

The New Link

St George Association

For People with Physical Disabilities Incorporated

"Capabilities Conquer Disabilities"

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Aug	27	Sat	10.30 am	Embroidery/Handcraft Group	Belgreen
Dec	4	Sun	12 noon	Christmas luncheon	Kogarah

Congratulations to our Assistant Secretary, **Rosemary Gray** for receiving a **Volunteer of the Year Award 3rd place**, from the South Western Regional Tenants Association. Rosemary attended a dinner at which the Award (very attractive glass trophy) was presented. On behalf of the membership I offer our sincere congratulations to Rosemary – it is a thrill and well deserved.

Following on the theme of Awards, I reported last month about the presentation of the **Kevin Byrne Achievement Award** held at Sydney Institute TAFE Eora College with **Daniel Walsh** being the first recipient and was very surprised and thrilled on the day. I thought you might like to know a little about this young man, as reported from the College.

"Daniel was hit by a car when he was six years old. The legacy of this accident has left him with severe permanent physical disabilities and epilepsy. Over the last year he has had many severe grand mal seizures. Despite these obstacles he maintains his desire for learning and moving ahead.

Daniel has been a student at Eora for three years and is currently enrolled in CGVE (Year 10 equivalent). He has demonstrated the Association's motto "Capabilities Conquer Disabilities" every single day. No matter what happens in his life, he cheerfully and diligently attends class, rarely missing class except for ill health. He is an excellent role model for other students who respect his work ethic and his class participation. Daniel also chooses to attend the optional tutorial class to ensure that his work is kept up to date. On field trips it is inspirational to see Daniel hanging out with the other students doing what we often take for granted."

Once again, the Association offers congratulations to Daniel and best wishes for the future.

Jack Nolan's service and commitment to Canada Bay Access Committee was recently acknowledged by Council. Jack has done a great job with the committee having firstly joined the Drummoyne Access Committee 30 years ago – Drummoyne ultimately joining with Canada Bay. Well done, Jack – a fine contribution to the committee and the district!

News from Sutherland Shire HACC Development Officer Chair, NSW HACC Development Officers Network SOUTHERN COMMUNITY CARE DEVELOPMENT (SCCD)

NEW ON ADHC SERVICE PROVIDER PORTAL:

NSW Government Moves Towards Individualised Funding For Disabilities

A two day summit will be held in July, as the O'Farrell Government looks to implement one of its key reforms to the disabilities sector. Minister for Ageing and Disability Services, Andrew Constance, said individualised funding packages would put carers and people with a disability at the centre of decision-making.

"Under the O'Farrell Government's proposal, people with a disability won't be dictated to by bureaucrats when it comes to the services they receive," Mr Constance said. "This will put carers and people with a disability in control of their funding arrangements. "A two day summit will be held on the 7th and 8th of July to start the important process of consultation.

"The summit will be the catalyst for a significant program of over 100 consultation sessions which will be held throughout NSW over the second half of this year," Mr Constance said. "It'll give us the information we need to make sure we are delivering what people want," Mr Constance said. "The NSW Government is actively seeking the advice of people with a disability about their needs and aspirations for personalised service delivery."

The Government will work with peak bodies such as the Disability Council, NSW Council of Social Services (NCOSS), National Disability Service NSW and consumer organisations.

"Individualised funding packages will give people with a disability more choice and control over their lives and futures, including how the system supports them," Mr Constance said. After this phase of the consultation, the feedback would be analysed to produce a draft person centred model for NSW.

"The O'Farrell Government is committed to building the strongest client-focussed service arrangements in the country."

The NSW Government has committed \$2 billion in new growth funding to implement the second phase of Stronger Together, which will see the roll-out of more than 47,000 new disability services and places between 2011 and 2016.

(Source: Andrew Constance press release 2/6/11)

Statement On National Disability Insurance Scheme

Last week I announced that the NSW Government will campaign aggressively for the proposed National Disability Insurance Scheme, with the Hunter the most appropriate trial location.

The NSW response to the draft report from the Productivity Commission into Disability Care and Support has been released. The inquiry found that the current disability support system is 'under-funded, unfair, fragmented, inefficient, and gives people with a disability little choice and no certainty of access to appropriate supports.'

