



ELLIEB'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER | SPRING EDITION - OCTOBER 2022

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Daveron Park Redevelopment Underway!



For some time, we have been sharing news of exciting developments about to happen here at EllieB's!

In this edition of the newsletter, we are thrilled to announce that we have signed the building contract for our new state-of-art EllieB's respite centre in Daveron Park.

The building redevelopment has now begun and we

can't wait to share the developments along the way.

In addition to this, we have also secured three new respite properties to ensure participants loved ones continue to enjoy short stays with their friends.

Should you have questions or wish to arrange a walk through any of the respite homes please don't hesitate to contact Lilian Odhigo on 0477 600 083.

BEFORE



NOW



Watch
this
space!



A Note from the Chair

The days are getting warmer and longer, at last—spring is here.

In this season of new growth and renewal, EllieB's is embracing the constant challenges of this sector—a new federal government, and so far, some welcome new attitudes from that quarter, and acknowledgements of the hard work we've done and the challenges faced by our clients.

I know we are all excited to see the redevelopment of the Davoren Park site, and as the work progresses, there will be regular updates and photographs so that we can all be part of this exciting journey.

It seems Covid is now something we must learn to live with and manage—and again I thank Wendy for her leadership and preparation in this regard. We all know what to do and how to be as safe as we can because of her vigilance and constant reminders.

Take some time to enjoy the warmer days outdoors, I'm grateful we can have that freedom again.

Sue Chapman

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Chairperson | EllieB's



EllieB's Carer Advisory Group

I had hoped to inform you of a positive outcome to my Daughters Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) but unfortunately we do not have a decision at this time. The NDIS has asked for more evidence to support our appeal even though we had forwarded an abundance of paperwork. Trying to communicate via a three way phone conversation was not easy. Good things happen to those who wait, so I am hoping for the best result.

The Labor government introduced the NDIS and as they are back in government again, I am hopeful they will deliver on their promise to make it the agency it was meant to be.

I am pleased to advise that I was almost successful in using all of my daughter's NDIS budget. The core budget is probably the most difficult as this can cover a variety of things. We had not made use of all of her community access for various reasons so a short holiday with her housemate and staff for 4 days to the Barossa Valley was organised. Although a little cold, they both had a wonderful time. Two things that she enjoyed immensely was lunch at a 60's cafe including a large cut-out of Elvis Presley and other decorations from that era. Something to please her sweet tooth was a High Tea at one of the wineries. A holiday can lift your spirits and it worked well as she was a perfect angel while away. Thanks to the staff that made it an enjoyable holiday for both girls.

The Carer Advisory Group are here for you, however some ideas from clients of what you think you would like us to do, arrange or assist with would help us. If you have any ideas please ring me on 0411483976 or email 7982726d@tpg.com.au.

Dawn Brodie

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Convenor | EllieB's Carer Advisory Group

A Word from Wendy

And just like that, we are stepping into the last few months of yet another year.

It has been a big few months, and years, and as always, the team at EllieB's have continued to work tirelessly to ensure everyone has felt safe, secure, seen and heard. Thank you once again to each and every one of you for your hard work and dedication.

As our Chair has already mentioned, the Daveron Park sites continues to be a very exciting development for EllieB's. We have signed the contract and work has now begun on this state-of-the-art development.

As the pictures show, the respite centre is hardly recognisable at the moment. We look forward to sharing the redevelopment progress with you as it all unfolds over the next 6 to 7 months!

In addition to the redevelopment, we have also secured three new respite properties to ensure participants loved ones continue to enjoy short stays with their friends.

As we continue to rollout our new name and brand, we are thrilled to see our new look and feel shining brightly at our offices and online on our website, elliebs.org.au. Be sure to check out the pages to follow for a sneak peek at it all.

A big thank you to the EllieB's staff and carers who were involved in helping us to develop the new brand. Special thanks also go to Andrew Killey from Brand A, Sarah Anesbury and her team at the Creative Union and our long-time marketing guru and dear partner, Nereeda McInnes for bringing it all to life, it looks incredible!!

In this edition of the newsletter, you will see many smiles from around the traps from our incredible participants and staff working, playing, sewing, creating and enjoying some of our amazing Day Options programs headed up by House Manager, Lilian Odhigu.

Behind the scenes, we have also been busy working on our strategic vision and innovation that is to come as the months and years progress. This includes rebranding work which has commenced to bring the look and feel of our plan management Service, Enable Plan Management in line with EllieB's new image.

Enable Team Leader, Erin and the Plan Management team look forward to sharing further developments in the coming months as we turn our attention to rebranding this amazing service.

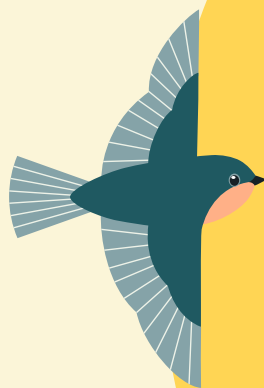
As we continue to press forward, the safety of our participants and community continue to be at the forefront of all that we do and why we do it. And like the rest of the world we have everything crossed that COVID ceases to be a public health crisis sooner rather than later.

As always, keep smiling and thank you for your continued support.

