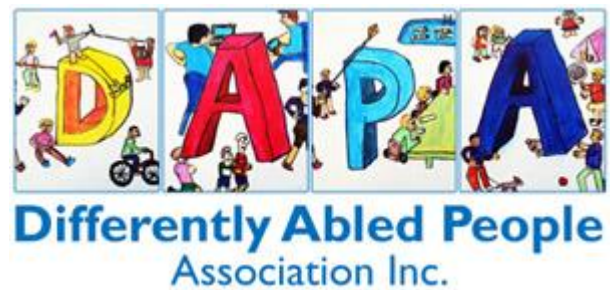


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NDIS–Disability Work Has No Breaks

Whilst NDIS service providers are having a break for the Christmas and New Year, the pressure has never been released in our work. This year, another independent and agency called the NDIS Quality and Safeguard Commission was setup and became operational in July. It was established to improve the quality and safety of NDIS supports and services. The Commission will regulate the NDIS market and handle complaints about the quality and safety of NDIS supports and services

As a registered NDIS service provider, DAPA is required to have our procedures reviewed and our staff given the appropriate training to comply to those standards. We are working on submitting renewal of our registration before the end of January 2019. We are working hard through this holiday period to fine tuning our practices.

See more information on the Commission's website www.ndiscommission.gov.au.

NDIS–Where DAPA can help

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

If you are looking for a suitable **support coordinator**, employment opportunity, traineeship, day program, and various activities, you can contact us through our website or our telephone number.

If you are seeking accommodation and therapy, please contact us for a referral to some adequate professionals and providers who can help you.

Do you have spare time to share and want contribute back to the community? Come join and volunteer with us. The experience is fulfilling and rewarding.

If you want to find out any service providers near your residence, you can also download our MMLink smart phone application.

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

Please note that DAPA office will be closed between 22nd December 2018 and 6th January 2019.

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.

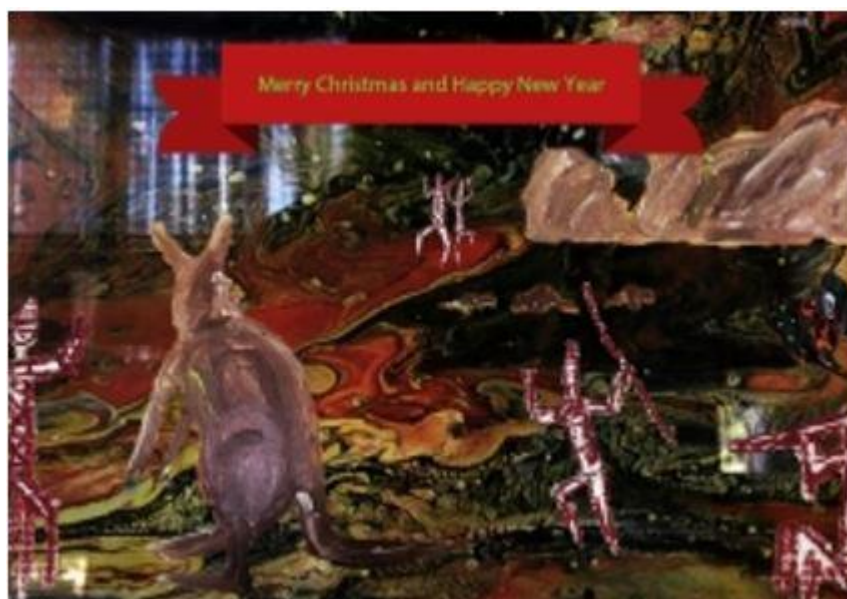
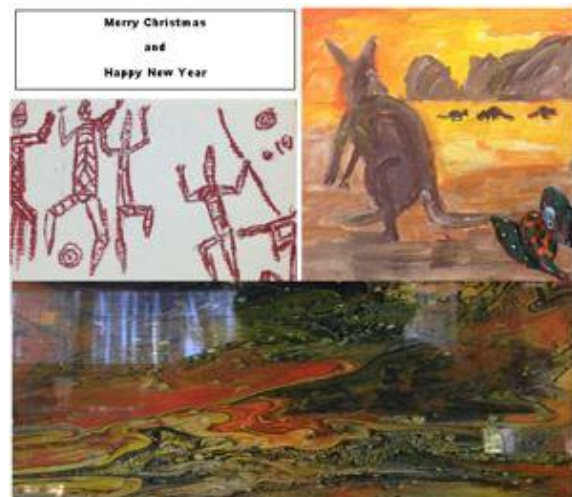
We often have participants who need more suitable Accommodations for various reasons. Just recently, we had one participant who has been evicted from his temporary home and required emergency place to stay. We managed to apply for a place in a community housing provider. We also have other participants looking to improve their current accommodation arrangements.

