

Summer 2022



Community



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Welcome to our Summer Edition!

We hope you enjoy this new edition of LDS Community.

Inside this edition are photos of our first Christmas Event to be held in two years, an update from our CEO, Christmas trivia and vacancies. All this and more inside. We also wish our community a blessed Christmas and a wonderful new year.

(Photo: Clients performing the Christmas play)

From the desk of the CEO

Dear clients, friends and families.

I continue to be encouraged by the work that the LDS team do in partnership with clients and families to create an environment where our clients feel they belong and have a meaningful and purposeful connection within their community.

It is so important to me that LDS lives out our faith values of sharing the love of God and serving each other. If we truly believe that all people are valued and have dignity and purpose then it is not hard to see our role is to empower each other to reach our full potential.

This year has been difficult due to COVID challenges, but our clients resilience and 'can do' attitude has been amazing.

There have been many examples where our clients have been achieving their goals. Seeing clients connect and contribute to in their local community programs is really encouraging for us all at LDS. Thanks to everyone who has helped to make this happen.

By the time you read this we will have held our end of year family gathering and nativity play on November 26th. I thank everyone who participated in sharing the successes of the year and joining into the Christmas spirit with the carol singing.

On December 3rd we will celebrate the International Day for People with Disability. We are looking forward to connect with local congregations to celebrate and acknowledge the unique gifts and talents we can each bring to making our communities a more inclusive and welcoming place.

I am so proud to lead this great organisation and I know that next year we will continue to evolve and improve in how we can work with our clients to help them achieve their life goals and create happy homes.

I want to especially thank everyone for looking out for each other during Covid. This is going to remain important for some time to come and I know we won't get complacent but will continue to deliver excellent service in line with our values.

I trust you can take a bit on time off to rest and recharge over the holiday season. I wish you and your families a very merry and blessed Christmas and I look forward to all that 2023 can throw at us. Thank you to everyone who contributes to our mission and especially our wonderful clients. We are so blessed to be a part of your lives and thank you for being so awesome!

Blessings,

JvR



FAITH

Christmas Trivia



#1 Q. How many wise men visited Jesus?

Q. Who was the king of Israel when the wise men visited Jerusalem seeking information about Jesus' location?

Q. What did the wise men give as gifts?

Q. Who gave Mary the news she was going to be the mother of Christ?

Q. Which two gospels do not include the Christmas story?

Q. What is the name of the prophet who prophesied about the Messiah's virgin birth?

#2 Q. What were Herod's instructions to the Magi?

Q. Where did the Messiah's star stop?

Q. Why didn't the Magi return to King Herod?

Q. Where did the angel tell Joseph to take Jesus in the first dream after the Magi left?

Q. Why did Mary, Joseph, and Jesus have to escape to Egypt?

Q. Which prophet prophesied that the Messiah would come from Egypt?

#3 Q. What did Mary wrap baby Jesus in?

Q. Where did Mary place the baby after He was born?

Q. Why didn't Mary put Baby Jesus in a crib or a bed?

Q. To whom did the angel announce the birth of Jesus?

Q. What sign were the shepherds told to look for?

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daily word

Luke 2:1-21: "In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

On the eighth day, when it was time to circumcise the child, he was named Jesus, the name the angel had given him before he was conceived."

EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to all the winners of the LDS Annual Awards.



Meet the team: Brenda Gray

A brief about me:

- I love Jesus and live by faith in every aspect of my life
- I love to dance and love music..... of any kind, just don't ask me to sing
 - I do painting (face, nails and canvas)
- I am married with 2 step-daughters and 3 step-grand children
- I have been with LDS for 7 years, previously in Insurance and debt recovery for 30 years.
- I am also a carer for my elderly father and enjoy every minute of supporting him and LDS clients.
- My role in the community and supporting others is a blessing, I wouldn't do anything else!



Our CEO, John spoke with FiveAA's Jade Robran all about LDS, disability and our SIL services.

After the session the phones rang hot with people interested to find out more!

Thanks John - you were AWESOME!



