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Opportunities for people with a disability

From the Chairman and the CEO



Chairman, Grant Murdoch, outgoing CEO David Barbagallo and Deputy Chairman, Tony Bellas

CEO leadership valued

For almost seven years Endeavour Foundation has continued to grow and develop under the enthusiastic and vibrant leadership of David Barbagallo. In late November David finished up as CEO to focus on new challenges and opportunities.

Together with my fellow Directors I wish to thank David for the significant contribution he has made as CEO. As a colleague and as a friend I valued David's keen insights, persistence and vision for Endeavour Foundation.

When David was first appointed CEO, the organisation was Queensland-based and providing support services to 2100 people with a disability. David has overseen growth to now include operations in Queensland, NSW, Victoria and South Australia supporting more than 4500 people.

David is a passionate supporter of seeking opportunities for people with a disability so that they may lead an "ordinary life".

When the Productivity Commission released its report into Disability Care and Support David saw it as the means to make a difference for people with a disability. He organised a meeting with 50 of the largest service providers in Australia in March 2010 which was a key force in the development of the "Every Australian Counts" campaign. This campaign, which was heavily backed by Endeavour Foundation, led to the legislation introducing the NDIS. The work involved in getting the campaign up, and participating in it, was not "business as usual" but in addition to his role as CEO.

All Australians with a disability will be grateful when the NDIS is fully rolled out across Australia.

I am sure you will join me in thanking David for his contributions and transformational leadership, in wishing him all the best in his future career and in helping the organisation transition to a new CEO.

On behalf of the Board of Directors I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy and productive 2016.

Grant Murdoch
Chairman

No time to wait

On the eve of the introduction of the NDIS it is the sad reality that families remain under extraordinary pressure, some to breaking point. The pressures of caring can lead to difficulties with finances, relationships, mental health, housing, employment and school attendance.

This is a big topic for national discussion as individuals, families and governments seek answers in the lead up to the NDIS.

In Queensland, the media reported on a couple who have reached the end of their personal, emotional and financial resources in caring for their five year old son with severe autism. At times they feared for his safety. Desperate, they reached the conclusion that the only way to ensure their son got the support that he needs, would be to put him up for adoption. This at a time when Queensland's 2013 Child Protection inquiry found that families should have additional support, enabling them to stay together and keep caring for their children at home.

It is time for governments to stop playing at the job of providing disability support.

Four years ago the NSW government began investing billions more in disability support well before it was required as part of the NDIS.

Queensland still holds the dishonour of providing the lowest per capita disability support funding.

It's not good enough to tell people to wait for the NDIS. Families can't wait a moment longer for help. This is a challenge for all us, so please join with us in seeking better support for families.

And finally, many of you will be aware that I am leaving Endeavour Foundation after seven years as CEO. It has been an absolute privilege to be in this role and I can assure you that I will remain a strong advocate for people with disability for the rest of my life.

David Barbagallo
CEO

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Cover shot: Education Services student Madeline Stuart takes a break after winning an international modelling award.



Job benefits for supported employees

Worth bottling: Scope supported employees Michelle Kelly (left) and Megan Lewis take time out from packaging goods at a customer site in Geelong.

ENDEAVOUR FOUNDATION HAS MOVED TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY IN SYDNEY, MELBOURNE AND GEELONG.

By incorporating Scope and Yurunga's Australian Disability Enterprises (ADEs) into its business portfolio, Endeavour Foundation continues to demonstrate its commitment to people with a disability and to providing meaningful employment.

The management and operations of Yurunga's Inala Disability Enterprises in western Sydney moved across in August, while Scope Victoria's South East, Highpoint and Shannon Park ventures were transferred in early November.

The enterprises include food and general packaging, pick and pack, labelling and light manufacturing operations.

ADEs are under considerable external pressure – not least because of recent and public disputes regarding wage assessment tools. We welcome the new businesses and employees to Endeavour Foundation.

Meet Libby, one of our new employees on page 5.



At home: Carolyn (right) and her mother Carol at the sod turning for the Rockhampton homes.

Smart homes unlock independence

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION OFFERS GREATER SUPPORT AND INDEPENDENCE.

Carolyn Butler isn't letting a hearing impairment get in the way of her independence or enjoying living with her new housemates in Endeavour Foundation's recently opened homes in Rockhampton, Central Queensland.