The NSW Government, through *Stronger Together 2*, will provide \$2 billion for disability services over the next five years. But beyond that time, a new funding source will be needed. The O'Farrell

Government will campaign for the Hunter to be the location for a pilot program leading into the scheme.

The Hunter is the most appropriate trial region for the NDIS, due to its population size and mix of rural and metropolitan settings; and the existence of a current single access point for community care. I look forward to visiting the region in the coming weeks, and putting the case forward for any trial undertaken by the Commonwealth to happen in the Hunter.

Information packs are being distributed to all MPs encouraging them and their constituents to join the Every Australian Counts campaign. The final report of the Productivity Commission's Inquiry into Disability Care and Support will be presented to the Federal Government on the 31 July 2011.

To join the campaign, go to www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au.

To view the NSW Government's submissions to the Productivity Commission, go to www.adhc.nsw.gov.au.

(Source: Andrew Constance press release 27/5/11)

<p>Excerpts from NCOSS AGEING & DISABILITY UPDATE 10 June 2011</p>
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▪ **Transport Information – Interagency & Community Education Project**

The Western Sydney Community Forum Transport Development Workers are commencing a new Transport Information Project. The aim of this project is to reduce social exclusion by explaining and de-mystifying the public transport system to community workers and the community.

The project can be delivered in a multitude of formats:

- Interagency Presentation
- Information sessions at staff meetings/forums/workshops/conferences
- Travel Training with clients of Western Sydney community organisations

The information session is delivered in an interactive tailored training format. **There is also the potential to have representatives from the NSW Department of Transport and Railcorp run part of or all of the information session.**

For more information on the content of the presentation contact:

Amy Williams on 0400 445 420 or amyw@wscf.org.au **or**

Hugh Worrall on 02 9633 5068 or hughw@wscf.org.au

Future Programmes

Book Club 10.30 am

July 2 and August 6

Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore

The Book Club happily continues providing members a forum for discussion and the exchange of thoughts. Here are a few reviews, which we hope you will find of interest. Enquiries can be directed to our co-ordinator, **Maura Outterside** ring **9718 5803**.

Come along, bring your lunch, tea/coffee available at Belgreen.

“Truth” Peter Temple winner 2010 Miles Franklin Award. A Melbourne detective finds himself embroiled in politics and corruption when investigating a murder in a luxurious penthouse.

The fast tempo of this book draws you in and doesn't make it easy to put aside – hence late nights. The dialogue is wonderfully

Australian albeit some Melbourne sayings, which had to be looked up in the glossary.

Pat Davies.

“The Lacemakers of Glenmara” by Heather Barbieri. Unable to come to terms with the loss of her beloved mother and the break-up of what she had believed to be a life-long relationship, young fashion designer, Kate Robinson takes a trip to Ireland.

Ireland is Kate’s ancestral home, and she hopes this trip will revive her soul and help her set a new course for her life. As is so often the case, fate has a number of surprises in store for Kate.

In a small town on the west coast of Ireland she develops a strong bond with the ladies of the local lace-making society and through them she finds the inspiration to build herself a whole new life culminating in the development of a new line of exquisite lingerie. The lingerie itself is all trimmed with beautiful hand-made lace in traditional Celtic designs.

Of course there are a number of twists and turns to the story before the product is ready to be sold and promoted.

Anne Buchanan

“Acts of Mercy” by Peter Tremayne (1999) a Signet book. Styled as “a mystery of ancient Ireland”, it certainly lives up to its billing.

The author is a well educated and enthusiastic historian of his native land, Ireland. He clearly portrays the legal and religious flux during the period when Christianity is being introduced. “Acts of Mercy” describes this clash and the various expressions of faith for a group of nuns and monks on pilgrimage to the shrine of St. James in Spain.

A suspicious death and shipboard life changes to an in-depth investigation by Sister Fidelma (an advocate of the legal system as well as religious duties) who has to conduct a detailed study of the bloody scene, protect the innocent and find the murderer.

Thank you Ann Mason, for introducing Sister Fidelma to me.

Maura Outterside

“Nights of Rain and Stars” by Maeve Binchy (2004) an Orion paperback. An entertaining intriguing fictional drama set on a Greek Island with a wide range of nationalities amongst the tourists.

