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Watch me smile

Summer Wrap up



It's been smiles all around at EllieB's this last quarter!

From celebrating Christmas at our new state-of-the-art respite facility, to watching butterflies come to life, hens being hatched, dancing and solving puzzles, there certainly have been many laughs and special moments shared by all!





INTRODUCING *Matthew Wilson!*

I am a Chartered Accountant and an ASIC registered Financial Adviser with over 30 years' experience in Professional services and Corporate roles. I have a passion for helping businesses and individuals improve their financial wellbeing, plan for their financial future, and mitigate key financial risks, all with the goal of helping to define and meet their financial objectives.

I am analytical, pragmatic, and enjoying working within a team environment to achieve common goals. I also pride myself on distilling complicated issues into language and concepts that are easily understood.

I look forward to using my skills to try and help improve the already successful EllieB's team and it will be a privilege to support the EllieB's team, striving to improve the lives of those with a disability and their families.

Matthew Wilson

Matthew Wilson
Board Member

A Word from Wendy

While this last quarter has seen some incredible highs and significant milestones reached, we have also experienced the heartbreak of having to say goodbye to one of our dearest friends and treasured residents, Belinda.

Belinda, the much-loved daughter of Dawn Brodie, our highly respected Board member and guiding light behind our Carer Advisory Group, has been a cherished part of EllieB's for over 30 years. Throughout this journey, Dawn's unwavering commitment to secure the utmost care for her daughter through the NDIS, especially in these last very testing years, has been an inspiration to us all. Belinda, in turn, has graced EllieB's with her warmth and spirit, touching countless hearts along the way. Loved by so many, Belinda's presence will truly be missed and we remain forever grateful for the fond memories she leaves behind. Our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences extend to Dawn, Graeme and her family during this difficult time.

Special thanks go to the wonderful carers Emily Baird, Ranjit Bal, Christine Chege, Gurjit Dhaliwal, Sadiatu Kamara, Paramjit Kaur, Margaret Mpawenayo, Rachna Sharma, Lynette Turner, Lakhwinder Kaur who Dawn describes as angels walking the earth. We agree! The teams care, commitment and genuine love for Belinda is so touching.

Amidst the heartbreak, there have also been many very special moments shared and highlights within the community.



One such highlight was our annual Christmas Party at our brand new state-of-the-art respite facility at Davoren Park. It was an incredible day and the smiles couldn't be wiped off the faces of all who attended! Not only that, it furthered our excitement around the opportunities this redevelopment presents for participants and the entire EllieB's community moving forward. A big thank you to Rita for her hard work and all involved for making this such a special day!

As always, there has been a buzz of birthday celebrations, dancing, learning, picnics and fun around the traps at EllieB's! We've even seen Travis become an Uncle, hens being hatched and butterflies being born. And that's not the half of it! There is so much more inside this edition, so be sure to check out the happy snaps on the pages to follow!

In this edition, you will also see the current vacancies on offer. These opportunities are rare and don't pop up very often, so if you have been on the lookout for safe and secure Supported Independent Living for your loved one, I invite you to take a look at our current offerings and contact the team today to find out more.

I would also like to take this opportunity to officially welcome our newest Board Member, Matthew Wilson. Matthew is a Chartered Accountant and an ASIC registered Financial Adviser with over 30 years' experience in professional services and corporate roles. With a passion for helping individuals and businesses through the work that he does, there is no doubt he is the perfect fit for our Board and community. Welcome Matthew!

Looking forward, we continue to focus on building resilience through innovation and teamwork within the organisation. As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are automating and outsourcing administrative functions where possible, allowing us to remain focused on what's important—this being, service improvement and ensuring we are treating everyone as we would like to be treated as we continue to adapt and change as the NDIS environment requires.

As always, I want to take this opportunity to thank our volunteer board members, incredible staff and leadership team. I am forever grateful for your service and dedication to those we support.

Wendy Warren

Wendy Warren
Chief Executive | EllieB's





Current Vacancies!

Are you on the lookout for a beautiful, safe and secure space for your loved one? Opportunities like this don't pop up often, so should this be something you have been looking for, call us today!



BLAIR ATHOL ~ VACANCY 1

Part of our cluster at Blair Athol, your male participant will love living in this modern home. A good match for someone who is young at heart, has a variety of hobbies and likes their own space.

- Sharing with male residents, ages 30's-50's
- Variety of staffing ratios through the day
- Modern 4 bedroom home, consisting of 3 participant rooms and 1 office
- All bedrooms have built-in robes.
- Ducted heating and cooling
- Site vehicle is provided



BLAIR ATHOL ~ VACANCY 2

Part of our cluster at Blair Athol, your female participant will love living in this modern home. A good match for someone who likes outings, cooking, movies and music!