The new state-of-the-art homes accommodate 12 people who now have greater choice about where and with whom they live, in a supportive environment.

"I love living in the new home as I have more space and lots of things to do," Carolyn says.

SMART TECH ASSISTS

The homes are equipped with easy to use technology, like emergency assist buttons that enable residents to alert staff if they or their housemates need help. Carolyn finds a visual beacon very useful. It flashes to alert her if the fire alarm is triggered.

BUNDABERG ACCOMMODATION OFFERS PEACE OF MIND

An innovative residential complex for people who have ageing parents is now open, thanks to a \$1 million Queensland Government contribution, with a further \$280,000 from Endeavour Foundation.

"Ageing carers in Bundaberg want their loved ones to have a safe, secure place to live and this project provides certainty for the future of their family members," Endeavour Foundation's Executive General Manager of Disability and Community Services, Gail Davidson says.

The five-unit complex has fully accessible units that can accommodate people with a disability and also a spare room for a family member or support person to be on site. Two of the units will be rented on the open market, which allows for greater integration for people with a disability to live connected lives in the community.



Easy to use: Rockhampton resident Kathy Greenwood tries out the assistive technology



Bright and joyful: QArt Studio artist Holly Walton with some of this year's Christmas range

CHRISTMAS IS ALWAYS AN INSPIRING TIME FOR THE TALENTED TEAM AT QART STUDIO AND GALLERY IN VICTORIA.

After months of hard work and planning, the team's 2015 Christmas collection and 2016 calendar are now available to purchase.

QArt studio provides employment, mentoring and training for professional artists who live with a disability. The Christmas collection features festive season designs by 17 of the artists, and includes a tribute to artist Kevin Keane who sadly passed away this year. The team has included a number of his colourful designs in the collection.

"I think the artists have really excelled with their work this year. The range is fresh, lively and appealing," QArt service manager Jan

Rowlinson says. "I encourage everyone to discover more about these inspiring artists on our recently launched website (qart.endeavour.com.au) where you can browse our contemporary range of artworks and purchase online."

The 2015 QArt Christmas collection can be purchased at our heritage-listed art gallery located at 188 High Street, Kew in Melbourne, online and through the QArt Facebook page.

Kingaroy hampers give Christmas joy

Christmas is the Season for Giving and Kingaroy Kitchen Fine Foods has been busy packing dozens of traditional Christmas hampers that make great gifts for Christmas and even for the New Year.

Meanwhile, the regional Queensland gourmet food producer is also celebrating receiving a very welcome Christmas present – \$36,000 in grants.

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund and the Tarong Community Partnership Fund grants will go towards revamping conditions and creating a lovely environment for workers and visitors.

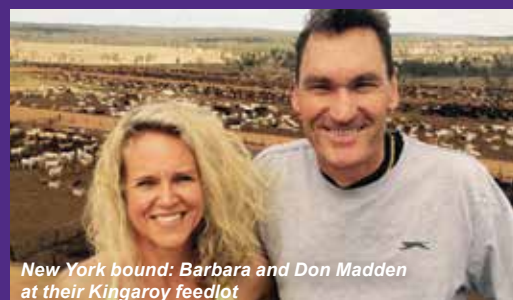
It's good news for Beth Fulton and Andrew Simmons who enjoy working with "friends and great staff" making products such as biscuits, jams, chutneys and other gourmet foods for the hampers.

"We make good gifts for people. At Kingaroy Kitchen Fine Foods, I learn new skills and meet amazing people," Beth says.

Beth and Andrew and the other employees can rely on steady employment and gain greater confidence from meaningful work.

The hampers are packed with fresh local produce, which can be purchased individually. Hampers include the Ginger Lovers Hamper, the Favourites Hamper, Gluten Free and the Classic.

Place your hamper or Christmas cake order: free call 1800 8181 945, visit the website kingaroykitchen.com.au or drop in to 17 Kingaroy Street, Kingaroy.



New York bound: Barbara and Don Madden at their Kingaroy feedlot

FEEDLOT DONATION BEEFS UP CAFÉ DREAM

Kingaroy Kitchen Fine Foods, in Queensland, hopes to realise a long held dream of opening a retail café and garden thanks to the generosity and energy of local feedlot operators who raised funds by competing in the recent New York marathon.