EMPOWERMENT

At LDS recently we were speaking about the parable of the Good Samaritan and what it means to love someone as yourself.

In our discussion we spoke about how our clients inspire us daily with their spirit of giving and looking after each other. From gathering together to celebrate a birthday, dancing at Club Cool or going to the pageant, they look after each other, demonstrate true care and treat each other as they want to be treated.



This year as we celebrate the International Day of People with Disability on December 3, we can thank the people in our lives that live with disability for showing us the way to be Good Samaritans ourselves.

Building community is what we strive to do at LDS and our clients are leading the way by engaging, encouraging and welcoming new people into our community each and every day. Our challenge as individuals is are we doing the same for our community.



FUN



Thank you to everyone who attend the annual Christmas party. It was great to come together as a community after COVID. We sure know how to have fun!



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VACANCY ALERT



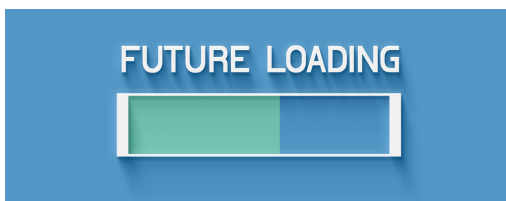
Hillcrest - Snell Street

House mate required to shared with a male in their 40s. This quiet house is situated in a cluster of 4 other LDS houses and enjoys community and friendships. 1:2 and passive overnights.



Hillcrest - Snell Street

Seeking one housemate to share with a male in his 30s who loves to cook in our cluster home. Lots of natural light, a garden and BBQ area, this home is situated in a hub with three other LDS managed houses. Seeking 1:2 core funding. Currently no overnight support within this home.



Expressions of Interest being taken for future homes at: Tea Tree Gully and Tanunda.

Looking for a safe and secure happy home? Or interested in any of these properties, then please contact Jordan Matthews or Scott Goldfinch:

Jordan: jmatthews@ldssa.org.au or 0431 685 808
Scott: sgoldfinch@ldssa.org.au or 0401 871 512



Introducing Scott Goldfinch



We welcomed Scott Goldfinch to the team as our new Sales & Marketing Coordinator. Jordan has taken an opportunity to relocate to Canberra with his partner and will be finishing up in February. Scott comes from a horticulture sales background, so he's a big plant and nature lover. He has a real passion for disabilities and it's close to his heart; with his youngest brother living with Cerebral Palsy, and his son living with Trisomy 21 (Down Syndrome). Outside of the workplace, Scott loves listening to podcasts and reading self-development, people skills and leadership books, singing to anything that's on the radio. Scott believes in adding value to everyone he encounters, and being able to make a positive difference in the world.

Annual Report

The 2021-22 Lutheran Disability Services annual report is now available from the LDS website:

<https://www.ldssa.org.au/about-us/media/>

COVID-19

LDS continues to following the COVID-19 guidelines and mandates to ensure that clients and staff minimise the risk of infection.

We can report that all LDS staff are 100% compliant with the vaccine mandate with at least 3 vaccinations.

Thank you to our community for your ongoing support.



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.

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#1 A. The Bible doesn't say, but many persons assume that there were three wise men because there were three gifts (Matthew 2:1, 11)

A. King Herod (Matthew 2:1)

A. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Matthew 2:11)

A. Gabriel, the angel (Luke 1:26-27)

A. Mark and John A. Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14)

#2 A. To search carefully for the child and make a report to him (Matthew 2:8)

A. Over a house where Mary, Joseph, and Jesus lived (Matthew 2:9-10)

A. They were warned not to in a dream (Matthew 2:12)

A. To Egypt (Matthew 2:13)

A. Because Herod was going to search for the child to kill Him (Matthew 2:13)

A. Hosea (Hosea 11:1)

#3 A. Swaddling cloths (Luke 2:7) A. In a manger (Luke 2:7)

A. Because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7)

A. The shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night (Luke 2:8-10)

A. A baby wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger (Luke 2:12)

