Welcome to our May Edition of the Yorke and Mid North Disability Workforce Hub Newsletter!

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CURRENT NEWS

The quarterly reports provide the COAG Disability Reform Council with information (including statistics) about participants in each jurisdiction and the funding or provision of supports by the NDIA in each
Following consideration by the COAG Disability Reform Council, the quarterly reports are made available here.

Note: there have been some minor amendments to the versions of these reports provided to the COAG Disability reform Council to de-identify personal data within small population figures.

**Reports available:**
- SA Dashboard as of 31st March 2019
- SA Performance Report as of 31st March 2019

**RESIGNATION OF NDIA CEO**

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA), Mr Robert De Luca, today informed the NDIA Board of his intention to resign from his role, effective immediately. Ms Vicki Rundle, the Deputy CEO Government, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement has been appointed as Acting CEO.

Mr De Luca will become CEO of Zenitas Healthcare, a community health organisation, which has recently been acquired by the private equity firm of Adamantern Capital Management and Liverpool Partners. Full details [HERE](https://sandiego.com/here).

**UPDATES & INFORMATION SESSIONS**

At the end of March, the NDIA visited Port Pirie to deliver some updates and information sessions for our region.

Elliot and James from the NDIA's Provider & Market Engagement teams presented on Plan Implementation, Employment and Allied Health.

Please see the links below to access their presentations.

- [Plan Implementation](#)
- [Employment](#)
- [Allied Health & Assistive Technology](#)

**NDIS WORKFORCE SURVEY**

The Department for Trade Tourism and Investment (DTTI) is currently seeking your assistance to take part in a workforce survey which will inform South Australia Disability Industry and Workforce Strategy. The survey is for all regional service providers delivering services to people with a disability.

We ask that you please complete your survey by **COB Monday the 20th of May**

[https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPCLH76](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GPCLH76)
The survey should be completed by a staff member with responsibility for your organisation's Human Resources. If your organisation operates across multiple regions, we encourage you to complete the survey once for each region that you operate within.

For the purpose of this survey, a contractor is considered to be an employee who is not employed directly by your organisation.

Full time equivalent (FTE) can be calculated by taking the total number of staff working hours and dividing this by 38.

Headcount is deemed to be the total number of staff working in the specified role.

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**Nominations are now open for the 2019 Adult Learners’ Week Awards.**

This year, the theme in South Australia is Community Education; enabling individual opportunity and developing pathways to further education, VET, traineeships and employment.

Winners will be announced at the Adult Learners’ Week Awards Presentation on Thursday 29 August 2019. Award winners receive $1,000 prize money, certificate and trophy.

To nominate an individual or organisation for an award, visit Adult Learners’ Week for the nomination form, award guidelines, selection criteria and conditions of entry.

Nominations close 5pm, Friday 17 May 2019.

For more information about Adult Learners' Week: Phone 1800 673 097 or email DIS.adultlearnersweek@sa.gov.au

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**2019 FEDERAL ELECTION**

**Information for people with disability or mobility restrictions**

The AEC provides assistance for people living with disability to ensure they are not disadvantaged from participating in the electoral system. The AEC can assist you to enrol, vote and help you find more information. It is compulsory for all eligible Australians to enrol and vote in federal elections and referendums.

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**THIN MARKETS PROJECT**

The Department of Social Services (DSS) and the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) have commissioned the NDIS Thin Markets Project to develop strategies to address supply gaps in ‘thin markets’ in the NDIS. The project will examine options for different cases. Noting that there is not necessarily a one-size-fits-all approach to addressing thin markets and related challenges, the ultimate
The online consultation page, inviting written submissions and surveys responses from participants, providers, peak bodies and others was launched by the Commonwealth Minister on 7 April 2019. You can view the thin markets consultation page here: https://engage.dss.gov.au/ndis-thin-markets-project/

MEETINGS & EVENTS

NDIS SERVICE PROVIDER NETWORK MEETINGS

These meetings are an opportunity for businesses & organisations in the disability care & community services sectors to come together to share information relating to recruitment, skills and training and to identify opportunities to work together in addressing local needs. Creating opportunities to support and learn from one another, discuss what it is that we are all doing in this space and how it is that we can collectively as a group overcome the unique challenges that the NDIS brings to achieve the best outcomes for our region. Bring along your thoughts, concerns, ideas, good news stories, anything at all for discussion on the day.

