



Keeping the Participant at the heart of all we do



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Hear from Magenta CEO, Wendy.

NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Join us in welcoming some new team members.



Quote of the month

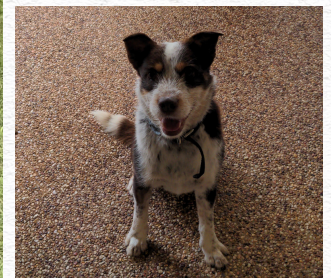


"We rise to great heights by a winding staircase of small steps."

~ Francis Bacon ~



ADOPTING FERNANDO!



Chris from Toowoomba has always been a dog lover, and when we chatted with him recently, he told us that one of his dreams was to own a bull terrier named Rex.

Over the past two months, one of Chris' Support Workers, Matt, has been speaking with Chris about the commitment, and Chris and his housemate David decided that they would love nothing more than to take on the responsibility of being dog owners!

We're overjoyed to share the news that Chris and David are now the proud owners of this beautiful dog! Although it isn't a bull terrier named Rex, Chris believes Fernando is a much better fit.

Chris told his support workers, Manny and Matt, on the day he adopted Fernando that he wanted to come to our Toowoomba Support Office to share his wonderful news, and he and Fernando had a great time!

We are pleased to report that since being home, Chris and Fernando have been getting along great. Chris even gets up at 5 am to take Fernando for exercise, which is a big deal!

STORIES WE LOVE



WORKING HARD!



Dayna recently completed her Work Placement with Magenta in Lismore, and Team Leader Bron said she "did a fantastic job"!

Dayna finished her Certificate 3 in Community Services and started her placement hours, and the Lismore team helped her complete 120 hours!

Dayna's work ethic and dedication to her Participants have been exceptional, and we are thrilled to report that she is now a Magenta Support Worker.

Congratulations!


GROUP ACTIVITIES


We had our first Group Activity in Lismore recently, and it was a blast!

The ladies who went had a lovely time making these beautiful Christmas cards out of materials supplied by a community member. Barbara, Sonia, and Jodie had a terrific day and are looking forward to the group again next week!

Did you know? Group activities are held at all of our sites. If you are interested in participating in your regions activities please contact your Team Leader.

A MESSAGE FROM WENDY



" HISTORY NEVER REALLY

SAYS GOODBYE. HISTORY SAYS

SEE YOU LATER "

Dear All,

It is so hard to believe that 2021 is almost done and dusted!! As we draw to the end of the year, keep an eye out for your local Christmas celebrations and get-togethers as these are a time to celebrate the year that was and enjoy each other's company.

It is with some sadness that I announce that I am leaving Magenta on December 3. This is not a decision I have made lightly, and I am leaving truly believing that it is the right thing for me personally and Magenta right now. I live in Brisbane, and after two years of travelling, I am now ready for a job closer to home.

Jonny was initially really surprised by my decision, but after trying to talk me out of it, she reluctantly accepted my resignation and is now revved up and ready to step back into the day to day running of the business in the Managing Directors role!! Tony is also coming back into a more active role as Company Director, so it is a little back to the future!

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone across the Magenta community for being so welcoming and supportive. I have loved my time here and look forward to watching Magenta continue to go from strength to strength from afar.

Take Care, Wendy



LEGISLATION IMPROVING THE NDIS FOR PARTICIPANTS

The Australian government has passed legislation to improve the NDIS's experience for participants, their families, and carers. The NDIS provides essential support for almost 500,000 people living with significant and permanent disabilities.

Minister Renolds says, "After eight years of the lived experience of the NDIS, it is evident changes are needed to further safeguard participants, cut red tape and give greater control and choice to participants.

Some key points on the bill include:

- The Participant Service Guarantee will set timeframes for decision-making by the NDIA and set strict service standards.
- Embedding co-design with people with disability and their representatives.
- Participants will be able to make changes to their plan without the need for a full plan review.
- Flexibility in how payments can be made, allowing the NDIA to pay providers directly on behalf of participants - so participants don't need to use their own money for services and claim reimbursement.

You can read more information about the legislation [here](#).

A MESSAGE FROM JONNY & TONY



Hello, everyone!

We hope everyone is doing well! Wendy has given the extremely sad news that she has made the difficult decision to leave Magenta.

It took us five days to even consider accepting her letter of resignation; however, now that it has sunk in, I am really looking forward to stepping back in as Managing Director and Tony is looking forward to stepping back into his role as Company Director.

Finally, Wendy, we are not sure how to express our appreciation, but thank you! Thank you for putting in your time, work, effort, and love on Magenta over your two years with us. We wouldn't be sitting where we are today if it wasn't for you. We are so grateful, and we wish you all the very best for the future.

Thanks

Jonny & Tony

"VOCATION IS THE PLACE WHERE

THE WORLDS GREATEST NEED AND

A PERSONS GREATEST JOY MEET"



CHRISTMAS ART!

FREE COLOURING RESOURCES



Christmas is such an exciting time and we love watching our participants get into the spirit! We recently discovered a fantastic online resource with a range of free printable Christmas colouring pages.

Did you know? Colouring and drawing can help with fine motor skills, attention, and creativity. It helps you focus on the present moment by shifting your attention away from stress.

The art can be found by clicking the link below.

CHRISTMAS ART CLICK HERE

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Hi Kerrin,

I want you to know I see your hard work and want to express my gratitude for your communication.

With my memory problems, I'm able to trust completely that once I have passed something on to you, it won't require any follow up to see the status, and that really takes a load off my shoulders.

~ Kelly Griffiths

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