

Spring 2021



Community

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From the desk of the CEO

Welcome to the spring edition of the Lutheran Disability Services Community. At LDS we are committed to living out our faith values by serving and helping our clients serve in the communities within which we operate. It is such a blessing when we see our clients have connection and belonging as part of their wider community. I encourage you to read the article about the working bee at Shimron house. The fantastic team from St John's Lutheran Church did an awesome job of tidying up the gardens ready for our clients to move home following some extensive renovations. Most importantly it was fantastic the way that team worked WITH our clients rather than just FOR our clients. I think everyone had a great day and we look forward to more fun ways to connect in the future. LDS continues to develop the quality of our services and finding ways for our clients to thrive with secure happy home environments and meaningful connections in Christian community. As we gear up for the International Day of People with a Disability we really want to reach out to our extended network of families, supporters and congregations to join our mission. There are so many ways you can get involved, I do hope you jump on board. Feel free to reach out to me or any of the LDS team at any time if you want to have a chat about how you can help. We are here to serve.

Blessings, JvR



Shimron Working Bee

One sunny Saturday morning, members of St John's Lutheran Church in Unley spent their Saturday at Lutheran Disability Services Shimron House to help the clients on a working bee. Shimron has recently been renovated and the clients will move back in soon to not only a beautifully renovated home, but also a lovely garden.

This demonstration of God's love is a reflection of the Lutheran Church of Australia Christian Care Sunday program in practice. Supporting and building community with some of the most vulnerable people in our congregation.



Not only do the residents have a wonderful new garden to compliment their new deck, but they also got to participate in the working bee and to forge new friendships with the St John's community.

Want to get involved? Does your congregation have a heart for Christian Care Sunday? Reach out to LDS on 8212 7766 to see how you can get involved.

Thank you St. John's Unley for your love and commitment.



International Day of People with Disability

On December 3 each year we celebrate the International Day of People with Disability. This is a wonderful time to reflect on the joy that our clients bring to our community on a daily basis. It is also a time of reflection on how we as a community can include people with a disability into our everyday lives.

The clients of LDS are unique individuals and they bring their joy, sense of humor and their life experience into our community everyday.

The challenge to the wider community and the Lutheran Church of Australia is to challenge ourselves and our congregations on what is inclusivity and how do we include people with a disability into our community? It may be as simple as sharing a hobby, asking someone to pop over for a coffee or offering to fix a tap in someone's home.

International Day of People with Disability is about pausing and reflecting on how we can build community while also celebrating everyone that brings diversity into our lives.

Join with LDS to celebrate this day in your community through praying for our mission, praying for our clients and maybe considering December 5 to be your Christian Care Sunday.



Nurioopta Location - Female

At LDS we help to create happy homes for our clients. Our clients have the same right as everyone to enjoy life, be integrated into the community and to have a happy home. Our specialist team of support workers are trained to serve the clients to ensure that they can achieve their life goals including making sure that there is fun at home, work and play!

Available now



LDS currently has a vacancy at an established property located in the Barossa Valley at Nuriootpa. The home is a 4 bedroom single story house with large individual bedrooms, each having their own ensuite, built-in wardrobe and modern air-conditioning unit.

Our housemates are looking for an additional female housemate to join our caring home, preferable a young adult with EHO (Exploring Housing Options) Assessments completed and who requires Supported Independent Living (SIL) with overnight support to live in a three person SIL.

This lovely renovated home has a large open plan kitchen, dining and lounge area in addition to a sunroom overlooking the enclosed lawn and garden area. The staff sleepover room is adjacent the bedrooms, and the laundry and kitchen are equipped with new appliances. There is undercover parking at the accessible front entrance.

Situated in a quiet leafy area of Nuriootpa with views across vineyards, the home is less than 1.5 km walk or drive from the business and shopping centre of town.

If you know a suitable person to come and share our happy home please call our friendly Client Intake team on 8212 7766 or email admin@ldsa.org.au.

Mates in the Barossa

"He's my mate, David," David told me as I entered the Lutheran Disability Services house in Nuriootpa to set up for a photoshoot for our next ad campaign.

This simple introduction tells the story of two blokes from the Barossa who came together in 2019 to live as housemates in Nuri.

David Leske was living independently with supports coming in daily to assist. While helpful, a diagnosis of early Dementia fast tracked his families need for additional support for David's care, while still being able to achieve his life goals. When David moved into supported LDS accommodation, he received a structure of routine, care, love and support that enables him to thrive, to be a valued member of both the community and his household. Leske, as he is known locally, is a Barossa icon and loves a chat.

David Pfeiffer was living in a nursing home, unable to find his happy home. He wasn't walking and was deteriorating rapidly. When the opportunity came in 2019 for David to join the house in Nuri he was a work in progress. Fast forward 2 years and David is walking, dancing (he does a very good ragtime) and having the time of his life. David is known locally for his amazing knowledge of local family history.

Kimberley, our Client Services Assistant for the Barossa says that the role of a support worker at LDS is to help create a family environment, include the clients interests and hobbies into the fabric of the household and foster happiness. "This client focused approach is what makes us different."



Mates (cont.)