PORT PIRIE - Wednesday 22nd May
Regional Development Australia, 85 Ellen Street. 10am - 12:00pm

PORT AUGUSTA - Wednesday 8th May 2019
Wednesday 12th June 2019
Port Augusta Business Centre, 2A Stirling Road. 10am - 12:00pm

RSVP’s are required to attend and can be made via email to lmackrill@yorkeandmidnorth.com.au

NDS’s employment summit will take a targeted approach to the essential issues in employment. It will examine innovative ways to move forward in changing times, featuring critical thinkers on questions including ‘What will the sector look like in 10 years?’

The 2019 summit will run on two separate days – one focusing on open employment and the other on supported employment. They will each delve into the most current and pressing issues for the sector in these areas, and look to generate discussion from you, our members.
MISSION AUSTRALIA

DROP-IN SESSIONS - FACE TO FACE SUPPORT

2nd Monday of every month: May - July 2019 - 2pm - 4pm
(or call to book an alternative appointment)
May 13th, June 10th, July 9th
Port Augusta Public Library, 4 Mackay Street, Port Augusta

RSVP: Email courtney.dowling@ndis.gov.au or call 0436 689 733.

Please provide notification of any accessibility requirements. Children under adult supervision are welcome.

BAPTCARE DROP-IN SESSIONS

May 14th 10am to 12pm
SYP Community Hub 33 Stansbury Rd, Yorketown SA 5076

May 20th 10am to 12pm
Bute Community Rest Centre, Railway Terrace, Bute

Contact Hannah – 0448 290 303
INCLUSIVE SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE FORUM

- Are you a provider or organisation which promotes inclusion for young people and their families, through your programs of service within the local community?
- Do you support transitions into post school options?

If so, we would love for you to join us at this forum to promote your service to our young people and their families.

Friday 31st May 2019
Hawker Area School, Arkaba Street Hawker 5434: 12pm – 2pm
Sausage Sizzle
KEEP UP TO DATE WITH NDIS EVENTS IN SA
https://www.facebook.com/events/33999749875419/

EMployment

Funding Available to Help You Grow!

Do you need assistance with gaining a Police Check, DHS Clearance, some Training or an Accreditation to ensure you gain or increase your employment within the Disability Care Sector?

The Yorke and Mid North Disability Workforce Hub may be able to assist you.

Funding support $$$’s Available!* for job seekers looking to enter the Disability sector and existing workers looking to upskill. Success is just a few steps away!

* Conditions apply. Enquiries from job-seekers and employers welcome! Phone 1300 742 414

Regional Jobs Vacancy Map

Would you move your entire life for your dream job? Or is it sitting on your doorstep?

Check out our interactive Regional Jobs Vacancy Map find out what jobs are available in your region.

Employment Consultant - Port Augusta
Full Time Position

About the role

We believe everyone should be able to enjoy the benefits of working, and our Employment Consultants are the people who help make this happen. You will guide job seekers through the Disability Employment Services program and into a valuable job.

Every person we assist is different and you will identify the unique challenges job seekers face and help set achievable goals to move them forward to a positive outcome.
Confidential chat
For a confidential chat or further information about the position, please feel free to contact Kristyn Oxenbridge, Business Manager APM North Country on 0429 354 627 or email Kristyn.oxenbridge@apm.net.au

Please note - Employment with APM is dependent on the following essential criteria being satisfied: eligibility to work in Australia; current driver's license; access to a comprehensively insured vehicle; national police clearance and working with children check.

