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In Focus

Tobin Brothers show support for Carinya

We were delighted to be a recipient of a 2017 Tobin Brothers Foundation grant.

Mr Colin McKenzie, Chair of Carinya's Board, accepted the cheque for \$3,000 at the Foundation's Awards Ceremony on 28th February 2018, at the Tobin Brothers Funerals – Celebration of Life Chapel in North Melbourne. Carinya was one of 12 recipients acknowledged by the Salvation Army's Major Brendan Nottle.

The funds have been used to purchase a new adult change table for our programs area which is providing participants with a greater sense of dignity and self-respect.



Carinya Community Newsletter

Mobile Sensory Station

At Carinya it is really important to us to provide the best equipment for our participants and thanks to our wonderful supporters we are very close to achieving our goal of purchasing a Mobile Sensory Station. The Tax Appeal had an overwhelming response and we are so grateful to everyone who donated.

For people with intellectual, physical and sensory disabilities our Sensory Room provides them with a special place to escape to and feel safe and secure in, and we are looking forward to being able to turn any room into a functioning Sensory space.

"The impact of sensory equipment is significant. It increases happiness and wellbeing, and helps participants develop a sense of empowerment and build their confidence, resilience and independence. These are all core qualities that we work to encourage at Carinya, and I can't thank you enough for helping us create an additional space where participants can engage in stimulating activity that is meaningful to their individual sensory needs".

We need just over \$3,000 to reach our target so even if you weren't able to give before 30 June there is still time to contribute. Every amount will help.



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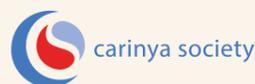
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Upcoming Events

Parent and Carer Meetings:

Date: Monday 15 October Time: 10.30am
Date: Monday 3 December Venue: 10 Bellevue Street, Coburg
(including a Christmas morning tea)

Please RSVP to Cheryle Ph: 9354 3337 or email admin@carinyasociety.org.au



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Donations of \$2 or more are tax-deductible

Please accept my **single** gift of \$ _____

I would like my gift directed to General Mobile Sensory Station

OR
I will make **monthly gifts** of \$15 \$25 \$50 Other \$ _____

Please accept my Cheque/money order (payable to Carinya Society) or charge my gift to:

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Reflection

From the CEO

Just like everywhere else, time is flying at Carinya. The Board of Carinya have spent significant time in strategic planning, whilst considering the impacts of the internal and external environment that will influence Carinya's services over the next five years. We have had the majority of our participants transition over to the NDIS, including our residents at Nelson House. It hasn't come without pressure, but hopefully the remainder of the transitions won't be with a flurry towards the end of the financial year. Carinya staff are pleased to see that many participants, as with our residents, are receiving more appropriate levels of funding than they were previously.

A key accomplishment over recent months has been our successful external audit for ISO and Disability

service standards. Carinya has retained accreditation and I am thrilled to report that for the third successive year we have not had any non-conformances to address. A huge feat during such a significant sector transformation.

The entire team of Carinya is committed to doing our best to meet your needs, as well as those of families and carers who are considering Carinya as their service provider.

Warm regards

Chief Executive Officer



CEO Debbie Mitchell

What's New

Highlights of Carinya Service Survey

This was the third year Carinya took the bold step of asking families for feedback utilising our consultants Saguity. We received a 94% satisfaction rate with our service which we are delighted with.

In particular, we are glad that the suggestions our staff make for you are relevant, considered and helpful to you. But we also acknowledge that we need to listen more carefully and do our best to assist you when you make a request of us.

"My daughter is in there and I have to recommend them because she is just having the absolute time of her life."

"A lot of people dismiss him because of his disability, but the people at Carinya have taken the time to stop and actually learn what he likes and who he is. They're very patient and kind towards him."

– Carinya Families

Get Social with Us

If you haven't already connected with us on Facebook we encourage you to head to our page and like it. It's a great way of keeping up-to-date with what's happening around Carinya and seeing photos of programs in action.

We are building a wonderful online community and would love as many of you to be part of it as possible.

www.facebook.com.au/CarinyaSociety

NEWS

Open Forum with Bill Shorten



In March Carinya staff and participants joined an open forum at the Pascoe Vale Neighbourhood Facility to discuss the NDIS with Federal Labor Leader Mr Bill Shorten. As one

of the architects of the NDIS Mr Shorten was keen to engage with recipients and he was joined by champion Paralympian Dylan Alcott and representatives from the Brotherhood of St Laurence.

The forum provided an opportunity for organisations and individuals involved with the NDIS to ask questions and engage on this important policy area.

Many issues shared by the local audience regarding accessibility, casework consistency and planning were those that continue to be shared by Carinya.

We all hope Mr Shorten takes the feedback on board to improve the situation for all service users and organisations.

Our client committee representatives Caitlin, Hayley and Mark were keen to join the forum and represent Carinya.

Thank you to Peter Khalil MP Federal Member for Wills for organising the event.

Your Generosity in Action

Your donations to the Christmas Appeal have helped us restock the supplies in the Art Room. It continues to be one of the most popular programs with participants enjoying the opportunity to express their creativity in a fun and stimulating environment.

Art is a fantastic way of helping people with disabilities feel in control of what they are doing. Allowing them the freedom to explore their creativity through whatever method they choose puts the power back into their hands. Whether they are painting on a canvas, decorating a mug or drawing, when they are creating art people with disabilities are in control of what they are doing.

The results can be spectacular and the support of donors makes a big difference in the quality of the materials we are able to provide. Some of the artworks produced have been on display at an exhibition at Brunswick Library which was very exciting for the artists involved.

