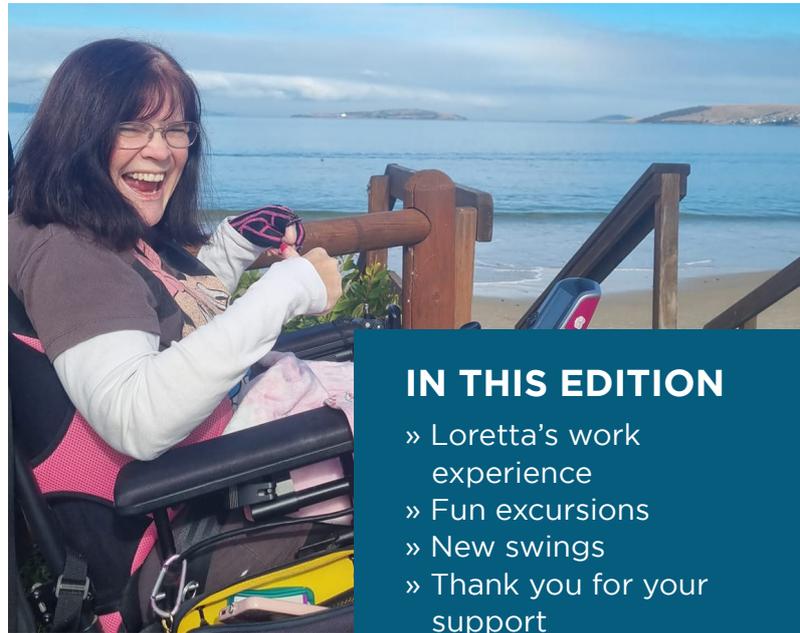


FRIENDS OF ABLE

How your support makes a difference to people with disability

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OPENING DOORS TO SUPPORT MORE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

In December, Mosaic Support Services became part of the Able Australia family. Mosaic has operated in Tasmania for over 40 years, while Able has been in Tasmania for 18 years and operated in Australia for more than 50 years.

Able Australia CEO, Lynette McKeown, says that this merger strengthens disability support services in Tasmania and nationally to over 800 adults and children.

“By coming together and harnessing the collective resources and expertise of both organisations, including our commitment to quality and safe-guarding practices, we will increase our capability to deliver exceptional services to more people”.

The unique programs that each organisation has operated will continue, allowing more clients access to wonderful experiences. Mosaic Studios is a multimedia program that showcases the individual creative talents of clients with disability. Clients like Grant produce their own short films and sound recordings, supported by tutors who are specialists in their artistic field.

Grant says, “In this new chapter, I’m looking forward to the great things we all can achieve”.

Use this QR code to see Grant’s video interviewing Lynette.



Margie has been accessing supports for over 12 years, starting with Community Access and Respite Options and later moved into Supported Independent Living in 2015.

Margie has a love of butterflies and got her first tattoo of one just over a year ago. She is the quintessential “social butterfly” who loves shopping and going to events. To relax she likes to do diamond art, and she keeps active with swimming so she can remain as independent as possible.

TOGETHER WE ARE ABLE

LORETTA'S WORK EXPERIENCE

Loretta has attended Able Day Services for over 6 years and asked for an opportunity to increase her office skills through work experience.

Able's donor care team has been privileged to have her help in recent months with tasks including data entry on her accessible keyboard and signing thank you notes to donors.

"I like working in the team and learning new things" says Loretta.



FUN EXCURSIONS!

A group of clients recently enjoyed exciting excursions in Launceston, Tasmania, including Grindelwald Activity Centre. Some of their favourite activities were the tandem pedal karts and splash golf. They were delighted to also visit Tasmania Zoo and Queen Victoria Museum.

Able Support Workers who attended said these excursions help clients build friendships, develop

confidence and participate equally in fun activities available to the broader public.

We thank Harcourts Foundation for supporting these wonderful activities.



NEW SWINGS

Many clients love to enjoy the large outdoor space at Able Australia Day Service centre in Camberwell Victoria, however our outdoor furniture was getting weathered. We reached out to Bunnings Hawthorn, and they kindly donated two great swings, enjoyed here by Jonathon.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Thank you to our generous supporters who donated to our Christmas Appeal to raise funds to provide tailored programs and support services for our clients living with disability.

A special thanks to donors who sent Christmas messages for our clients – as you can see these messages of friendship and support have brightened their days!

Renee, pictured below left, was pleased that her artwork was featured on the cards. Jack loved reading messages to a therapy dog and Cathy smiled as a staff member read the cards to her.



JOIN ABLE:COMMUNITY



Join **Able:Community** to empower and enable people living with disability in Australia to achieve their life goals.

Each month, your investment will drive initiatives including:

- Giving young people a memorable experience like horse riding, art or swimming lessons.
- Supplying deafblind people with the assistive technology they need for communication and everyday activities.

- Supporting Able’s Centre of Excellence – Deafblind in training, advocacy and deafblind research for all ages.

Giving monthly helps Able Australia plan future programs, offers you behind the scenes exclusive updates and gives continued support to people with disability.

Scan the QR code for more information.



A GIFT THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME



Many people like you, who passionately support Able Australia, consider providing a donation or leaving a gift in their Will that funds many of our life-transforming projects.

Leaving a legacy to Able Australia in your Will is a very special way of giving a gift that keeps giving. A gift in your Will – no matter how big or small – ensures that Able Australia will continue to support and empower people living with complex disabilities.

We're excited to partner with Gathered Here to make legacy giving as easy as possible for our supporters. Wills written on Gathered Here are completely free of charge and include free updates for life.

If you (or your family members) are one of the millions of Australians who are considering leaving a gift in their Will, but haven't quite got around to it yet, here's your sign to do it. It'll only take around 10 minutes, and no matter how many times

you change your mind, you can change your Will too.

Able Australia supporters and your families can write a Will for free just using this QR code.



For Bequest information, please contact Rose Livingston on 1300 220 602 or email fundraising@ableaustralia.org.au.



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Much of our work is funded through generous donations. If you would like to donate, and share happiness with people living with disability, please use this QR code.



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