- Sharing with female residents in their 20's
- Variety of staffing ratios through the day
- Modern 4 bedroom home, consisting of 3 participant rooms and 1 office
- All bedrooms have built-in robes.
- Ducted heating and cooling
- Site vehicle is provided



PARALOWIE VACANCY

Your male participant will love living at our home at Paralowie. A great fit for someone who likes to access the community and enjoys lots of noise and activity around them.

- Sharing with male residents, ages 21-63
- Staffing ratio of 1:2
- Modern 5 bedroom home, consisting of 4 participant rooms and 1 office
- Close to parks and shops
- Site vehicle is provided



Around the Traps



Newly hatched hens from Lyndell's house hanging out at Knowles Road



A scrumptious lunch with awesome people at Michelle's beautiful beach home!

Although it was too hot for a swim, everyone enjoyed the day!



Monarch Butterflies at Knowles Road



Next pics...

So close to coming out of the cocoon



Tauri watching the butterflies come to life from caterpillars!



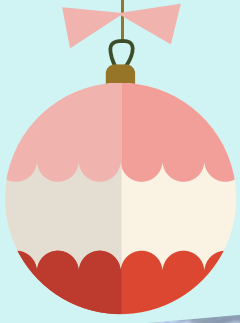
Happy Birthday Annette!



Day Options at EllieB's

Lots of smiles, photos, disco dancing, solving puzzles, a visit moana beach and more!





Christmas Celebrations at EllieB's

The EllieB's community were all smiles at our Christmas party this year! So many laughs and special moments were shared by all! Here are some of the happy snaps captured on the day!



More from Around the Traps



Travis loving cooking the BBQ



Nick having a pat of Stanley the snake



Nick earning his keep mopping the floor



A rose between two thorns with Nick, Simon, Lucas



Nick, Jess and David fishing



David enjoying a day at the beach

Travis becomes an Uncle!

On 31st Jan 2024, Travis of Wallaroo became an uncle to precious, Larni Eve. Congratulations Travis!





NDIS UPDATES

Removal of Transitional Arrangements for Community and Centre-Based (Group) Activities

As of 1 January 2024, the transitional period for group and centre-based pricing is now complete.

This transition period commenced in July 2019 and concluded on 31 December 2023, allowing providers to move from ratio-based pricing to a fairer and more transparent pricing for group-based supports.

The ratio-based support items have been permanently removed from the NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits and moved to the Legacy tab of the NDIS Support Catalogue.

Providers must use the Bulk Payment Request Template for services delivered in arrears before 1 January 2024. Services delivered after that date will be rejected by the payment system.

Starting 1 January 2024, all claiming for group and centre-based supports under Assistance with Social and Community Participation must follow the updated pricing arrangements.

Resources:

- NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits 2023-24 v1.2 (DOCX 354KB)
- NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits 2023-24 v1.2 (PDF 1.29MB)
- NDIS Support Catalogue 2023-24 v1.2 (XLS 611KB)
- Bulk Payment Request Template (CSV 1KB)
- Group-Based Supports Transition Guidance (DOCX 772KB)
- Group-Based Supports Transition Guidance (PDF 464KB)
- You can email the Transition Team directly at group.supports.transition@ndis.gov.au for further information.

Source: <https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/9812-removal-transitional-arrangements-community-and-centre-based-group-activities>



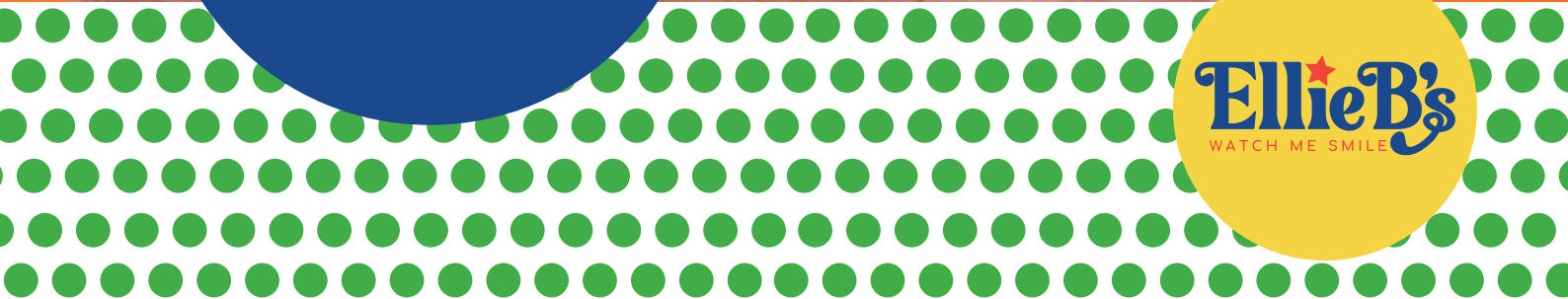
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