

## From the CEO's Desk

Welcome to the Spring Edition of the "CCLO Catch Up!" By now we are all aware of the progress of the NDIS roll out over Australia and have seen some of the statistics from the NDIS trial sites. The closest trial site to us here on the Central Coast, being the "Hunter Trial Site". Even though the Central Coast is not in a trial site, CCLO has been accredited to NDIA and does support a client with funding through the NDIS and has done so since April this year.

The full NDIS implementation still has a long way to go but will provide funding on an individual basis to people with a disability and this funding will be based on the life choices made by them.

People with a disability will be encouraged and assisted to make their own choices about housing, community participation, employment and many other things that everyone else in the community takes for granted on a day to day basis.

The funding from NDIS when granted will be based around the "reasonable and necessary" support a disabled person needs to make choices and take control of their own lives.

The method of operation by groups such as our own will need to change as the people we support are given the option of making their own lifestyle decisions and how their NDIS payment will be spent.

As is the case, new programmes and ways of doing things can often be perplexing for staff, our clients and their families. We at CCLO are keen to work with all those involved as we work towards NDIS individual funding.

Your thoughts and input in this regard would be appreciated and I would be pleased to receive a call from you on 4353 2411 at any time to discuss.

**Kevin Johnston**  
CEO

## A Message from the Board of Management

We are now up to the Spring Issue of "CCLO Catch Up", how very quickly time passes, and we are approaching our Annual General Meeting. This year it will be on 21st October at the Zenith Centre in the Tuggerah Business Park. You will receive full details of the meeting in due course, but please make a note of the date and try to attend. If you haven't already done so, it is now time to renew your membership.

One of the really important issues for the Board and Management is to continue to raise the public profile of CCLO and we have been concentrating on that in the last couple of months, particularly with regard to the political sphere. We had a visit from the local member of parliament for Wyong, David Harris at the end of June. He joined us for lunch at our Wakool House and inspected both Wakool and Lily Lane houses. He was very impressed with what we are doing in the disability sector. Following that, Kevin Johnston and I attended a business lunch with NSW State Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian where we were able to bring CCLO to her attention.

Following the announcement of an allocation in the NSW State Budget of \$150 million for 900 respite places and 310 supported accommodation places for people with a disability, we actively sought a meeting with State Minister for Disability Services, Mr John Ajaka. We were fortunate to have the Minister visit us in mid August, and he too inspected our facilities at Wakool and joined us for lunch. He met the residents and staff of Wakool, together with management staff. Again, the Minister expressed his support and approval of CCLO and its work with people with disabilities. The main aim of the meeting with the Minister Ajaka was to seek \$1m in government funding to complete construction of two new supported accommodation homes on CCLO land at Gorokan. We now have an approved DA for that project and we are ready to proceed immediately if we can get the funding. Sadly, the Minister did not bring the cheque with him, but we were promised that our project would receive attention at the highest ministerial and departmental level. We can now only hope for a good outcome.

As we go to print we are in the process of organising a visit from federal Senator Mitch Fifield, Assistant Minister for Social Services, who we hope will also visit Wakool. He will be on the Central Coast with federal MP Karen McNamara and Lucy Wicks MP.

**Judy Andrews**  
Chairperson

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## Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser

A call for all hands that can spare an hour or two on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at the Bunnings Tuggerah store starting at **8am to 5pm**. **Any** help would be very appreciated!

If you can spare some time please call the office on **4353 2411**



Left to right: David Harris MP at his visit to Kevin Johnston, Hon. John Ajaka, Judith Andrews at Mr Ajaka's recent visit to Wakool House.

## Staff Training

All CCLO Support Staff were put through their paces with Manual Handling Training recently. This is part of CCLO's ongoing commitment to educate and up skill staff.



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## Welcome James !

A warm welcome to James at our Toukley Property! He transferred out of Supported Accommodation in the 'Hunter Trial Site' last April to be closer to his Family on the Central Coast.

James has made himself right at home in his new environment and enjoys interacting with other clients in the unit block as well as taking walks to the local shops where he has become quite well known.



### DID YOU KNOW?

According to the NDIS quarterly Report for July 17,303 people have approved NDIS plans but more than 442,797 people across Australia are still waiting.

The average Support Package approved was \$33,597

## Birthday Celebrations!

### September

Duncan Cunningham, Kristy Rush 13-9, Karen Lee, Kelly Holmes 16-9, Ann Castles 19-9, Brooke Salvador 26-9

### October

Chris Newton 10-10, Antony Joseph 21-10, Julieanne Matwijow 23-10

### November

Jessie Hendry 11-11, Janelle Secomb 18-11, Lance Campbell 19-11, Jeannee Kop 27-11, Mel Gant 30-11

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