David and David love being housemates, they watch every footy match and even go on holiday together – a real family.

Together they have mateship, personal growth, are developing new skills and have independence.

Since 2019 both clients have grown as individuals and are thriving in their happy home.

See David and David in our new advertising campaign, helping others find their happy home with Lutheran Disability Services, including pre-registration for new properties to be built in Tanunda in 2022

Know someone looking for their happy home in Tanunda? Contact LDS today to find out more:

Jordan Matthews jmatthews@ldssa.org.au
or 0431 685 808





Award Winners 2021

A big congratulations to our award winners for 2021. We believe that at LDS every one of our staff members are awesome and we appreciate the work they do everyday for our clients. These winners have gone above and beyond in order to deliver quality service to our clients. We also recognise our years of service and thank every staff member named below for your ongoing service to our community. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing commitment to our clients

Innovative thinking to create client centred experiences & community connections award

2021 Winner - Tamara Martin
Finalist - Scott Hanna

Service excellence award for staff who consistently work to create happy homes for our clients

2021 Winner - Sherri-Lee Nicholls
Finalist - Gideon Dodd

Promotes positive team cultures through LDS values - they are just awesome people to work with!

2021 Winner - Calley Smith
Finalist - Emma Jacobi

Support Worker of the Year Award

2021 Winner - Sheetal Kaura
Finalist - Julie Green

CSA of the Year Award

2021 Winner - Kimberley Clarke
Finalist - Judith Bechara

Awesome Team Award

2021 Winner - Barossa
Finalist - Woodside

Thank you for your years of service to LDS!

10 Years
Judith Bechara

5 Years
Lyndal Buttress-Grove
Katrina Raw
Ramsha Akhtar
Maggie Kowald
Karen Ford



New LDS Structure



To enable LDS to grow and continue to provide exceptional service in the highly regulated and competitive NDIS and disability sector a new structure has been implemented to support the organisation.

At an Executive Level, Darren Anderson has accepted the new role of Senior Client Relationship Manager, overseeing client & family relationships, pastoral care, onboarding, client & NDIS reporting and quoting. Rebecca Ellis has accepted the role of Senior Client Services Manager, responsible for service delivery across our client network. Michael Kromwyk is the Chief Operating Officer, responsible for business development, HR and quality & safeguarding. Carman Wilson, our new Senior Finance Manager is responsible for Finance, IT and Accommodation Services.



John



Rebecca



Darren



Carman



Michael

In addition, we would like to introduce you all to our new LDS Team Leaders: Emma Jacobi, Jason Hendrie, Kimberley Clarke and Ella Dansie. Emma, Jason, Kimberley and Ella all are emerging leaders from within our organisation and have high level skills that will complement our service delivery to clients. The Team Leader role commences on 26th September and will be followed by a transition period while they build rapport with their new clients, families and staff teams. The incumbents in CSA positions will continue in their roles to complement the new Team Leader and existing CSM roles.

LDS is confident that these changes will hold LDS well as we move into a period of growth, so that we can give more people the chance to experience the LDS difference through our values of FAITH / EMPOWERMENT / EXCELLENCE / FUN. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me direct.

Blessing, John van Ruth, CEO

COVID-19 Vaccinations

The LDS team are tracking well to achieving over 80% COVID-19 vaccinations.

Clients have been leading the charge with our vaccination numbers above the national average.

Staff and Support Workers are also above the State average and we are encouraging everyone to do their part and get vaccinated.

Useful information about the vaccine for people living with disability and their families and support team is available on this link:

[CLICK HERE](#)



Tori selling at the Markets

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE LDS MISSION



PRAY FOR OUR MISSION

Include LDS in your prayers and ask God to bless our mission of delivering Faith, Empowerment and Excellence to people living with disability.



VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Do you have a special skill that you'd love to share with a LDS Client? Our Clients love to cook, create, play sport and help in the community. If you'd like to be involved in our mission please contact us on 08 8212 7766 or visit our website.



SERVING COMMUNITIES

Do you have community activities, projects, jobs where people living with a disability can be involved? Reach out to us as our community is looking to serve the wider community and to work with you to build strong, integrated communities.



HELP BUILD OUR NETWORK

LDS wants to positively impact in the lives of people with disability. If your community has a disused building, land or other facility that could be converted to disability housing please talk to us.



DONATE & OFFERINGS

You can donate direct to LDS by calling 08 8212 7766 or visiting our website. You can donate to LDS through leaving a legacy, setting a bequest or investing in housing for people with a disability. If your Church would like to dedicate a special offering to our mission please feel free to get in touch with us.

LEARN MORE AT WWW.LDSSA.ORG.AU OR 08 8212 7766

LDS IS GROWING

With the Shimron Clients moving back to Unley LDS has created a new SIL in St Mary's. Initially three clients are moving in with a fourth currently being considered. This new home in the LDS network is one of many that we are planning in 2021-2022. If you are interested in a happy home, contact LDS today on 8212 7766 to find out about our current vacancies.



SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE AND INDIVIDUALITY

Creating happy homes through supported independent living, specialist disability accommodation and community participation programs. Empowering adults living with a disability to achieve their life goals.



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Henna art at ADD house