



Home in Place

WELCOME HOME TO LIVING MORE INDEPENDENTLY IN A HIGHLY SUPPORTED WAY.

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Hello

The Australian Government has announced its response to the Disability Royal Commission to a mixed reaction. It is encouraging that the Government shares the Commission's vision and has a commitment to working in partnership with the disability community to implement reforms to make Australia more inclusive, accessible and safe for people with disability. The true test will be whether it can quickly deliver the co-ordinated reforms we need for a sustainable sector to support positive outcomes for participants.



Another government priority is to help young people with a disability to move from aged care and hospital into more appropriate housing, including specialist disability accommodation. We have a number of these people moving into SDA homes that we manage. In this newsletter we share a wonderful story on how positive the move has been for Jo, who was living in aged care for 17 years.

Are you watching the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games? It is inspiring to see athletes striving to be the best they can be. Paralympian Jamieson Leeson lives in an SDA property in Sydney that we manage. We will be cheering her on as she goes for gold in Boccia as well as all the other Aussie athletes.

Until next month,

Larissa Bridge
Chief Operating Officer Specialist Services

Jo's future is bright after move from aged care to SDA

Jo has just moved into an SDA home after living in aged care for 17 years.

Her sister Donna says the future for Jo looks bright.

"When we found this SDA home, I was hopeful for Jo's future. Now I am excited. This is the best thing that has happened to Jo in years," Donna says.

She says the difference SDA has made to Jo already is significant. Jo has lost weight and is helping to cook for the first time in more than 17 years. She is helping with household tasks which Donna says is good for Jo's sense of identity and self and her mental wellbeing.

Donna has plenty of praise for the quality of the home as well as Jo's supported living provider, Cerebral Palsy Alliance and the team at Home in Place. She also has tips for family members and carers on making the move to SDA housing.

Read more about Jo, Donna, and their journey on our website: <https://homeinplace.org/story/jos-future-is-bright-after-move-from-aged-care-to-sda/>

Jamieson going for Gold in Paris

Congratulations to Jamieson Leeson on making the Australian Paralympic boccia team. Jamieson will compete for an individual medal and in the pairs with Daniel Michel in Paris. She and Daniel have already achieved number one ranking in the world for boccia pairs.

Jamieson lives in an SDA apartment in the Sydney suburb of Homebush that we manage. Her home is much closer to training facilities and support while completing her university studies.

Read her SDA housing story [HERE](#)

With gold and silver world championship medals already in her trophy cabinet, Jamieson's sights set on being the first Aussie to win a Paralympic gold medal in boccia. She says that would mean a lot to her but will also help her quest to promote the sport of boccia and make para sports more accessible to people, especially in regional and rural areas.

Good luck Jamieson, Daniel and the rest of the Aussie Paralympic team. Oi Oi Oi!



Fun facts about Boccia

Did you know that boccia is the Italian word for 'ball'? Developed for people with cerebral palsy, boccia is now played by athletes with other types of locomotor dysfunction in 75 countries.

Boccia is one of only two Paralympic sports that do not have an Olympic counterpart. Like pétanque, boccia requires precision and dexterity. It first appeared at the Paralympic Games in 1984.

In Paris, 124 athletes will compete between August 29 and September 5. This is the first Paralympics where there will be separate individual boccia events for men and women. Team and pairs events will still be mixed. Pairs events have one man and one woman taking part.

You're Invited: Brisbane Open Home Event

**THURSDAY 15 AUGUST FROM
11AM-3PM**

**21-25 CARL STREET
WOOLLOONGABBA**

No need to RSVP.

Home in Place and Thrive 365 invite you to view new luxury SDA apartments in the Brisbane suburb of Woolloongabba. At The Carl Residences modern design meets thoughtful functionality. There are 15 one- and two-person High Physical Support apartments offering convenient and accessible living.



The light-filled apartments feature stylish modern kitchens, oversized ensuite bedrooms and spacious courtyards or balconies. There's also a rooftop pool with barbeque and entertainment area offering stunning city views as well as an outdoor gym and fitness area.

Situated in a prime area, the apartments are close to the Brisbane River, hospitals, amenities, cafes, restaurants, and shopping.

[Use Thrive 365 onsite supports](#), bring your own supports, or choose a combination of both.

Can't attend? Register your expression of interest now. Call Christine Davies at Home in Place on 1300 333 733 or email sda@homeinplace.org.

Spotlight on a SIL – Mind Australia

[Mind Australia](#) is one of the supported living providers (SILs) which provides services to residents in some of the properties we manage in Victoria.

The team supports more than 11,000 Australians a year with individualised, evidence-based and recovery focussed services – including for people impacted by psychosocial disability and long-term mental health and wellbeing concerns. They also provide mental health and wellbeing support to families, friends and carers.

