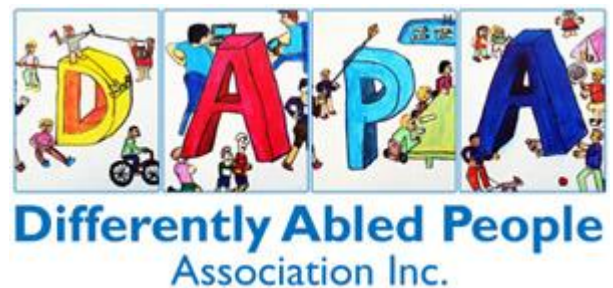


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### **DAPA October 2018 Newsletter**

## **NDIS–For Job Seekers with a Disability**

If you care for a person with a disability who is in their final two years of schooling, or has left school and looking for employment, please contact the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) 13 77 88. NDIA will help you understand about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and will guide you through the process, including referral to a Local Area Coordination or LAC who will organise a meeting to develop a plan. The Plan is the starting point – it details a person’s dreams and aspirations. Your LAC will assist you in identifying reasonable and necessary support toward achieving your goals.

The NDIS is committed to assist people with barriers to access employment in Australia. There are different options available:

1. Disability Employment Service (DES) program funded by the Department of Social Services. DES programs help people with disability gain employment in mainstream job market.
2. Work Ready Program/School Leavers Employment Support (SLES). This program assists participants gain skills and prepare them to obtain jobs in the future.
3. Supported Employment or Australian Disability Enterprise – for those with significant barriers and needing intensive support.

Accessing a DES program via direct registration is governed by guidelines and can be found on [https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/09\\_2018/des-direct-registration-guidelines.pdf](https://www.dss.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/09_2018/des-direct-registration-guidelines.pdf). For more information you can talk to a DES provider via <https://jobsearch.gov.au/serviceproviders?jsk=1>.

In some cases, an Employment Services Assessment (ESAt) maybe required to determine the eligibility. This process is done through the Department of Human Services (Centrelink).

## **NDIS–Where DAPA can help**

DAPA, through our Stronger Forever Program, are a registered provider of NDIS funded support. We provide day care and training in all aspects of independent living skills.

If you want to find out more about NDIS and how to access the scheme, please look at our website [www.dap.asn.au](http://www.dap.asn.au) or directly talk to us on 02-97635702. We are happy to help.

## Stronger Forever Program

DAPA has upgraded the Stronger Forever Program Handbook in line with NDIS services. It now shows all the services we can provide under different categories such as Core Support, Capacity Building Support and Transportation.

Starting this year, we will continue our training program for Cert III in Individual Support. This will strengthen our support team and equip them the skills to provide better service to our participants. Here we congratulate Hong Lin for completing her Cert III for Individual Support and her certificate from Department of Education will be received shortly. This year we will employ three more trainees who will complete this certificate course.

Our participants must undergo our quarterly assessments with our support workers which would serve as our internal disability Maintenance Instrument (DMI) evaluation.



## Living Skills Training

### **Vocational Painting Class**

Following the first day of sketching skills, on the second day we tried to teach painting on paper. Here is one attempt by a ten-year-old who had never painted before (see the figure on the right showing a little weaker strength on the hand).



On the third day we tried to teach self-construction of paintings. The right is a painting of the ten-year-old with own choice of colours (favourite colour is purple, control of brush is still lacking).



In the two weeks in our office, the following paintings below are the products of the ten year old child on the final day of the course. A remarkable achievement indeed for a person who has never painted before.

Jennifer also spent many hours to teach language to improve communication skills for the participants in between drawing and painting.



## **Learn Cooking in Restaurant for carers on 10<sup>th</sup> October at North Ryde Golf Club**



The Cooking session went well at a lovely setting with 30 people. It involved with each carer helping their child to cook with the help of Cecilia and Albert Lau. We had the right mix of people to do cooking. See them on the following photos.





## **Participation in the Community:**

### **2018 Granny Smith Festival**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October, it was the 100<sup>th</sup> Granny Smith Festival in Eastwood. This was also DAPA's 5<sup>th</sup> year holding a stall. We will continue to celebrate together with thousands of Ryde residents.

This year we would not perform on stage and yet the MC on the stage still announced our presence in between the programs. I thought they just could not forget our last year performance.



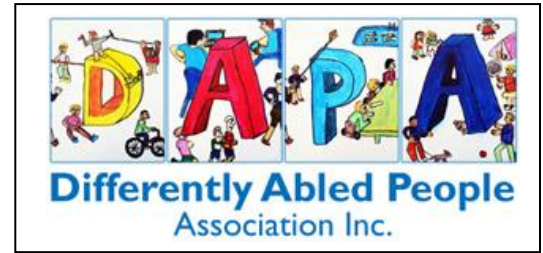
## **JOB VACANCIES**

School leavers or enthusiastic young persons with autism or an intellectual disability, come to join our exciting fast-growing team.



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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. DAPA is quality accredited and an NDIS-approved service provider for Transport and Day Centre activities.

### **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 with real work to learn typing and to do computer data entry tasks for the **ManyMindsLink (Mobile App)**. We **pay** Participants according to relevant award through productivity based wage assessment Supported Wage System Their work rate will be **revealed** at Monday progress meetings chaired by Participants. **Positive Reinforcement techniques** are 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. In this way, we avoid Repetitive Strain injuries and develop new interests. We encourage arts, music, dance, drama, internet research, sports and we support Special Olympics.

**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:

- tell other people about this venture
- download our MMLink App, designed to help all disabled people
- become a Friend of DAPA

For further information, Go to our website [www.dap.asn.au](http://www.dap.asn.au) or Scan our QR Code:

