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Cover: Barbara with a piece of artwork she has recently created, find out more on page 8!





From our Acting CEO

As we move through the end of the financial year, it's been a great time to pause, reflect and stay connected across Community Living Options.

This edition of Connect highlights the many ways our participants and staff continue to bring our values of trust, inclusion, learning, connection and kindness to life.

June has given us some meaningful opportunities to come together, particularly through National Reconciliation Week and Pride Month. These moments are a chance to reflect, learn, and celebrate, but they also remind us that inclusion is something we build every day through the way we support one another and create a sense of belonging.

A big thank you to our staff for the care, professionalism and dedication you show every day. It's always wonderful to see this recognised, and the Rewards & Recognition highlights in this edition are a great example of the positive difference being made across CLO.

There are also some special milestones and achievements to celebrate, from years of service through to professional growth. These moments reflect the strength of our people and the culture we continue to build together.

As always, the participant stories are a real highlight. They are a great reminder of why we do what we do and the importance of supporting people to live full, connected, and meaningful lives.

With NAIDOC Week coming up and plenty of community events ahead, I encourage everyone to get involved where you can and continue building those connections.

Thank you again for everything you do to support our community.

Tiff Hodge - Acting Chief Executive Officer

RECONCILIATION WEEK



June began with an opportunity to come together, reflect and learn during National Reconciliation Week. Across CLO, teams shared morning tea, watched the National Reconciliation Breakfast and took time to have meaningful conversations about what reconciliation means in our everyday lives. Some team members also attended local community events throughout the week, continuing their learning and connection beyond the workplace.

This year's theme, Bridging Now to Next, encouraged all Australians to consider the role they play in creating a more united future. One reflection that resonated with many of us came from Eddie Betts:

“You can't build a strong bridge from one side.”

It's a simple but powerful reminder that meaningful progress happens when we listen, learn and work together.

From thoughtful discussions to creative reflections, the week provided an opportunity to slow down, deepen our understanding and consider how each of us can contribute to reconciliation, not only during National Reconciliation Week, but throughout the year.

UPCOMING NAIDOC WEEK MARCH

NAIDOC Week (5th -12th July) is held each year to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This year's celebrations will include the **NAIDOC March and Family Festival, taking place on Friday 10 July from 11:00am in Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga.**

The march will take us to Parliament House, with a family-friendly festival featuring community stalls, activities and entertainment. CLO will have a meeting place, highlighted on the map (X), and will meet from 10:30. If you would like more information please contact a.christmann@clo.org.au .

The march is an important part of NAIDOC Week, bringing people together to celebrate culture, recognise the strength and resilience of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and continue the long-standing journey towards recognition and respect. NAIDOC itself has its roots in advocacy and collective action, making the march both a celebration and a reminder of the importance of listening, learning and walking together.

We encourage anyone who can attend to get involved and support this important community event.



PRIDE MONTH

June is Pride Month, a time to celebrate the diversity, resilience and contributions of LGBTQIA+ communities.

At CLO, we know that feeling safe, respected and able to be yourself matters. Pride Month is an opportunity to recognise the importance of inclusion, reflect on the progress that has been made, and continue creating spaces where everyone feels they belong.

While Pride is a celebration, it is also a reminder that inclusion is something we build every day through respect, understanding and the way we support one another.

Happy Pride Month to our participants, staff, families and communities who help make CLO a place where individuality is valued and celebrated.



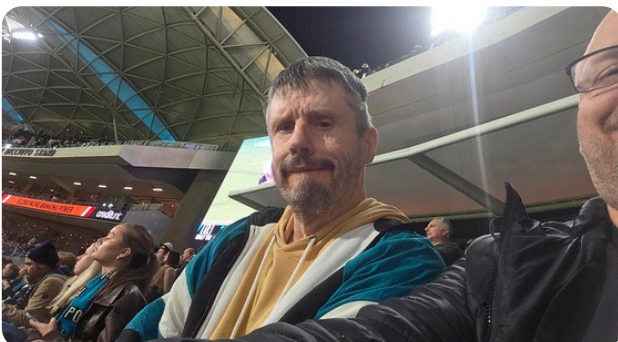
STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

REWARDS & RECOGNITION

Congratulations to our latest Rewards & Recognition recipients: Steve Lowe, Anthony Bryant, Raj Warriar, the Redward Team and the Musk Duck Team.

These individuals and teams have been recognised for their outstanding commitment, dedication, professionalism and support. Their contributions make a meaningful difference to the people we support, their colleagues and the wider CLO community.

Thank you for all that you do, and congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!



CELEBRATING GREG'S 15 YEARS AT CLO

This month, we're celebrating an incredible milestone as Greg marks 15 years with CLO.

Greg joined the team in 2011. To put that into perspective, Prince William and Catherine had just tied the knot, people were lining up for the new iPhone 4S, and One Direction had just released their debut album.

A lot has changed over the past 15 years, but Greg's commitment to supporting people and contributing to our community has remained constant. Ask anyone who has worked with Greg and you'll hear the same things: he's knowledgeable, dependable, and always willing to share his experience and lend a hand. His depth of knowledge and calm approach have made him a valued colleague and a trusted source of support for many across CLO.

Thank you, Greg, for your dedication, hard work and the positive impact you've made over the years. Congratulations on 15 years with CLO!



