

Knoxbrooke Talk



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Tony Smith MP, Federal Member for Casey,
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and the Hon. Christopher Pyne MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health & Ageing

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE

YARRA VIEW NURSERY RECEIVES MORE FEDERAL FUNDS

The Hon. Christopher Pyne MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health and Ageing, along with Tony Smith MP, Federal Member for Casey and Jason Wood MP, Federal Member for La Trobe, proudly presented a cheque of \$337,505 to Yarra View Nursery, an arm of Knoxbrooke Incorporated.

The approved funding was granted under the Business Service Assistance programme.

Business services are commercial enterprises enabling people with disabilities to engage in a wide variety of work tasks such as packaging, assembly, production, recycling, screen printing, plant nursery, garden maintenance and landscaping, cleaning services, laundry services and food services.

Yarra View Nursery is a landscaping, horticulture and garden maintenance operation in Mt. Evelyn under the auspices of Knoxbrooke Incorporated. Knoxbrooke currently employs 109 supported employees at three sites.

"It is fantastic to see that organisations such as Knoxbrooke are continuing to go from strength to strength. They continue to lead the way in providing training programmes for people with disabilities, enabling them to function at their optimum as an integral part of our community" Mr. Pyne said.

Mr Smith and Mr. Wood welcomed the funding and praised the staff and volunteers for their ongoing commitment in creating a positive and thriving working environment for people with disabilities.

The project will fully develop the 12-acre site at 136 York Road in Mt. Evelyn. It will include: construction of a 2.5 mega litre dam, construction of water recycling system, construction of plant growing environments.

Condolences

To Lorna Moore and family,
Our deepest sympathy at the passing away of Judd, your beloved husband and father on Thursday October 5th.
The Knoxbrooke community recognises the long association and support of the Moore family and our thoughts are with you.



“We wish Yarra View every success as it continues to grow and expand. We also wish to commend them on their vision and we are looking forward to seeing the project completed in the near future” Mr. Smith and Mr. Wood said.

Wednesday 20th September 2006



The ceremony presenting to Yarra View Nursery the funding cheque received under the Business Service Assistance program.

From left to right:
Jason Wood MP –Federal Member for La Trobe, Les Crowe – President Knoxbrooke Board of Directors, the Hon. Christopher Pyne MP – Secretary to the Minister for Health & Ageing and Tony Smith MP, Federal Member for Casey.

Knoxbrooke staff are being asked more and more to produce this identification on behalf of each client, at community venues to admit Knoxbrooke staff in for free

This could also be of benefit to you as carers when you are taking your son/daughter/client out, to be able to get in for free at certain venues because, without your support they may be unable to attend certain activities

Please visit the Companion card Web site on www.companioncard.org.au for further information and how to apply for one, (if you haven't done so already).

Alternatively, please talk to any of the staff at Knoxbrooke and we would be more than happy to assist you further

Sailability Article

The Lysterfield Sailing Club launched a Sailability program on Friday October 6th at Lysterfield Lake. Russell, Jeremy, Matthew P, Bill K and Steven, supported by Brett were invited to take part. By all accounts they had a wonderful day on the water.

ATSS

Glen Bowen
Manger Disability Support Services

Remaining Client Free Days for 2006 at the Day Program Service

- 6 & 7 November for staff annual leave and the Melbourne Cup Day Public Holiday
- 22 December last day of program for 2006, please note early finish of 12 noon

The 2007 Holidays Dates

These dates are attached to this newsletter. Please keep them in an important place to refer to throughout next year

Companion Card



Companion Card promotes the right of people with a disability, who require a companion, to fair ticketing at Victorian events and venues

Companion Cards can be presented at participating organisations where cardholders will not be required to pay an admission fee for their companion who is providing attendant care



Tim sets sail

Sun hats and sunscreen reminder



Please remember to always have a hat present at the day service, to ensure each client can be shaded from the sun

- Please remember that all clients are required to have sunscreen applied at home before they attend the service from 1 September until 31 March every year.
- Clients are required to come in with their own sunscreen each day during this period of the year
- Knoxbrooke staff will reapply sunscreen to clients 1 to 2 times each day if clients have prolonged exposure to the sun.
- Knoxbrooke recommends any of the Ego Sunsense SPF 30+ sunscreens, (more information can be obtained from www.sunsense.com.au), however please feel free to use another types of sunscreen if certain skin conditions are to be considered.



