

IN THE NEWS

from all of us at Fisher Street



A message from the
Client Services Supervisor

Sept 2018

We have commenced Semester 2 with an increase in the options available in the community. We have introduced two Day Trips and two Leisure Option groups and participants spend the day visiting iconic venues and destinations. We have enjoyed experiencing new groups such as Tours of Old Melbourne where we have explored historic sites across Melbourne.

We are currently reviewing the 2019 Lifestyle Guide for program options. We would be happy to hear about any ideas or interests you would like us to include in the program. One option that we are excited to offer in 2019 is volunteering at Polly Woodside on a Tuesday, to work alongside other volunteers to maintain the vessel for visitors. We have an increasing number of participants choosing to have 1:1 support for community options as part of their NDIS support goals. The program choices have included travelling on public transport for travel training, and social connectedness with many groups. If you would like to discuss this option, email us at - intake@mecwacare.org.au

We have welcomed Nicholas Pouki as our General Manager, Community Services. Nick joins us to support the staff and participants of Fisher St Day Services, as well as the Home and Community Care Services division of mecwacare. Congratulations to Linda Smart who is now the Executive General Manager of Home and Community Care.

If you have NDIS funding and/or social support that you would like to discuss, please call 8573 4999 to talk about flexible support options or email intake@mecwacare.org.au.

Regards, Yvonne

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TERM DATES
2018/2019

Semester 2, 2018

Closed: Friday 28 September -
Grand Final Holiday

Closed: Tuesday 6 November -
Melbourne Cup Day
Last Day: 21 December

Closed: Monday 24 December 2018 -
Friday 4 January 2019

Semester 1, 2019

Fisher St re-opens: Monday 7 January
Closed: 25 January

Closed: 11 March
Closed: 19 April for Easter & Anzac Day
Reopen: Monday 29 April
Closed: 10 June
Closed: 1 - 5 July
Reopen: 8 July

If you are planning additional holidays during the year, please give a minimum 4 weeks' notice of the intended holidays in writing to community@mecwacare.org.au

noticeboard

SAVE THE DATE

3rd December
10.00am to 11.30am

In a few months time we will be inviting our friends and families to our Centre to enjoy morning tea and to help us celebrate the International Day of DisAbility. This will be an opportunity to view our work and share the day with us.

CENTRE HOURS

The office is open between the hours of 8.00am to 4.30pm. All clients are welcome between 8.45am to 3.00pm. If you would like to contact staff please call 9572 9000 or email - community@mecwacare.org.au

Club Catering

2018 Lunch orders are available on Thursday's. Lunch will be prepared by the group offering either wraps or rolls, BBQ's, salads, or some culturally diverse menu options. Order forms available weekly.

Cost \$5.50 and 50c for a drink.

INFORMATION - DAILY FEES

If you are taking ad-hoc days off during the year with illness or other personal reasons, you will be charged the daily fee for your scheduled programs if less than 4 weeks' notice is provided. Please call 9572 9000 to cancel your attendance for other days, Email community@mecwacare.org.au or call your relevant bus/taxi driver, before 7:30am.



Your feedback is always welcome! To contact Staff within our Centre, please call 9572 9000

Welcome and Farewell

to Disability Services

We have said farewell to two of our bus drivers – Robert & Pradip and welcomed two new bus drivers - Brendan and Michael to the team to ensure our participants all get home safely.

We have said farewell to Jessie & Meera and have welcomed Sandra, Nicole & Katrina who are part-time Disability Support Worker's. We also welcomed Audrey, Laykarmue & Paul who are casuals to assist us day to day.

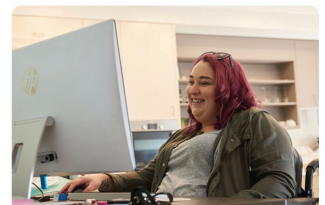
We have welcomed Lai Lai, Denise and Ashan to our Centre and look forward to getting to know them more as they join us for on and off-site programs and activities to support their goals.

THE HOUSING HUB



Looking for a home

Find disability friendly properties to suit your needs.



Looking for tenants

Advertise your property to generate interest.

The Housing Hub is a new way for people with disability to find suitable housing. The Housing Hub advertises vacancies for apartments and houses that are owned by housing providers. It also has a library of useful information about housing options and planning your move. For more information please visit - www.thehousinghub.org.au



Follow us on Facebook: Fisher St Disability Services [mecwacare](https://www.facebook.com/mecwacare), for regular updates and news throughout the term.

Do you like what we do here at [mecwacare](http://mecwacare.org.au) Fisher St Disability Services? If so, tell your friends, family and Carers, even other services what you like about [mecwacare](http://mecwacare.org.au). Tell them what you do here, what you like, and if they want to know more, have them call Yvonne at Fisher St on 9572 9000 or community@mecwacare.org.au.

Out and About

Jarrold had an enjoyable visit to Norton's Park.

He went on a long walk through the quietness of the bush on a dirt track. He saw many dogs along the way and it was a beautiful sunny day with a slight breeze. Jarrold was very relaxed and smiled a lot throughout the morning, strolling along and listening to his favourite tunes.



A look back at the term

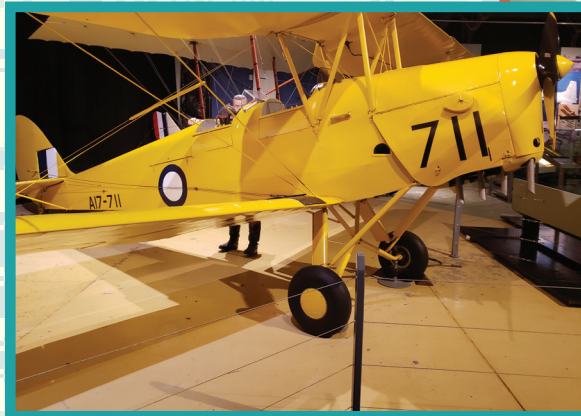
Day Trips

Day trip goes out and about exploring new and interesting destinations for the day. Participants enjoy having the opportunity to develop a schedule by investigating places of interest to be included.

William Ricketts Sanctuary



RAAF Museum



Art Smart Group



Men's Group

The Men's group visited the local park and had a BBQ while enjoying the beautiful sunshine and the company of good friends.



Victorian Electoral Commission

We have had the VCE visit Fisher St, providing sessions on the following information:

- Who can vote
- How to enroll to vote
- How to fill in a ballot paper
- Where to get help if we need it
- How democracy works and why we can and should all vote

The Victorian State Election is planned for 24 November 2018. Enrolling to vote is a right that everyone over the age of 18 yrs can participate in to express their point of view at Local, State & Federal Government Level. For more information visit - www.vec.vic.gov.au



Stewart was interviewed by representatives from the Victorian Electoral Commission as a consultant – to review Easy Read documents for voters who have a vision impairment and an intellectual disability.

Stewart was given gifts to thank him for his constructive input and feedback and a \$50 voucher for his time.

Fisher St Fundraiser

This term our group sold cupcakes for 50 cents to raise \$80 for our furry friends at the RSPCA. Well done to everyone involved.



Rising Star

Wilson is no stranger to a golf club and does very well in the golf program. He can hit the ball up to 100 metres and is constantly improving on his swing. Wilson really enjoys the Golf program and hopes to continue next term.



In the Spotlight



Morning Melodies