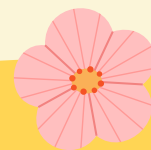
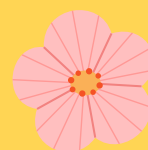


Wendy Warren

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Chief Executive | EllieB's



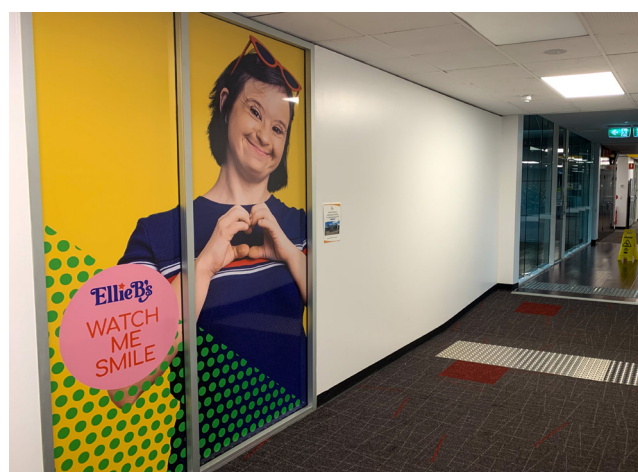
Spring!





EllieB's signage and brand new website is now live!

We are so excited to share our brand new signage and website with you! Here are some snaps of just some of EllieB's new signage you will see around the place. You can also check out our new website below and over at: elliebs.org.au!





WATCH
ME
SMILE

OUR VISION

Full and rich lives for everyone.

OUR MISSION

We create safe, successful support programs for every individual.

We strive to be switched on, savvy, secure!

Here's what it means to us...

SWITCHED ON

Everything we do we do for our participants; we are always there for them and always in the moment.

SAVVY

Success in developmental disability support relies on flexibility, agility and ingenuity, cookie-cutter solutions don't cut it in our world.

SECURE

It takes a lot of serious training to have the confidence to truly connect with our people. We are committed to the highest standards, always.

Around the Traps



Bill hard at work



Bill

with the team in the office!



Keith



Recently, Keith had a session with his behavioural specialist Amanda and it was decided that Keith may like to try Trampoline Therapy. Keith had his next therapy session at Bounce to make sure Keith liked the sensation of trampolines and it was a huge success. Keith was laughing and clapping throughout the session

with the biggest smile on his face. As soon as we left he asked when he can go back! As a result of such a successful session, Keith's Occupational and Behavioural Therapists are looking at getting Keith his very own trampoline for his home.

Day Options

At EllieB's Day Options, we support participants to achieve their community access and inclusion goals, enlarge their social network and capacity. We engage in various activities including numeracy, hand and eye coordination activities like bowling and table tennis, social interaction by eating out at our favourite eateries and doing group activities.

Whether it's working up a sweat at Zumba or the disco, stretching with Pilates (muscle relaxation), cooking up a storm, sewing or camping, you can expect lots of laughter, living life, learning and having fun with EllieB's Day Options programs.

To register your interest or to learn more about our Day Options programs contact Lilian Odhigu on 0477 600 083.



NDIS UPDATES

Specialist Disability Accommodation Pricing Review Launched

Media Release | 22 August 2022

A review of Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) pricing has today been launched to cement the future of quality, innovative housing for eligible National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) participants – with the Terms of Reference now available.

The SDA Pricing Review will evaluate the impact of current SDA prices on supply and demand and set new SDA prices to guide market investment to areas that will most benefit people with disability that need SDA housing over the next five years.

The outcomes of the SDA Pricing Review will take into account any early findings of the broader NDIS Review, which will be announced soon.

The broader review will be designed to deliver on the election commitment to improve the NDIS design, operation and sustainability as well as build a more responsive and supportive market and workforce to improve the effectiveness of the scheme.

Minister for the NDIS, the Hon. Bill Shorten, said the findings would outline a direction for the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) to steward the SDA market, and better support providers to build quality housing for participants in locations where it is needed, when it is needed.

“The SDA Pricing Review is about making sure eligible participants receive the supports they need,” Minister Shorten said.

“We will listen to participants, providers and industry to inform SDA pricing and deliver the best possible outcomes for people with disability.

“The SDA Pricing Review will ensure pricing accurately reflects what is needed for investment to support NDIS participants into the future.”

A decade of Liberal neglect for the NDIS has led to lack of clarity for eligible participants who need SDA. The SDA Review was delayed due to the Federal Election, and the Albanese Government wants to ensure it progresses as planned.

An Expert Panel will be appointed to oversee the SDA Review and ensure the process is comprehensive, fair and transparent and strengthens the voice of people with disability in pricing.

Outcomes of the SDA Price Review will be implemented on 1 July 2023. Final decisions about any changes to the SDA pricing methodology are expected to be released in May 2023.

SDA is one of the supports that may be funded under the NDIS. SDA funding is provided to participants who require a specialist dwelling that reduces their need for person-to-person supports, or improves the efficiency of the delivery of person-to-person supports.

Participants who meet the eligibility criteria will have an extreme functional impairment and/or very high support needs.

As at 30 June 2022, a total of 19,358 participants in 7,086 dwellings were receiving SDA supports funded through their NDIS plans. In total, \$271 million was spent from participant plans on SDA supports over the 12 months to 30 June 2022.

Source: <https://ministers.dss.gov.au/media-releases/8901>

Terms of Reference: <https://bit.ly/TOSNDIS>



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