Accommodation Services

Lionel Gee is assisting Knoxbrooke with a review of its Accommodation Services.

Lionel is the Manager Supporting Services - Accommodation at Wallara and he has been working 2 days per week since late September, looking into our systems and processes and where we should look to improve.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the Day Service staff that have been picking up some of the accommodation shifts, over a period where we are under staffed. Lionel reports to me that he is looking into this area and will be interviewing some potential staff to fill some of these vacancies as soon as possible.

The following documents are very important in terms of how they are shaping the future of Disability Services in the state of Victoria

Victorian State Disability Plan 2002-2012

The State Disability Plan 2002–2012 outlines an agenda for change. It

reaffirms the rights that people with a disability have to live and participate in the community on an equal footing with other citizens of Victoria.

The State Disability Plan has a number of inter-related elements. These are:

Vision

The future that the Government envisages for the Victorian community in ten year timeframe ***By 2012, Victoria will be a stronger and more inclusive community—a place where diversity is embraced and celebrated, and where everyone has the same opportunities to participate in the life of the community, and the same responsibilities towards society as all other citizens of Victoria***

Guiding Principles

The values that underpin the vision, and all other elements of the State Disability Plan

- ***The Principle of Equality***
- ***The Principle of Dignity and Self-Determination (Choice)***
- ***The Principle of Diversity***
- ***The Principle of Non-Discrimination***

Goals

The key things that the Government wants to achieve

- Goal 1: Pursuing Individual Lifestyles***
- Goal 2: Building Inclusive Communities***
- Goal 3: Leading the Way***

Priority Strategies

The key actions that the Government will put into place to achieve the goals and realise its vision

- 1. Reorient disability supports***
- 2. Develop strong foundation disability supports***
- 3. Promote and protect people’s rights***
- 4. Strengthen local communities***
- 5. Make public services accessible***

Types of Disabilities Covered by This Plan

There are many different types of disability. A disability can be caused by a genetic condition, an illness or an accident. In this State Disability Plan, ‘disability’ includes Intellectual, Physical, Sensory, Acquired brain injury, Neurological impairment, Dual disability (one of the above and a psychiatric disability), disabilities that are unrelated to ageing and any combination of these.

Further information and copies of the Victorian State Disability Plan are also available on the Department of Human Services website at:

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/disability

Disability Act 2006

The purpose of this Act is to enact a new legislative scheme for persons with a disability which reaffirms and strengthens their rights and responsibilities and which is based on the recognition that this requires support across the government sector and within the community.

This legislation comes into operation on 1 July 2007, and it replaces the Intellectual Disability Services Act 1986 and the Disability Services Act 1991.

More information can be found by downloading this Act from the following Web Site <http://www.findlaw.com.au/Legislation/docs/55442.doc>

Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006

This Charter (except Divisions 3 and 4 of Part 3) comes into operation on 1 January 2007

The main purpose of this Charter is to protect and promote human rights by:

- (a) setting out the human rights that Parliament specifically seeks to protect and promote; and
- (b) ensuring that all statutory provisions, whenever enacted, are interpreted so far as is possible in a

way that is compatible with human rights; and
(c) imposing an obligation on all public authorities to act in a way that is compatible with human rights; and

(d) requiring statements of compatibility with human rights to be prepared in respect of all Bills introduced into Parliament and enabling the Scrutiny of Acts and Regulations Committee to report on such compatibility;

The principles of human rights are about:

- **the fair treatment of individuals and**
- **are put in place to ensure that people are treated with dignity and respect**

More information can be found by downloading this Act from the following Web Site