Barbara and Don Madden, of the Smithfield Cattle Company, hit New York pavements having raised \$5200 from Kingaroy district businesses, Feed Central, Ken Mills Machinery, Performance Feeds, M & M Migration and Beef Central Kingaroy.

After hearing about the great work of Kingaroy Kitchen Fine Foods, the Maddens donated the funds before departing for New York.

Smithfield beef may well be on the menu of the proposed café.



Fully charged. TORGAS and North Queensland Apprentice of the Year Chalmers Underwood at work

A brilliant year

His interest in electronics was sparked as a kid playing with a toy electronics kit. Today TORGAS trained electrical apprentice Chalmers Underwood is North Queensland's Apprentice of the Year, 2015.

It has been a year of brilliant success for the Townsville based apprentice having won the TORGAS Apprentice of the Year Award in May, completing his apprenticeship, gaining employment, and now winning the prestigious North Queensland title.

Chalmers credits his success to his family, TORGAS and his employer Schneider Electric.

"I am excited about winning the award and yet very nervous about competing in the National finals," he says.

In his current role, Chalmers designs, installs and implements control strategies that help save refrigeration costs for his clients.

TORGAS provides quality employment opportunities in apprenticeships and traineeships.

Working at your hobby

A FORMER PACKAGING PRODUCTION WORKER AT INALA DISABILITY ENTERPRISES IN SYDNEY, SUPPORTED EMPLOYEE LIBBY HAS MADE THE SEAMLESS TRANSITION TO THE SEWING SECTION OF ENDEAVOUR FOUNDATION'S CASTLE HILL OPERATIONS.

A sewing and needlework enthusiast, Libby is one of 21 former Inala employees who now work at Castle Hill following the amalgamation of Inala's Australian Disability Enterprise with Endeavour Foundation earlier this year.

After 30 years at Inala, Libby is enjoying the



Sew good – Libby is learning to use the Castle Hill industrial equipment to sew these lunch bags as well as aprons, ironing board covers and flags

change and says the move was made easier because her friends from Inala are also at Castle Hill.

She is enjoying making new friends and doing what she loves most – sewing and needlework. At home, Libby makes her own clothes and other items for friends and family.



Business breakthrough: Simon Buckingham founded his business Simply Ask Simon after completing a NEIS course with SkillsPlus

ADELAIDE BUSINESS ADOPTS the BRACE position

Starting your own business can be hard work. But with the right support, the rewards can be worth it.

It was early in 2014 that Simon Buckingham found himself without a job, and with his wife about to give birth to their second child.

Mr Buckingham, based in Adelaide, had plenty to be worried about, but after much soul-searching he decided to take the leap and start his own business. Simply Ask Simon was born.

Fast forward to October 2015, and the Telecommunications and Information technology consultancy was a finalist in the Best New Business category of the national New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS) awards.

While there have been the inevitable highs and lows, Simply Ask Simon has prospered. Mr Buckingham says it is thanks to the support he received from the Scheme, delivered through BRACE in Port Adelaide.

"Each time we have grown or changed I have always come back to the foundations that were nurtured within the NEIS," Mr Buckingham says.

"Having a strong foundation has allowed me to meet and conquer those challenges head on. We now have three staff with another about to begin, and work nationally helping small and medium enterprises with their telecommunications solutions."

BRACE provides employment, training and education to people with a disability.

Madeline

A BRISBANE TEENAGER HAS BECOME THE WORLD'S FIRST PROFESSIONAL FASHION MODEL WITH DOWN SYNDROME. SO WHY DOES SHE PUT ENDEAVOUR FOUNDATION FIRST?

It was her first real opportunity as a fashion conscious young woman to dress up for the Melbourne Cup. Not only that but 19 year old Madeline Stuart took an extra step – starring on the catwalk at the Endeavour Foundation Melbourne Cup fashion parade in Brisbane, helping raise thousands of dollars of support for other families and young people living with a disability.

Melbourne Cup is just the latest highlight in Madeline's stellar modelling career. In just over 12 months the teen has rocketed from fashion model wannabe to winning international modelling contracts and recognition including Melange Production's Model of the Year. The citation on the impressive glass prize from the San Francisco diversity and fashion company says simply "Your contribution to the fashion industry is ground breaking. You are an inspiration for Melange. You have changed the lives of so many and made them believe. We love you Madeline and you will always be Melange Family."

Madeline's modelling career blossomed with bookings coming from around the world including a headline role in New York Fashion Week.

Madeline's mother and manager, Rosanne, says she's still catching up with the speed of her daughter's achievement and the world embracing Madeline as a role-model of what people with disability can and are achieving.

BEGINNINGS

"It all started at the Brisbane Ekka (Exhibition)," Rosanne says. "At the Cotton Parade she told me she wanted to be a model, and that she wanted to get up on the stage and model, then and there. I said to her, 'Well honey, you're going to have to get a lot fitter if you want to be a model.'"

Already enjoying dancing classes, Madeline combined getting fit with her dance, and committed to a healthier diet and lifestyle.

Dancing is important to Madeline who has taken up the position of ambassador for the InsideOutside Dance Ensemble. The group was established

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Madeline at
the Melbourne
Cup luncheon

goes exploring

in August and is seeking commercial sponsorships to provide young people with a disability the opportunities to develop new skills and to perform regionally, nationally and internationally.

TALKING IT THROUGH

Rosanne recognised that Madeline's development and sense of achievement, and their own relationship into the future, would be enhanced by Madeline learning to participate more in conversation. That's when she found Endeavour Foundation. After a lot of research and trial and error – Madeline initially attended three other support providers – they settled on Endeavour Foundation's Education, Learning and Development Services at Windsor. It's a 45 minute drive from the Stuart's home but Roseanne says the programs provide exactly what Madeline loves and needs.

"Her skills and confidence have been boosted by the education focus of these programs," Rosanne says. "The small group work and focus on encouraging talking and independence also enable her to work with others and have confidence in acting out what she has learned."

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MADELINE THE EXPLORER

That includes telling the time. Roseanne says Madeline is now very interested in knowing what the time is. "She asks me about the time, which is great because we can talk about that and what it means. Also, she now tells me if there is a problem or if she wants something. The other day she told me she had a scratch and we talked about how it happened."

Developing literacy skills is a core part of the program and students are encouraged to write notes and talk about their favourite experiences and characters. While Madeline loves watching X Factor on YouTube, her favourite video program character is a girl who embarks on quests and travels to exotic places. But it seems she has nothing on Madeline Stuart!

In 2016 Madeline's extraordinary journey of learning will take her to places that even her favourite character might not have visited, including Uganda where her charity work will raise money for underprivileged children. There's also a wildlife safari on the cards.

Roseanne says that as Madeline's professional modelling levels off she will continue to support charities. She says it is all a wonderful learning experience for Madeline and herself and an opportunity to support people in need.

"However, when we get home it's good to know that Endeavour Foundation is there. It gives Madeline a firm base so she can continue learning and developing those life skills that will stand her in good stead after her modelling career," she says.

Follow Madeline on facebook at facebook.com/madelinesmodelling

InsideOutside Dance Ensemble at insideoutsidetheatre.com

ENDEAVOUR FOUNDATION EDUCATION

Education, Learning and Development Services offers inclusive, student-centred education and training for people with an intellectual disability. Courses are developed by board registered teachers and delivered by qualified tutors with support by teachers.

Education and lifestyle skills development is balanced with learning and socialising through group work, one-on-one instruction, peer engagement and the use of latest technologies.

Continued Learning for Under-30s offers literacy, numeracy, technology and creative skills, and preparation for voluntary and paid employment.



Fashion focussed: Madeline at New York Fashion Week

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Innovate and thrive

A REVOLUTION IN ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY IS DRIVING SMART WAYS
OF THINKING ABOUT DISABILITY SUPPORT.

Imagine a future where wheel chairs read your thoughts, do what you want and can go just about anywhere. How about an app to hire the support workers of your choice? And a robot teleconference video that goes remote, with you in charge?

That future, once the province of dreamers and science fiction writers, is taking shape right now, with technology supports either in development or now available.

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Development of new and exciting assistive technology is rocketing ahead as research and industry explore innovative solutions and emerging market opportunities. It is expected that the coming together of innovation, inexpensive digital technology and the resources of the National Disability Insurance Scheme will deliver a future for people with a disability that is both exciting and challenging.

NEW WORLD

These and many other technologies were showcased at the recent NDIS New World Conference – Disability In The 21st Century – held in Brisbane. The conference focused on the latest assistive technology and the role that the NDIS can play in facilitating innovation across the disability sector. NDIS Chair, Bruce Bonyhady, told delegates that technology was the key to greater inclusion and freedom for people with disability: “The NDIS will also have an exponential impact as it has the potential to create a future as

unimaginable to us today as an iPhone would have been to the astronauts of Apollo 11.”

When fully rolled out, the NDIS will invest \$1 billion a year in technological supports and devices. How that money will be spent will largely be the choice of the 460,000 NDIS participants. The NDIS will also open up opportunities for Australian and international companies to innovate and win customers.

ENDEAVOUR FOUNDATION INNOVATION

Endeavour Foundation recognises the opportunity to better serve the disability community through innovation and technology. The massive shift in control and choice to the consumer is pushing all support providers to imagine better and more innovative support solutions using technologies that are rapidly leaping from concept to manufacture. The Endeavour Foundation stand at the conference expo displayed a range of smart assistive technologies that are being developed in

TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY RELEASED

During the New World conference, the National Disability Insurance Agency released its national strategy on Assistive Technology, together with its strategic priorities. Information about the strategy is available on the NDIS website ndis.gov.au



Visionary: Trying out the Endeavour Foundation virtual learning environment



Endeavour Foundation staff members (left to right): Josh Bernard, Maria Hoogstrate, Stewart Koplick, Chris Beaumont

collaboration with researchers at QUT and with Tunstall Healthcare. One development, the Virtual Learning Environment, enables people to virtually experience travelling on a train in 3D – the necessary things to do when travelling, as well as the likely challenges. Please read more about these innovations in the side-story on the right of this feature.

WHAT'S NEXT?

In his speech, NDIA Chair Bruce Bonyhady said “there was no turning back because the old ways of doling out disability services were broken.” That’s the opportunity and the challenge. The future, he said, is already with us.

“In Sweden the internet is bringing isolated parents of children with profound disabilities together with experts to teach them about augmentative and alternative communication and to form networks of support. Another group in Sweden is working with local governments to create ‘Social Rescue’ – an app that allows people with disability who are travelling alone and not feeling safe to connect with safety houses, friends and relatives. In many ways the internet is the ultimate social good.”

Smart techs show off



Mobile: New World Expo visitor tries telepresence mobile tablet

IF YOU WANT A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE TODAY THEN THE NEW WORLD EXPO HAD IT ALL.

Assistive technology producers included **AbilityMate**, the maker of 3D printed devices that can be posted from all over the world at a fraction of current costs. AbilityMate’s vision is to create an open-source Electric Wheelchair and Exoskeleton platform.

Clickability is an online disability service directory that enables you to find out about services, share your experiences and connect with others about issues. It features ratings and reviews from service users.

First2Click is a mobile app that helps manage plans, finances and budgets. It also locates support workers of choice and organise supports when and where they are wanted.

Want to improve the social and emotional skills of children while they are having fun? **Secret Agent Society** is a self-guided digital game where players work through multi-level digital scenarios and choices and regulate their emotions and interactions with other people.

It’s been called Skype on wheels! Developed by **Telepresence**, the mobile

device offers greater interaction for people with mobility issues. It is an enhanced tablet on a segue machine, which can be located remote from the user who logs on to connect, view and interact – without leaving home.

Endeavour Foundation also showed its commitment to innovation through research partnerships with QUT and leading health care solutions company, Tunstall Healthcare:

- Endeavour Foundation homes are equipped with intelligent sensors, emergency call systems, telehealth devices, communications tools and home control options.
- Free app design workshops. Our experts show you what’s possible using Applinventor and guide you through the steps of app design.
- An Android app that helps you visualise situations and doing new things. It combines photos so you can see what it looks like to be there, and share on social media.
- Our 3D Virtual Learning Environment helps introduce new situations and develop new skills while you are gaming and having fun.

For more information about assistive technology including workshops and apps: endeavour.com.au/Disability-services/Resources



3D printed avatar helps children go places virtually



Virtual learning: Catching the train is made easier

Taste for success

Apprentice chef, Chris Carr, is wowing them at the Caboolture Sports Club in Queensland where his new nationally recognised dish now features on the club menu.

A second year apprentice at Acclaim Apprentices and Trainees, Chris won a Silver award at the National Chef Awards in Perth where his signature dish impressed the judges.

Chris was invited to join Australia's peak body for professional chefs, cooks, apprentices and culinary students, the Australian Culinary Federation, and will represent Queensland at the 2016 awards in Melbourne.

Acclaim Apprentices and Trainees see a continuing bright future ahead for Chris.



Award winning apprentice chef: Chris Carr

VALE ALLAN "BIG MAC" MCNICHOL

My good friend, Allan McNichol was a wonderful supporter of Endeavour Foundation, his church and the community.

Allan and his wife Marion had five children. He said the birth of the fourth child, Allana, changed his attitude to life. Her admission to an Endeavour Foundation pre-school began his extensive involvement with the organisation.

A member of the Queensland Sub-Normal Children's Welfare Association committee Allan was elected the Mackay Branch

President and Zone Representative. He served as second Vice President of the State Executive Committee where he worked on the name change to Endeavour Foundation.

In 1987 Allan moved to Townsville and worked as Endeavour Foundation administrator and after five years found it necessary to resign.

He spent his last years in a Townsville nursing home, where we relived some of the awesome early days of the organisation. Allan passed away in Townsville on 1 August.

— Brice Kaddatz, Wide Bay Area Committee member.

The full text of Brice Kaddatz's tribute is available at endeavourfoundation.tumblr.com



Endeavour Foundation stalwart: Allan McNichol

GIVING TO THE ENDEAVOUR FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL CHANGES LIVES. JUST ASK MARIE.

Like many parents, Marie tries her best to give her teenage son Jack a good Christmas. She struggles to provide throughout the year, and as Christmas approaches she collects reindeer figurines, decorates the house, and organises a Christmas lunch for Jack and his sister.

However, Marie, who suffers from chronic lung disease and arthritis, knows that no gift will secure the only thing she truly wants for her son – an ordinary life.

Diagnosed with autism, Jack is bullied at school and finds it difficult to talk to people and do many everyday tasks.

"My situation is what it is, but I only want things to get better for Jack," says Marie. "When I'm gone what's going to happen to him? What kind of life is he going to have?"

Unable to secure private care for Jack, Marie was referred to Endeavour Foundation's Youth Mentor Program, which offers free one-on-one support with trained Youth Mentors.

Thanks to the generosity of Endeavour Foundation supporters who helped raise \$64,000 for the program during the 2014 Christmas Appeal, Jack is on the way to developing his social skills, becoming more confident with basic daily tasks and leading an independent life.

The 2015 Christmas Appeal aims to raise a further \$64,000 to take the Youth Mentor Program to another 300 families.

Please help young people like Jack, and his family, by completing the Christmas Appeal donation form on the back page or visit endeavour.com.au and click on 'Donate Now' or call 1800 63 40 40.

Christmas Appeal supports youth



RALLYING SUPPORT

More than 50 NSW Great Endeavour Rally® participants went in search of adventure in October and they certainly found it on an exhilarating five day journey through remote parts of the state.

Leaving Coffs Harbour the teams soon encountered hail storms before continuing along the challenging 1500km route to the finish line in Port Macquarie.

Rally rookies and Castle Hill supported employees, Hope Michel and Paul Chapman, were thrilled to join in. Hope loved riding with Car 1978, The Love Boat. Despite raising the most funds, it was far from smooth sailing for the crew. Prior to setting off their car caught fire and then during the rally broke down.

You can register for the '2016 Great Endeavour Rally: Red Centre Adventure' and the '2016 Super Endeavour Rally™: Red Centre & Lake Eyre Adventure' at great.endeavour.com.au



2015 Highest Fundraiser Car 1978 'The Love boat'

1. 'The Love Boat' in action
2. Dad-daughter crew: Tess and James Tracy having fun
3. Fundraising champs: 'The Love Boat' crew – Andy Zaple, Steve Thom and John Perkins

NDIS Families Forums travel to Sydney

WESTERN SYDNEY FAMILIES ARE THE LATEST TO HAVE THEIR NDIS QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

The Endeavour Foundation NDIS Families Forums travelled to Sydney providing much needed updates and real-life case studies about the National Disability Insurance Scheme and how to prepare for its introduction next year.

