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MDAA Inc. Newsletter

December 2019



Season's Greetings
and a Happy New Year

MDAA's offices will be closed from Tuesday 24 December 2019 & will reopen Thursday 2 January 2020. We hope you have a happy and safe break.

Time to renew your MDAA membership

MDAA Membership Renewal due 1 July 2019

Thank you for supporting MDAA through your membership. MDAA has been advocating for the rights of people from a CALD/NES background with disability for over 25 years.

We are looking forward to continuing to promote, protect and advocate for the rights of people with disability from CALD/NES background, their families and carers over the next 12 months and into the future. Your support as a member is important to MDAA, so please renew your membership when you receive this reminder. A MDAA membership renewal form is enclosed.

Please note: Your membership should be renewed to be eligible to vote at MDAA's AGM or to nominate for the Governance Committee. Kindly return the membership renewal form with the applicable fee.

Please contact MDAA on (02) 9891 6400 for a renewal form.

MDAA gratefully acknowledges funding provided by the Australian Government through the Department of Social Services, Department of Communities and Justice

MDAA News

International Day of People with Disability 3 December 2019

MDAA staff, volunteers and consumers celebrated International Day of People with Disability by holding a Costume Party at Parramatta Leagues Club. Prizes were given for the best costumes on the night. We had 60 people attend with a large variety of outfits that showed great imagination. There was entertainment by our new Intercultural Sounds & Movements project workers, Daniel Akinsola and Leanne Clarey. Brian Lorenz, singer and dancer, entertained the attendees with singing and dancing. We would like to extend a big "thank you" to Parramatta Leagues Club for providing us with an accessible and fun venue.



MDAA Annual General Meeting(AGM) 10 December 2019

MDAA celebrated its 25th anniversary at our AGM on Tuesday 10 December 2019 held at Granville Town Hall. Guest speakers included Commissioner Robert Fitzgerald (Ageing & Disability Commission) and Commissioner John Ryan (Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability). Thanks to the Thelma Danau Dance group and Granville Boys High for providing the entertainment for our closing celebrations. On behalf of the Governance Committee, MDAA wishes to thank all who helped in making MDAA's AGM a success. There was lots of participation and inclusion by all who attended. Again thank you everyone for your contribution and support.



Community Voices 26 October 2019



Catherine Vanisi Community Voices (CV) Coordinator and volunteer Anthony Borg attended the Diwali Street Festival in Wentworthville on 26 October 2019. Around 4000 people attended the event from all over Sydney who came to experience cultural performances, free Bollywood dance classes, face painting, kid's rides, activities and Rangoli art workshops or enjoy some Indian cuisine. MDAA's stall was visited by many people and proved to be a great promotional opportunity

MDAA South East Sydney (SES) update

The SES team have settled well in their new location at Level 3, 7-11 The Avenue, Hurstville. October was a very busy month for the SES team who were invited by Centacare Industries at Belmore to attend their 'LAC's and Support Coordinators Information Session and Morning Tea' at their home base at Benaroon Road, Belmore. This was an opportunity to meet participants of Centacare's other business programs such as Supported Employment for PWD and Independent Living Skills. On 6 November 2019, the SES team held a stall to promote MDAA at the Advance Diversity Services, St George Migrant Information Day at the Marana Hall, MacMahon Street, Hurstville. This event was a partnership for community development by Advance Diversity Services, Georges River Council and Disability Services Australia. Over 80 people visited our stall, asked questions and collected MDAA promotional material. Out of this event, SES Team has since received two referrals. The event itself was well attended with lots of cultural entertainments, presentations and a light BBQ lunch. SES continues to promote MDAA at local area interagency meetings such as the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) held bi-monthly and Sydney Vocational Support Network.



National Standards for Disability Services

Standard 3: Individual Outcomes

The intent of this standard is to promote person-centred approaches to service delivery whereby individuals lead and direct their services and supports. Services used by people with disability are expected to be flexible and tailored to each individual's strengths and needs and deliver positive outcomes. This includes an individual's disability as well as the need for service providers to competently recognise and respond to issues related to age, gender, culture, heritage, language, faith, sexual identity, relationship status and other relevant factors.

The standard emphasises the importance of:

- people with disability leading and directing their supports with support from family, friends, carers and advocates (with consent);
- service planning, implementation and review being based on individual strengths, needs and life goals;
- collaboration and dialogue,
- responsiveness to diversity; and
- options.

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