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## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Spring is here and so too is the latest edition of Voice, Vivid's new quarterly magazine. Voice is a snapshot of the great things happening across Echuca, Kyabram, Swan Hill and Kerang to create a community where people of all abilities thrive.

As we are now well into the second half of the year, we are also gearing up for the roll out of the NDIS in the Mallee region at the beginning of 2019. Our Swan Hill and Kerang staff are well underway and are meeting with the people we support, their families and carers to ensure a smooth transition. If you are in the Mallee region and you have questions about the NDIS, be sure to get in touch with us. You can phone Maree Miliano in Swan Hill on 5033 1351 to have a chat.

Enjoy this edition!  
Scott.



## Travelling Australia and Lending a Hand

When the team at Vivid received an email from Ann and Sean, a couple from the UK who were travelling Australia and keen to volunteer, we jumped at the chance to welcome the pair to our organisation.

Ann and Sean are on a trip around the world and have made a commitment to give back to the communities they are visiting. In the lead up to their six week stop over in Echuca, they reached out to us to see if they could lend a hand. A painting project at Vivid Work Crew Echuca was the ideal mix of a hands on project

that the pair could do, while getting to know the great crew of supported employees and workers at the same time. Ann and Sean said that they just loved their time at Vivid and that it has given them a real sense of the work that we do. "We really felt like we were part of the team. It's been just great."

Next stop for Ann and Sean? They're off to Western Australia and plan to make it to Japan in 2019, then continue their adventure until 2020.

We wish them all the very best!





## New Health & Wellbeing Project launched for staff

Vivid employs just over 150 staff across Echuca, Kyabram, Swan Hill and Kerang, so ensuring that we have a healthy and happy workforce is vital and means that our staff are able to perform at their best in their various roles to create a community where people of all abilities can thrive.

Vivid has just launched a brand new Health & Wellbeing Program that incorporates a partnership with Echuca Regional Health and the roll out of the State Government's 'Achievement Program' for workplaces. This means that we'll be focusing on healthy minds and bodies for all Vivid employees. A survey to snapshot current health and lifestyle habits has set the scene for a group of staff champions to design specific projects and events that address various challenges our staff are facing. These will include things like exercise challenges, access to nutrition information and assistance for staff to quit smoking.



## Edie hangs up her Work Crew uniform

Edie Collett has worked with Vivid Work Crew in its many incarnations (Murray Foods and Task Force) for over 20 years and has recently taken the step into retirement after a fantastic career.

Edie is a much loved member of the Vivid Family. She is known by all who come into contact with her for her kind and friendly manner, as well as being a hard worker and extremely organised. Over the years, Edie has worked in many roles including administration (which she says was her favourite), being an OH&S representative and working on the Little Blue Towels contract.

As well as being a wonderful employee, Edie is a proud and dedicated mum to her daughter Amy and is a talented artist. As she moves into this new stage of her life, Edie is participating in Vivid Living's Arts & Craft and Healthy Living & Wellbeing programs.

"I never did a lot of sport at school and my Doctors have been encouraging me to exercise more, so I'm looking forward to doing that. I'll be doing pottery on Tuesdays which I love" said Edie.

We wish Edie all the best and thank her for her outstanding contribution to Vivid over the years.

# Annual General Meeting

You're invited to join us at our Annual General Meeting this October!

**1pm on  
Wednesday 31 October  
at The Swan Hill Club**

Finger food will be served following the AGM and we ask that you please RSVP to Lotta on 5480 6611 by Friday 19 October if you're planning to join us.

- Be the first to receive a copy of our Annual Report
- Hear from CEO Scott Alexander and Ted Paynter on behalf of our Board Members.
- Find out about the ways that we are creating a community where people of all abilities can thrive.
- Members will have voting rights for the election of Board Members.



**Nominations for election to the Board of Management must be made on the prescribed form, be signed by two members, have the written consent from the Nominee and must be lodged with the Secretary by 5pm on Wednesday 24 October.**



## Pick My Project

We were thrilled to learn that Vivid's submission has been selected as one of the eligible projects for the Pick My Project initiative - a funding opportunity from the State Government.

Pick My Project allows individuals and organisations to put their ideas to the public who then vote on their favourite idea.

Our vision? To create a community garden that will be utilised across many programs including Green Thumbs and Seed to Plate (Vivid Living), Creative Gardens (Vivid Learning) and maintenance assistance from Vivid Work Crew. The garden will help to develop a wide range of skills for the people we support, and allow partnership opportunities with other community organisations in Echuca such as the Neighbourhood House.

Thank you to everyone who voted for Vivid's Community Garden. We can't wait to find out the results of this initiative later in the year.