CONGRATULATIONS WANMEI

Congratulations to Wanmei on becoming a Core Positive Behaviour Support Practitioner.

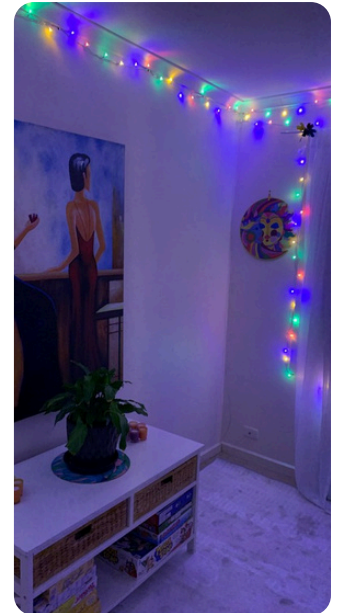
This achievement reflects Wanmei's hard work and dedication to learning, growth and delivering quality, person-centred support. We look forward to seeing Wanmei's continued growth and impact within the PBS team. Congratulations on this well-deserved achievement!



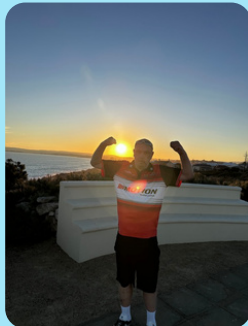
ASHLEE & ALECIA KEEPING BUSY

If you've been trying to lock in a catch-up with Ashlee and Alecia lately, you might have to join the waiting list. Between shared lunches with friends like Rebecca, cooking, arts and crafts, swimming, holidays, bushwalks and bowling, their calendars have been filling up fast. 🌊🍷🍲

They also created a beautiful sensory room in their home a great way to unwind after a busy day!



CRAIG'S COASTAL DRIVE

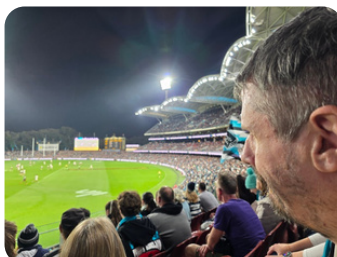
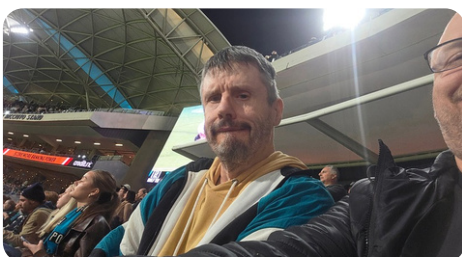


Craig recently enjoyed a quick trip down the South Coast, stopping at the Victor Harbor pub for a great meal before catching a beautiful sunset in Port Elliot to finish the day.

He's also been keeping busy on the bowling lanes, adding a bit of friendly competition to his week!

PAUL'S BEEN AT THE FOOTY

Paul has been out at the footy recently, attending a couple of games and enjoying being part of the atmosphere. It's been a fantastic achievement and something he and the team have really enjoyed. And there's bonus points, because he's gone to support both Port and the Crows!



BARB'S BRILLIANT ART

Barb is an artist and avid gardener who recently interviewed and was accepted as a volunteer at the local Art Gallery in Kingscote.

Since starting, she has been displaying her own artwork in the gallery and has already begun selling her paintings, with her most recent sale being her Tardis piece.



ERIN AT CLELAND NATIONAL PARK

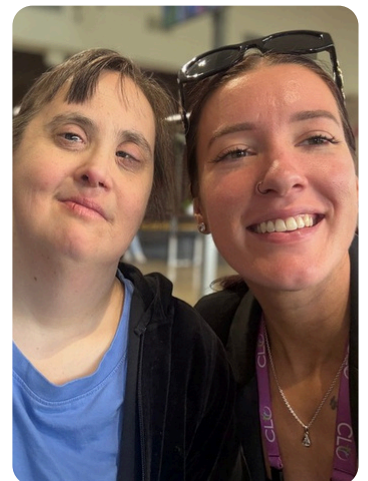


Erin recently visited Cleland National Park with Treena, where they enjoyed a day surrounded by nature and native wildlife.

A highlight of the trip was getting to pat koalas, along with seeing a variety of other animals up close. It was a special experience and a great way to spend time outdoors.

SOPHIE'S BIRTHDAY!

Sophie celebrated her 45th birthday in style this month! After decorating the house with balloons and creating her own birthday necklace, she headed out for breakfast with Karen and Tiana to mark the occasion. Happy Birthday, Sophie! 🎉🎂



SAVE THE DATE AND CELEBRATE

July 2026

- 1st - 19th Illuminate Adelaide
- 5th - 21st Glenelg Winter Arts Festival
- 5th - 12th NAIDOC Week.
- 10th NAIDOC March & Family Festival - Victoria Square/Tarntanyangga

August 2026

- 1st - 31st Fleurieu Food Festival
- 4th National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day
- 9th International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- 21st Daffodil Day
- 26th National Dog Day
- 27th Red Nose Day
- 29th Wear It Purple Day

Until Next Time!

As you enjoy the events and celebrations coming up over the next few months, we'd love to see your photos. Whether you're attending one of the events listed here or creating your own special moments, don't forget to snap a few pictures and send them through to the team.

Thank you for joining us for this edition of Connections. Until next time, take care, stay connected, and keep making memories worth sharing.

