of July – Christmas Disco

Circe De So lei and Sparks Festival - October

If you would like more information regarding up and coming events please call Sara during weekdays at Day Service.

Congratulations to our team member **Tim** from Day Service who has accepted the full time position, and welcome to **Ivana** our new casual team member. We hope that you both are settling in to your new roles.

On the last note I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Peckys for making me feel so welcome, thank you to all the parents and carers, thank you to other service providers and friends that have participated with us over the years, but a special shout out to DS Prospect team for their cooperation, great team

work and patience they have shown the clients and myself in the last 3 months. I look forward to having a great professional working journey with you all. Thanks again team!

Until next time, Warm Regards

Sara Adderley

LIVING SKILLS

Hello All,

Who can believe we are already half way through the year.

**THANK YOU**

I would like to start with personally thanking Mr Dennis Dalglish, for his very generous and much appreciated donation of a brand new notebook, this notebook will provide the Living Skills clients the opportunity to learn and redeem their skills on the computer, plus offer easier and more frequent access to the clients to work towards their personal goals, and broaden one's knowledge.

In these colder months please ensure to always pack wet weather gear, an umbrella, and a jacket. Although hats may not seem necessary at this point, you are still required and encouraged to have one packed.

July Programs:

Environmental Canvas Art- This program will be community based, clients will have the opportunity to use the surrounding environment as the main theme and decoration for their canvas art works.

Cultural Week- This program will take place over a 3 day Living Skills week. The program will incorporate a Community Access day, visiting a location from the selected culture for example: The Chinese Gardens or Muru Mittigar. *Day 2:* Will involve visiting a library, to look at and borrow books and cultural music.

Shopping for food ingredients (preferably in cultural supermarkets) and tasting some foods from the selected culture. *Day 3-* Will involve cooking a meal from the selected culture, and some cultural arts and craft.

Plus we still have all the goodies to look forward to including Champagne Lunch, Vegas Day, Wood/ Metal Work, Work Experience and Sports Programs.

Until next time:

Jodie Caruana

PEER SUPPORT

Hello All,



We have finally arrived in the coldest part of the year, if you've had the opportunity to have had a look at the Peer Support program, you will see the weather has significantly been taken into consideration, whether we are keeping warm and doing indoor activities, or getting out amongst the sheer beauty of the season.

We have a Christmas in July Luncheon to look forward to, where we'll enjoy a delicious home-style festive lunch prepared by the wonderful talents of the Peer Support junior chefs, listening to some carols, decking the halls and maybe a Christmas craft activity to take home.

The Peer Support program relies solely on client attendance. To keep this great program operating, please spread the word to your friends, school and teachers, that we currently have vacancies, flyers can be provided on request. Word of mouth goes a long way. Please assist your program and get our name out there.

The Bean Bag Cinema was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.. The cinema provided a total new experience and

comfort, whilst we relaxed and chilled to the action packed movie MIB 3.

Some other activities to look forward to:

- Sydney Aquarium
- Tour Manly's Q Station
- Whale Watching at Cape Solander
- Tree Top Adventure Park



Till next time!

Jodie

VIVA VIBES

Hi to all Viva Vibes Staff, members and their families. I cannot believe we are in June already, Wow! Time flies when we're having fun. We would like to welcome Sam into our Group. Sam has stated he likes his new friends who are a lot of fun. We have had a great couple of months within Viva's program. All Viva's activities are exciting but here is a sneak peak for the month of August for those who have not seen Viva's booklet...

August 5 Bringing London's famous wax museum to Sydney's Darling Harbour is the famous Madame Tussauds.

August 11 Life is a stage & Fox Studio is the place when wanting to experience a world of adventure, fun, good food and great company.

August 23 One of many successful Peckys Sleep Overs packed with fun & social outings such as Yum Cha restaurant, movies, dinner & a Cabaret Show and much more.....

August 31 Off we go on a 3 day P & O Comedy Cruise. Featuring restaurants, food courts, sports court, pool, gym, cinema, live comedy theatre and so much more...

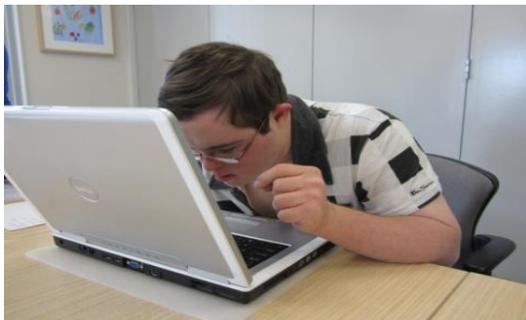
Bye for now Andreana

Transition To Work

Wow has the past 6 months flown by!!!

The group at TTW has been working hard in a lot of different areas. Clients have been involved in work experience over the past 3 months including Kmart – Stanhope

gardens, where clients learn product placement, clean shelves and general tidy up of the store, Yaranga industries- Kings Park clients duties include picking and packing different items each week, and Sunnyfield enterprises at St Marys where clients have been involved enveloping letters for mailouts.



Clients have also been going to the Library researching different job links and resume writing and have been able to borrow some great books to look at. They have also been learning about different rules in the work place and OH&S, Disability service standards and all this is happening on a weekly bases.

TTW has continued with their hospitality training at the centre which everyone seems to enjoy, making some great lunches like Sheppard's pie, Chicken stroganoff, stir fries, and much more.

Melissa Terheegde

Manager Community Access Programs

Staff Profile – Julie Matchett



My name is Julie, I live with my daughter Cloe who is in 2nd Grade and is the best part of my world.

I live on farmland with lots of space around me and love it with the animals.

I have worked at Peckys for about six months and enjoy coming to work with all the people here. When I'm not at work I am watching my daughter swim or practise her drums or training at the gym. I practise kickboxing and have had two fights in the ring, I love the adrenaline rush! Cheers!..... Julie

“WHAT’S HAPPENING AT PECKYS”

TRAINING & TEAM BUILDING



**SENSORY EQUIPMENT HAS ARRIVED
THANKYOU BLACKTOWN WORKERS!**



RECEPTION AREA



NEW KITCHEN in CABIN

From this



To this



Now this!



Our Sponsors

The Jones Family