APPLY NOW!

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SPEECH PATHOLOGIST

About the role

We are looking for an awesome speechie to join our fun and innovative multi-disciplinary team. The role includes working with a mixed caseload from birth to adults, including speech and language, AAC, dysphagia, fluency, and literacy as part of a team approach. Full details and how to apply HERE.

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PHYSIOTHERAPIST

Are you our next Thrive Physiotherapist?? New graduate or experienced Physiotherapists welcome to apply!

Thrive Health Centre is a growing multi-disciplinary health centre in Port Pirie, SA. With this expansion we are seeking an enthusiastic Physiotherapist to join our amazing team. This team consists of our amazing administrative team and multiple allied health professionals. Full details and how to apply HERE.

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EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANT (SUPPORT WORKER)

- Help to create real change in peoples lives.
- Finish each day knowing you are making a difference
- Ongoing training and development

CBS Inc. currently have a position available for an Employment Assistant (Support Worker) to join our client focussed Jobnet Employment team. Full details & how to apply HERE.
TRAINER & ASSESSOR IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT
(AGED & DISABILITY) - KADINA

Our goals for training are simple - teach people skills to get the job they want and give employers the workforce they need. With an increase in enrolments, we need more passionate and skilled trainers to join our team. Full details & how to apply available HERE.

DISABILITY SUPPORT WORKERS
Work available in Wallaroo

Looking for a team player with a minimum of 6 months PAID demonstrated experience working with adults with disabilities. Full details and how to apply HERE.

DISABILITY SUPPORT WORKER - HOME SUPPORT

Are you reliable, resilient, resourceful, responsive and ready to deliver services under the NDIS? Full-time or Part-time roles, We are undergoing an expansion of services in the Clare Valley region and are seeking staff who share our commitment for quality and effective services which respect the rights, needs and dignity of the people we work with. Click HERE for full job requirements.

DISABILITY SUPPORT COORDINATOR PORT PIRIE

The Support Coordinator will increase a participant’s capacity to maintain supports, resolve service delivery issues and to participate independently in the National Disability Insurance Agency process. Full details and how to apply HERE.

DISABILITY SERVICES OFFICER PORT PIRIE - PART TIME

Using a person-centred approach, the Disability Services Officer will support participants to identify activities in line with their individualised plan. The services officer will match participants with a support worker, ensuring professional service delivery while maintaining the organisational data and record keeping requirements. Full details and how to apply HERE.

DISABILITY SUPPORT WORKERS
Expressions of Interest are open for casual positions based in the Yorke & Mid North Region. Full details available here. Multiple positions available in Port Augusta.

Full details available here. Enquiries Joshua Bradley (08) 8633 8687 or 0419 924 605

**Please note this is an ongoing vacancy for our casual pool (hence the closing date is 2020). We will regularly shortlist from the applications lodged and invite applicants for an interview as positions become available. You will be contacted by us within 14-21 days of submitting an application**

DISABILITY SUPPORT WORKERS – Clare/Port Pirie

Do you believe in social justice? Do you believe everyone deserves a fair go?

At scosa, we believe in generating opportunities to maximise the potential for all people living with disabilities in South Australia. Have you got what it takes? Apply Now

QUALIFIED & EXPERIENCED COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKERS

Are you committed to doing your job really well and performing at a high quality level?

If you’ve answered ‘yes’ SA Country Carers is for you!

If you would like to know more about working for SA Country Carers, please call 1300 686 405 and speak to one of our friendly staff about furthering your application. http://www.sacountrycarers.org.au

Professionalism, Equity, Teamwork, collaboration, Empathy

DISABILITY SUPPORT WORKER - Clare Valley - Jamestown - Balaklava

How would you like to support people to Go fishing? Have lunch with friends? Visit a museum? Volunteer in the community? Increase their independence? Go to the movies?