An accident on a boat kills a local, and the tourists become involved in supporting the grieving locals and themselves through the tragedy.

I really enjoyed the “venture” into total fiction. Thank you Pat (Davies) for broadening my reading matter!

Maura Outterside

“The Happiest Refugee – A Memoir” by Anh Do – Allen & Unwin (2010)

Wow – what a great read. Anh is a natural storyteller. Well written, the reader is taken on the journey with Anh and his family from Vietnam to Australia. The family fled Vietnam on a small fishing trawler, were attacked by pirates, faced starvation and dehydration.

They were rescued by a German boat, taken to Malaysia before being granted sanctuary in Australia after three months.

I highly recommend this book. It is an easy read, full of laughter and tears. I couldn’t put this book down once I started.

Janet Malone

Afternoon Meeting 2.00 pm

Saturday, July 2

Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore

A reminder about our “casserole” day. If you are planning to join us please let me know so the catering can be arranged. Ring **Patricia Byrne 9150 5512** and your name can be added to the list, which is not very large at the moment. Look forward to hearing from you.

Wednesday Group 10.30 am – 2.00 pm

July 13 and August 10

Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore

The Wednesday Group is coordinated by **Daphne Berger** any enquiries can be directed

to her - telephone **9718 3678**. Bring your lunch, tea/coffee available at Belgreen.

**Management Committee Meetings
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**

Tuesday July 19 7.00 pm
Tuesday August 16 7.00 pm

**Embroidery/Handcraft Group
10.30 am – 3.00 pm Saturday
July 23 and August 27
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**

The invitation is extended to members and friends who may be interested in this Group to come along. **Coralie Lewin** coordinates the Group and provides great advice and assistance. It is a casual Group, no pressure, and an opportunity to take time out.

Bring your lunch – tea/coffee available at Belgreen.

**Afternoon Meeting 2.00 pm
Saturday, August 6
Belgreen 40-42 Chalmers St, Belmore**

Speaker to be confirmed.

**Saturday August 13 12.30 pm
Beverley Park Golf Club
87A Jubilee Ave, Beverley Park**

I saw quite a good write-up in the local paper about this Club and it is many, many years since we were there so we have decided to pay a visit. Meals are very reasonably priced and it is a pleasant venue looking out over the golf course.

There are a couple of entrances, one where there is a step and another with no step. I am also advised there are accessible toilet facilities.

We will need to make a booking so please let me know if you are coming no later than the 11th August. Ring **Patricia Byrne 9150 5512**. Hope you can join us.

Program Report

Guest speaker **Nora Lee Maingard** provided a wonderful afternoon for members by telling us about the Australian Miniature Enthusiasts Association, and showing us examples of her incredible collection of miniatures and miniature doll houses.

You just have to marvel at how people make such tiny and interesting treasures. The history of this subject is amazing – a great afternoon.

Personal Pars

Maria Long unfortunately has another trip to hospital planned for knee surgery. Do hope all goes well, Maria and it's not long before you are out and about again. Best wishes.

Betty Hill is not well at the moment so our good wishes are sent to you Betty.

Bill Freshwater recently had a few days in hospital, but is home again now. Hope you are feeling better Bill – look forward to seeing you soon.

Best wishes also to **Janet Malone** and **Betty Alwin** who have not been the best lately.

We are sorry to hear **Denise Coleman** is having some serious health problems – our thoughts are with you Denise and also Maura.

Albert Lewin has been in hospital for the last four weeks, and experiencing a great deal of pain and other health problems. We send our very best wishes and hope he feels a little better soon.

Fundraising

The Association is planning a raffle, which will be run over a few months and then drawn at the Christmas luncheon. Hopefully when we send out the next newsletter, we will include a few tickets and seek your support in selling them – tickets will be \$1.00 each.

First prize is a large landscape painting donated by Marion Franklin.

Second prize is a Noritake 6 piece dinner set with accessories donated by a friend of Janet Malone.

Third prize is a beautifully dressed doll donated by Nancy Mapledoran.

Fourth prize a basket of skin care products donated by Janet Malone.

To those mentioned above, many thanks for your generosity in providing these prizes, it is greatly appreciated.

A friend is a gift that you give yourself *Anon*

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