For the first time, forums have been designed specifically for supported employees and delivered on site, at the Seven Hills, Castle Hill and Mt Druitt operations.

In addition, families, carers and the general

public were invited to learn more about the NDIS and have their questions answered at morning and evening forums in Blacktown and Mt Druitt.

In western Sydney Endeavour Foundation provides valuable supported employment for 548 people who are engaged in a range of jobs including packaging, mail outs, and manufacturing household products.

CEO David Barbagallo said the forums were designed to cater to western Sydney people and provide them with the best opportunities to participate.

"Distance and travelling time can be a challenge in Sydney, so we tried to provide a number of options and opportunities for people to hear more people about the NDIS, what it means to them, and our preparations for its introduction," he said.



NDIS wise: Supported employees and families attended NDIS Families Forums in Sydney

Emergency Contacts

EMERGENCY SUPPORT

COMMONWEALTH RESPITE & CARELINK CENTRES

1800 052 222 (24 hours)

Pre-register by phone to gain easier access to support

STATE GOVERNMENT DISABILITY SERVICES

Queensland:

13 74 68

133 677 – TTY (hearing impaired)

NSW Metro North: (02) 9407 1855

Victoria: 1800 783 783

CHILD SAFETY SERVICES

Queensland:

1800 177 135 (24 hours)

New South Wales:

132 111 (24 hours)

Victoria:

131 278 (24 hours)

If you believe a child is in imminent danger, please contact the police on 000

OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS:

Health Direct – health and hospital information 1800 022 222

Poisons Information Line 13 11 26

Ambulance, Fire, Police
– life threatening emergencies

000 – landline

106 – TTY (hearing impaired)

112 – mobile

Alcohol and Drug Information Services
1800 422 599

SUPPORT CONTACTS

ENDEAVOUR FOUNDATION DISABILITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

1800 ENDEAVOUR (1800 363 328)

In Queensland, short-term, one off disability support is also available to eligible people through the following local contacts:

CENTRAL QLD

Suncare Community Services
(Wide Bay): (07) 4151 6400

Endeavour Foundation: 1800 363 328

Central Highlands & Western Queensland
Family Support Association
(Emerald): (07) 4987 7933

Gladstone Community Linking Agency:
(07) 4972 8855

SOUTH WEST QLD

ALARA (Ipswich): (07) 3817 0600

Breakaway Toowoomba: (07) 4639 5100

BRISBANE

FSG Australia: (07) 3274 3655

NORTH QLD

Endeavour Foundation: 1800 363 328

FAR NORTH QLD

ARC: (07) 4046 3600

NORTH COAST

Suncare Community Services: 1800 052 222

SOUTH EAST QLD

FSG Australia: (07) 5501 2400

Ability Care: (07) 3800 4577

Get involved

Area Committees are an important part of the governance structure of Endeavour Foundation.

By being involved in a local Area Committee, family members, carers and supporters can provide information and feedback in relation to local services, educate the community about disability, raise the profile of the organisation, and raise funds.

Get in contact with the Area Committee Chair in your region to find out more.

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to listen

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or call Customer Support 1800 63 40 40 or mail to
Christmas Appeal PO Box 3554, Tingalpa DC Qld
Australia 4173



Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I prefer to be contacted by: ☐ email ☐ mail ☐ phone

Monthly Donation:

☐ \$20

☐ \$30

☐ \$50

☐ \$100

☐ or other

\$ _____

How many monthly donations would you like to make?

☐ until further notice (tick ☒) OR _____ (months)

(You can cease monthly donations anytime by simply calling 1800 63 40 40)

☐ I acknowledge that my monthly donation will be paid by credit card

Single Donation:

☐ \$20

☐ \$50

☐ \$100

☐ \$500

☐ or other

\$ _____

Payment options:

☐ cheque / money order enclosed
(made payable to Endeavour Foundation)

☐ credit card payment

Payment Details: (if paying by credit card)

Credit Card type: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Cardholder Name: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Expiry: _____ / _____

Card Number:

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