For more information please contact Laura Waldhuter at Clare Community Options on 0438 866 055 or laura.waldhuter@clarevalleyent.com.au

SUPPORT WORKERS

The RDSS recruitment team is currently seeking expressions of interest for Community Support Workers to provide a variety of services to people eligible for the NDIS.
SUPPORT WORKERS

Are you community focused and align with our commitment to provide high quality care to people with a Disability, Aged and needing assistance?

Support Workers: please email your expression of interest to: directcareservices@cadl.support

CARE WORKERS

Your Nursing Agency (YNA) is currently seeking Care Workers with experience in Disability or Aged Care that are interested in providing a high level of service to children with health needs in the home during the day. The clients will have ongoing shifts and a weekly roster so reliability and a passion for supporting clients at home to meet their goals is a must.

If this sounds like the opportunity you are looking for then don't hesitate - either call one of our friendly recruiters on (08) 7129 5000 or apply via. www.yna.com.au

TRAINING

CONSULTATION WORKSHOP PILOT: VET PRACTITIONER CURRENCY IN THE DISABILITY SECTOR

Port Augusta – Wednesday, 8th May

NDS and the South Australian Department of Innovation and Skills will be hosting four consultation workshops; and are asking for the input of consumers, their families and carers, disability sector workers, disability service providers and the training sector, to co-design a Continuing Professional Development (CDP) program for VET Trainers and Assessors who deliver qualifications in the disability sector.

Each of these workshops will explore what makes a great support worker, from differing perspectives in a contemporary disability environment. Places are limited, so ensure your seat by booking as soon as possible. Light refreshments will be included and there will be short amount of time available for networking after each workshop.

INTRODUCTION TO CUSTOMISED EMPLOYMENT TECHNIQUES WORKSHOP

NDS are holding a two day Customised Employment Workshop on the 14th and 15th of May 2019, at

NDS's Mile End office.
This specialized training aims to support you to develop the knowledge, tools and resources necessary to support people with significant disability who want to work. This training will introduce the 'informational interviewing technique' and provide practical examples of how to maintain successful workplace partnerships. Case studies will be shared to assist people to think differently when it comes to employment supports for people with disability.

Places are limited for this workshop. Be quick to take advantage of NDS’s reduced membership rate. Register on the Eventbrite Link prior to COB 29 April 2019.

SUPPORT COORDINATION PATHWAY

NDS SA has delivered some training using the Support coordination Academy. this has been well received by the Support Coordinators who attended. SA is looking at delivering another training workshop, targeted at those who are either new or who have had less than two years of working as a Support Coordinator.

This full day of training would be at a cost of approximately $160 for NDS members and $200 for non members and includes resources and a light lunch.

This one-day training is a practical workshop using real-world scenarios

If interested in attending complete the EOI and email to Merrilyn.mitchell@nds.org.au

WORKER ORIENTATION MODULE

‘Quality, Safety and You’

A new worker orientation module called ‘Quality, Safety and You’

is available to assist all NDIS workers to better support people with disability.

The module is an interactive online course which explains the obligations of workers under the NDIS Code of Conduct from the perspective of NDIS participants.

It is mandatory for all workers of registered NDIS providers to complete the module, as part of an orientation and induction. This is a requirement of registered NDIS providers in order to meet provider obligations under the NDIS Practice Standards and Quality Indicators.

To access the module click HERE.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

SAFE ENVIRONMENT Fore Children and Young People Course

Thursday 16th May, Full day (7 hour) course
CPR Provide First Aid, Education Care First Aid & BELS (some pre-learning may be required)
Thursday 6th June
accustomconsulting@gmail.com / www.accustomconsulting.com.au

HLTAID004 Provide an emergency first aid response in an education and care setting
HLTAID003 Provide First Aid
HLTAID002 Provide Basic Emergency Life Support
HLTAID001 Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
Website: http://www.myriadtraining.com.au/ Email: jane@myriadtraining.com.au

UPCOMING COURSES
To book into a course, arrange for discount on a group booking, arrange a course onsite at your premises,
or a night/weekend course, please contact us.
Phone: 1300 ACTFAS (1300 228 327) Email: admin@actfastraining.com.au
Shop 5, 283 Senate Road, Port Pirie.

