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DAPA September 2017 Activity Report

NDIS in Implementation

Now NDIS has been rolled out to all areas of Sydney. For those who have a disability and haven't yet been interviewed or received any letter from the NDIA, you can still lodge a NDIS Access Request Form (which can be obtained from NDIS offices or downloaded from NDIS website). The form needs to be completed correctly and have attachments as sufficient evidence of one's disability (deemed to be long term or permanent). The email address to submit to the NDIS office is nationalaccesssteam@ndis.gov.au.

NDIS—the next steps

Our executive management committee recommends to hold an annual Open Day to show how we perform our responsibility to care for our participants, and present our daily activities helping them to achieve their goals. At the same time, we encourage our carers and participants to suggest ideas to improve our services.

DAPA—Coming Events

Please come to the Cooking Demonstration at the New Empress Chinese Restaurant on **8th October**, starting from 11am when we launch the initial version of "Our Ryde" smartphone App.

This gives another chance for our participants to cook with our celebrity chef Cecilia Lau, and serve our guests. Participants will also sing to entertain us.



This is the first and final invitation to our Morning Tea at Newington Armory Cafe from 9:30am on **15th October**, to celebrate our Carers Week. Tea/coffee and cakes are **free to those who RSVP before the day**.



For those interested please email to info@dap.asn.au or give us a call (phone 97635702). Café address: Blaxland Riverside Park, Jamieson Street (off Holker Street), Newington (near Sydney Olympic Park)

The Granny Smith Festival in Rowe Street, Eastwood is on **21st October** this year. Like past years, we will be involved in the parade, performance on stage and hold a stall. Unlike past years, we will demonstrate some technology and sell a range of items.



Please inform us if you would like to help or join us that day.

Stronger Forever Program

Ongoing internal training for DAPA support workers is important for our sustainability. This year we have two attending Cert IV course and three attending Cert III accredited course.

Potentially more people will join later in the year. As we are planning to advertise for people to attend such courses *free of charge* if qualified.



Participation in the Community:

ACCAN 2017 Conference

ACCAN is the Australian Communications Consumer Action Network which DAPA is an active member to advocate the use of mobile devices for people with disabilities.

We are lucky this year that Akila from VHP has helped us to raise \$1980 so that we can afford to have 10 people to attend the conference. My report follows.

The **theme** of this year's conference was **"Your Place in the Connected World"**.

The first day was centred on how *connected* in this world we were living in now. The future is in building Smart Cities which would contain a lot of “IoT”

or Internet of Things around “Smart Homes” and outside. An example was that a trial of a bus route in WA which could pickup and stop anywhere in its route via its booking system. Another example was a



demonstration of a person in wheelchair commanding the operation of windows and doors, TV and air conditioner and other appliances through his voice. The problem he faced was the cost and waiting time for those IoT's to be maintained currently. After many audience questions on what IoT was, I summarised in my question that IoT's were simply the Internet Addressable things that could accept commands via internet. Our participant Tristram raised a privacy question and an example about a legal case that some private consent being abused by a public network when signed up to use their product: the court could not stop the network's action. I pointed out, at the forum, the high cost of data usage through our mobile network: that it disconnected people with disabilities to use such powerful mobile tools. Others concurred with my view. I proposed that the NDIS could fund the data plan cost in the Capacity Building support budget for the eligible clients.

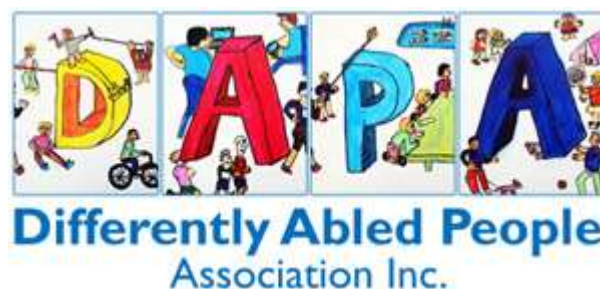
Westpac Furniture Donation

We thank Westpac for the donation of desks, chairs and electrical appliances. This is the second time that Westpac has helped our charity in this way. This enables us to accommodate additional people with disabilities and also facilitates the implementation of our new Video Laboratory for our participants to learn new technology.



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Differently Abled People Association (DAPA) is a not-for-profit charity organisation founded in Sydney in early 2013. It encourages and supports people with any disadvantage, with **special emphasis** on autism & intellectual disability, to follow their dreams and to live independently.

Stronger Forever Program

We **employ known psychological techniques** in a **normal** living environment for people with a disability to adapt and to enrich their lives in creating social and multicultural inclusion:

Employment : We **start** the morning **to train** their **fresh mind** by learning typing and to do computer data entry tasks for **ManyMindsLink (Mobile App)**. We **will pay** them according to Supported Wage System when their productivity rate can be measured. Their work rate will be **revealed** at Monday progress meetings chaired by participants. **Positive Reinforcement technique** is frequently used to encourage participants to reach their weekly targets.

Recreational Programs - Having fun and socializing with friends is a major part of DAPA. We try to embed the element of **recreation** across all our programs in between working hours

Life skills - We provide support and training to enable people with a disability to develop skills required to assist in living as independently as possible in a home of their choice:

- cooking and nutrition
- home maintenance and hygiene
- healthy lifestyles (swimming, gym etc)
- communication and social skills & development of social networks
- confidence building

Your Support - Please support our cause and vision with action to:

- Become a **Friend of DAPA**.
- Tell other people about this venture
- Download our MMLink App to get familiar which can help people cared by **DAPA**
- Be a **volunteer of DAPA**

Go to our website www.dap.asn.au or Scan our QR Code