[http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/Downo/Web_Notes/LDMS/PubStatbook.nsf/f932b66241ecf1b7ca256e92000e23be/54D73763EF9DCA36CA2571B6002428B0/\\$FILE/06-043a.doc](http://www.dms.dpc.vic.gov.au/Downo/Web_Notes/LDMS/PubStatbook.nsf/f932b66241ecf1b7ca256e92000e23be/54D73763EF9DCA36CA2571B6002428B0/$FILE/06-043a.doc)

Wanted

The ladies in the sewing program are in need of the chenille fabric for the wonderful quilted bags that they have been making (If you are quick you may see the bags on display in reception). So any old chenille dressing gown or bedspread taking up space at your place would be greatly appreciated.

The group also require fancy buttons, lace and ric rac to complete the patchwork quilt bags.

Thank you

The ladies of the sewing program, together with Frances would like to give Sarah Wright a very heartfelt thank you for her donation of material and pattern for the quilted bags.

Congratulations

Kerri (Knoxbrooke Industries) competed in the National Games of the Special Olympics held on the Gold Coast in the first week of October in the discipline of Bocce.

Three silver medals were awarded to Kerri, one in the team competition, one for her solo and the third for her pair's performance.



Congratulations Kerri!

Wise words

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
.....author unknown

Knoxbrooke Industries

*Lynda Hopkinson
Manager*

On September 20th, 2006 the long awaited official opening of 'the shed' took place. Construction began on January 30th, 2006. Official visitors at the opening included Doug Hawkins of AFL football fame and Paul Wade a legend amongst soccer fans as Captain of the Socceroos.

Both Doug and Paul were very generous with their time, signing numerous autographs and chatting to our staff and workers about their work. Everyone enjoyed a sausage sizzle after a tour of the factory.



Doug Hawkins signs autographs at the official 'Shed' Opening



Russell (ATSS client), Paul Wade, Doug Hawkins, supporting businessman and Peter Berthelsen in front of 'the shed'



The whole gang in front of 'The Shed'

40th Anniversary Dinner Dance



August 11th, 2007, Karralyka Function Centre, Ringwood East.

KNOXBROOKE ATSS 2007 HOLIDAY DATES

<i>Last day of service for 2006 (NOTE: 12 NOON FINISH)</i>		Friday 22 December 2006	
No service during this period			
<i>Staff return</i>		<i>Monday 22 January 2007</i>	
Clients return to service		Tuesday 23 January 2007	14
Last day of service		Thursday 5 April 2007	
No service during this period			
Return to service		Wednesday 11 April 2007	1
Last day of service		Friday 29 June 2007	
No service during this period			
Return to service		Monday 9 July 2007	5
Last day of service		Friday 21 September 2007	
No service during this period			
Return to service		Monday 1 October 2007	5
Last day of service		Friday 2 November 2007	
No service during this period			
Return to service		Wednesday 7 November 2007	1
<i>Last day of service for 2007 (NOTE: 12 NOON FINISH)</i>		Friday 21 December 2007	
No service during this period			
<i>Staff return</i>		<i>Monday 21 January 2008</i>	
Clients return to service		Tuesday 22 January 2008	4

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2007 PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

New Years Day	Monday	1 January 2007
Australia Day	Friday	26 January 2007
Labour Day	Monday	12 March 2007
Good Friday	Friday	6 April 2007
Easter Monday	Monday	9 April 2007
Anzac Day	Wednesday	25 April 2007
Queens Birthday	Monday	11 June 2007
Melbourne Cup Day	Tuesday	6 November 2007
Christmas Day	Tuesday	25 December 2007
Boxing Day	Wednesday	26 December 2007

**THE FOLLOWING DATES ARE NOT KNOXBROOKE HOLIDAYS
THESE DATES ARE FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY
2007 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PERIODS
(INCLUSIVE DATES)**

<i>Term 1</i>	31 March to 15 April
<i>Term 2</i>	30 June to 15 July
<i>Term 3</i>	22 September to 7 October
<i>Term 4</i>	22 December to 28 January 2008