INTRODUCTION TO WORKING WITH INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SELF-DESTRUCTIVE BEHAVIOUR
SAFE in Oz will be presenting ‘An Introduction To Working With Individuals Who Have Self-Destructive Behaviour’ a 2 day workshop...
in partnership with The Salvation Army will be presenting in
Kadina – 12th & 13th September 2019
Kadina Training Workshop Flyer
in partnership with UnitingCare Wesley Country SA will be presenting in
Port Pirie – 16th & 17th September 2019
Port Pirie Training Workshop Flyer
in partnership with Life Without Barriers will be presenting in
Port Augusta – 19th & 20th September 2019
Port Augusta Training Workshop Flyer
Download workshop registration form here
The below directory has been created by the Disability Workforce Hub. A list of registered NDIS Providers & Support Organisations within the Yorke and Mid North region. Please click below for the most up to date version. [DISABILITY DIRECTORY](https://mailchi.mp/yorkeandmidnorth/disability-workforce-hub-e-newsletter-may-2019)

**NDIS INFORMATION & UPDATES**

**NDIS AUDITS**
South Australian accessible auditors [here](https://mailchi.mp/yorkeandmidnorth/disability-workforce-hub-e-newsletter-may-2019) IHCS recently presented at the NDS Quality and Safeguarding Community of Practice. They are regionally accessible with local auditors based in South Australia.

The NDIS Commission is keen to hear feedback regarding any barriers that organisations/sole traders are having to the audit process. Please provide information regarding your circumstances to:

registration@ndiscommission.gov.au or 1800 035 544

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**GRANTS & FUNDING**

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**EXCEPTIONALLY COMPLEX SUPPORT NEEDS PROGRAM GRANT ROUND - EXTENSION TO CLOSING TIME**

The Exceptionally Complex Support Needs Program will provide funding over two years to establish a national network of specialist providers to provide support coordination for participants with exceptionally complex support needs.

Funding for this program is separate to the ILC program.

Submissions will be accepted from 2.00pm on 5 April. The closing time has been extended to 2.00pm (AEST) on 8 May 2019.

Visit the [GrantConnect website](https://mailchi.mp/yorkeandmidnorth/disability-workforce-hub-e-newsletter-may-2019) for more information.

All questions must be sent to ECSNGRANTS@ndis.gov.au

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**2019 NATIONAL INFORMATION PROGRAM (NIP) GRANT ROUND**

**Information Linkages and Capacity Building**

The National Information Program (NIP) is the first funding stream from the [ILC investment strategy](https://mailchi.mp/yorkeandmidnorth/disability-workforce-hub-e-newsletter-may-2019), which updates ILC investment to focus on a mix of funding models, scaleability of programs and increased evaluation to ensure ILC delivers on its purpose: more people with disability contributing to actively leading, shaping and influencing their community.

Submissions open 9.00am (AEDT) 5 April 2019 and close 11.00pm (AEST) 10 May 2019.

More information about making a submission and guidelines can be found at the [DSS Community Grants Hub website](https://mailchi.mp/yorkeandmidnorth/disability-workforce-hub-e-newsletter-may-2019).
REGIONAL EMPLOYMENT TRIALS

The Regional Employment Trials program provides local stakeholders in selected regions, including businesses, not-for-profits and local government agencies, with grants to trial local approaches to delivering employment related projects.

The program provides local stakeholders in ten selected regions, including businesses, not-for-profits and local government agencies, with grants between $7,500 and $200,000 to trial local approaches to delivering employment related projects.


Have a news story, training, event or employment position you would like shared in our next newsletter?

Forward details to wso@yorkeandmidnorth.com.au

Contact Phone: 1300 742 414

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