

The Ripple

Edition 18

Welcome to your latest edition of The Ripple

As we reach almost nine months into our first full year operating within the NDIS environment we are now starting to develop a sense of who we are in this new scheme and what impact this has had to us as an organisation.

We are constantly reviewing the feedback we receive from customers and their families along with closely monitoring the impact that the NDIA Pricing has on Aspire. The key for Aspire is to offer a range of services to customers that can be delivered in a safe manner and that are financially sustainable in the long term.

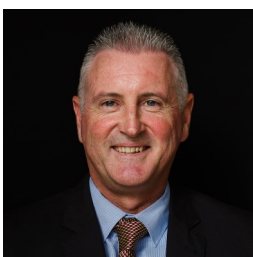
Under the previous state-based block funded arrangements providers were able to offer a wide range of flexible service types as there was no price regulation. Now that the NDIA sets the price that providers receive for services each provider will make their own decisions about which services they choose to offer.

Over time and as the NDIS matures more and more providers will make business decisions about how that they will ensure that they remain financially viable, what services they wish to specialise in and what is in the best interest of their stakeholders.

Some of the interesting observations across the year so far have been:

- The significant reduction in customers purchasing overnight Respite Services (Short-term Accommodation)
- Increase in demand for Early Childhood Services
- The huge demand for two new service types called Support Co-ordination and Financial Intermediaries

The NDIS is a huge change for everyone involved and I suspect that change will continue for a number of years yet. We will all keep learning about this new system and as an organisation we continue to provide feedback about what is working well and what is working not so well. Please keep your feedback coming. We really appreciate it.



Nigel Stone
CEO

NDIS TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE



NDIS Transport Allowance

Have you been approved for NDIS Transport Allowance?

If you have it is important that you cancel your Mobility Allowance with Centrelink so you don't incur a debt.

If you think you may be receiving both the Mobility Allowance and the Transport Funding Allowance, then please contact your support coordinator, centerlink, or support agency for more information on what to do.

For more information about the NDIS Transport Allowance, go to

www.ndis.gov.au/participants/creating-your-plan/plan-budget-and-rules/transport-funding

Aspire Events and Activities



Family Fun Day

Sunday 24 March 2019
10:30am to 2:30pm

Lake Hume Resort
1 Ray Welsh Drive
Lake Hume Village NSW 2640

Price \$10 per family

Activities include:

- BBQ (Dietary requirements catered for)
- Craft and Badge Making
- Face Painting
- Jumping Castle
- Use of Lake Hume Resort facilities including pool and spa; mini-golf and tennis courts.

Bookings essential

Phone Aspire reception **T 0260 584000** or
Email customerservice@aspiress.com.au

Aspire staff and volunteers will be attending on the day.

Please note: supervision of children attending is the responsibility of parents/carers.

Aspire Support Group Events



Group:	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and/or Oppositional Defiant Disorder and Related Conditions Support Group
What:	Lunch & meet and share in discussion with other families living with ADHD
When:	12:00pm to 2:00pm, Thursday 21 March 2019
Location:	Commercial Golf Club, 530 North Street, Albury
Group:	Autism/Asperger's Family Network Group
What:	Morning tea and exploring Occupational Therapy & Autism - guest speaker to be advised
When:	10:00am to 12:00pm, Tuesday 19 March 2019
Location:	La Maison Cafe, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga
Group:	Caring Grandparents Group
What:	Morning tea and a chance to relax with shared friendship and discussion
When:	10:00am to 12:00pm, Friday 15 March 2019
Location:	Cafe Borellas, 117 Borella Road, Albury
Group:	Carers Victoria NDIS Support Group
What:	Lunch & discussion with Bronwyn Stanley who has a wealth of NDIS knowledge
When:	12:30pm to 2:30pm, Wednesday 27 March 2019
Location:	La Maison Cafe, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga
Group:	Dads Group
What:	Barefoot Bowls. Food options available. Please forward your expression of interest
When:	6:30pm to 8:30pm, Thursday 28 March 2019
Location:	North Albury Sports Club, Bunton Park, 1 Alemein Avenue, North Albury
Group:	Down Syndrome Family Network Group
What:	Aspire Family Fun Day
When:	10:30am to 2:30pm, Sunday 24 March 2019
Location:	Lake Hume Resort, 1 Ray Welsh Drive, Lake Hume Village
Group:	Family Network Group
What:	Lunch and shared support
When:	12:00pm to 2:00pm, Friday 15 March 2019
Location:	Elgin's, 51-53 Elgin Boulevard, Wodonga

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Aspire Support Group Events




Groups:	Healthy Mothers Healthy Families Support Group
What:	International Womens Day Balance For Better Morning tea
When:	9:15am to 10:45am, Friday 8 March 2019
Location:	Café Grove, 198A High Street Wodonga
Group:	Home Schooling Family Network Group
What:	Aspire Family Fun Day
When:	10:30am to 2:30pm, Sunday 24 March 2019
Location:	Lake Hume Resort, 1 Ray Welsh Drive, Lake Hume Village
Group:	Solo Parent All-ability Support Group
	Will not be meeting this month. The next meeting will be on a Tuesday to be decided in April.

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