One of Mind's points of difference is its employment of people with lived experience of mental ill-health. It recognises and values peer practitioners' diverse perspectives and unique ability to connect with and motivate clients and guide recovery.

Mind strives for meaningful participation with clients, carers and families, to co-design processes and challenge biases. Support is flexible and focuses on clients' strengths, values and preferences to offer choice and control.

Your new SDA Home?

Blacktown, Sydney, NSW

- 1 bedroom villa
- High Physical Support

This lovely single storey one resident home is ideal for someone needing High Physical Support SDA housing. The home has a large bedroom with a built-in wardrobe and accessible bathroom. There is provision for a ceiling hoist.

There are opportunities to enjoy the outdoors in a beautiful garden space or the shared covered alfresco area with BBQ facilities. Westpoint Blacktown is a short drive away to enjoy cafes, restaurants, specialty shopping and a cinema.

SIL Provider: Cerebral Palsy Alliance provides onsite support.

Vacancy listed on [Housing Hub](#) and [Go Nest](#).



Kensington, Melbourne, Victoria

PROPERTY NO: GTA997



Kensington is a new apartment development that combines the modern and the historic in a vibrant and conveniently located inner city Melbourne community. The 477 apartment complex offers eight stylish two person Independent Living and High Physical Support SDA apartments.

There's a lush, communal courtyard, pool, gym, co-working space, wellness space, two bookable private rooms, big screen room, art studio, and an inviting resident lounge.

With its leafy streets and industrial heritage, Kensington is both charming and tranquil. Yet it is only 4.8km to Melbourne CBD. There are three nearby train stations.

We expect to have the apartments available from November. There are flexible support options. You can link into the onsite OOA or bring your own supports. We have just approved our first resident with an appendix H to live here.

SIL Provider: We are looking for SIL partners. [Enquire here](#)

Vacancy listed on [Go Nest](#)

Home in Place has SDA properties in different SDA categories - from group homes to custom-built individual homes and apartments. We have vacancies in NSW, Queensland and Victoria. View our walkthrough videos for some properties on our [YouTube channel](#).

[View all our vacancies here.](#)

Are you the SIL we're looking for?

We're looking for Supported Independent Living (SIL) providers to work with in some of the new and existing SDA properties we manage in Queensland, NSW and Victoria.

The properties could be a forever home for clients you are already supporting.

[Click here](#) for the list of properties. Then click on the EOI form for the property in which you are interested.



Check out these SIL opportunities currently in the spotlight!

Clockwise from top left:

- 22 Cutler Avenue, Saint Marys NSW
- 160 Kinghorne Street, Nowra NSW
- 93 Leopold Street Aitkenvale, Townsville QLD
- 16 Mia Street Flinders View QLD

To register your interest for these or other SIL opportunities, please fill out the form [HERE](#).

Sydney Disability Expo

Some of our team were at the Sydney Disability Expo held on August 2 and 3 at Sydney Olympic Park. It was a great opportunity to connect with others working to support people to live more independently with greater choice and control.



Government response to Disability Royal Commission

The Australian Government has announced its response to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability (Disability Royal Commission).

The response supports the Commission's vision for an inclusive Australia where people with disability live free from harm; where human rights are protected; and where individuals live with dignity, equality and respect, can take risks, and develop and fulfil their potential.

The Australian Government has primary or shared responsibility for 172 of the Commission's 222 recommendations. Of those 172 recommendations, it:

- accepts or accepts in principle 130
- is considering 36
- notes 6 recommendations.

Other sector news: NDIS pricing review, home mods and grants

- The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) has announced changes to **NDIS pricing** including new SDA pricing arrangements and price limits for 2024-25. These are the maximum price limits that NDIS providers and health professionals are permitted to charge when providing services to NDIS participants. The NDIS Review proposed some **reforms to pricing and the NDIS market**. The NDIA is appointing an independent expert to review the NDIS pricing structure ahead of next year's pricing review. For more information and to download a copy of the report [click here](#).
- The [set budget levels for home modifications](#) have been updated. The NDIA says it will streamline the process of getting funding for straightforward and lower risk home modifications in an NDIS plan.
- The Peer Support and Capacity Building grant program is a one-off grant round available to community-based services to continue the valuable role they play in the community supporting people with disability, families and carers. The NDIA will communicate when the grants are open via [GrantConnect](#).

Meet the Team: Victoria

Victoria is one of our SDA tenancy relations officers. She has worked in the housing sector since March 2023, initially working for Home in Place as a community housing tenancy relations officer.

Her move to our SDA team in April 2024 has given her the opportunity to expand her knowledge of all forms of helping people to live in appropriate housing. and meet new people.

Victoria says she is enjoying getting out to the SDA homes Home in Place manages.

"It has been great to meet residents, SIL providers and landlords while working in a great team," Victoria says.