Living Skills Training

Digital Media Design Class

Our digital media learning group is currently being challenged to design a nice 2018 Christmas card from the three paintings done by our participants (see the figure to the right).

Our Isabel spent one week to come up with the following Australian landscape painting to be our Christmas and New Year Card for 2018.



Art of Painting Mud Lamps

On 28th November, our committee member Swati and our staff Savitha, cooked from morning and brought with them all the art material to celebrate the Indian Diwali day in our office. Since then, more post work were added to those mud lamps.



Cecilia and Bosco Lau Celebrate with DAPA

On 14th December, our celebrity chef Cecilia and her husband, brought in food and wishes to our office while many of us were away for a holiday break or visiting another carer group. The Lau family are always thinking about us donating their time and money. We need more of them to help grow our organisation and help others in the community.



Participation in the Community:

Celebrate Christmas with Yourside

On Thursday 8th December, Jennifer and Vincent took part at YourSide's Christmas Party. They met hundreds of carers from the northern districts of Sydney.

Your Side is a well-funded organisation to support carers for people with mental health issues including autism in the later years. DAPA is an active member of the Your Side Community Circle. We get a lot of useful information from their newsletter and workshop sessions.



Fund Raising for Special Olympics – Soar and Roar

On 9th December some of our members are taking part in a fund raising event at the Sydney Motorsport Park.



DAPA always plays an active role in fund raising events for Special Olympics especially that our President, Vincent Yu, is in the committee of the major Fun Run event in the middle of March every year (Over 500 people join the Fun Run thru link: www.kuringgaichase.com.au –see below).

Please Register to support Special Olympics



DAPA 2018 Christmas Party

On 18th December, we hold our Christmas Party at the Golden Eagle Chinese Restaurant. We had 55 people present that we had to add extra table that day. In this event we had new, future and old members came to celebrate together with their supporters.



Powerhouse Museum Visit

On 23th December, we made a visit to the Powerhouse Museum. A lot of scientific experiments and games attracted us to spend a worthwhile few hours there. What attracted Bowman most is the Star War Identity exhibition that we should make a future visit.



It was a nice tour for people with intellectual disabilities.

Coming Event:

Chinese New Year Eve Banquet

This year is the year of pig in Chinese astrological sign. We will be celebrating Lunar New Year Eve banquet at Golden Eagle Chinese with traditional dishes and their recipes for our members and carers and friends. The banquet displays ten Cantonese dishes and traditional lion dance shows. The average cost for each guest would be \$100 and we would ask some company and individuals to sponsor \$1000 a table so that our members and carers may be subsidised to attend.



Enjoy Cooking with Lunar New Year Tradition

Menu: 10 Course Cantonese Traditional Dishes

Place : Golden Eagle Chinese Restaurant

Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club

1st floor, 117 Ryedale Rd, West Ryde.

Time : 6pm, Monday 4th Febuary, 2019

Cost - \$20 for pwd, \$50 for carer, \$100 for others & \$150 for pwd family of 4.

RSVP by 25/1/2019 (email info@dap.asn.au or ring Vince on 0417418180)