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Innovative and Unique Training for Nadrasca participants

From the Desk of the Executive Director

Over the last four years, Nadrasca has made a significant organisational and financial commitment to developing Certificate Level training opportunities for the people Nadrasca supports (participants). The primary goal of this structured learning is to reduce vulnerability, improve community and social inclusion, and enhance access to employment opportunities for Nadrasca participants.

During 2015, Nadrasca acquired a new Registered Training Organisation (RTO), gained registration of the RTO and achieved approval/scoping of courses with Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA), the governing body. These were major achievements towards Nadrasca's goal to provide structured learning.

However, the RTO was precluded from accessing funding through the Victorian Training Guarantee (VTG) due to retrospective changes to funding criteria made by the VTG – changes which affected all new RTOs.

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BOX HILL INSTITUTE



The inaugural Certificate 1 in Work Education students



WKED 1 Students

L-R: Nicholas Jacovou (support), Helen Campbell, Jennifer Hall, Teresa Zunica, Leonard Watson, Chris Jackson, Brian Tillig, Jacqueline Francischelli (trainer) and Ian Boschen (support).

Absent: Blake Bithell, James Evans and William Evans



WKED 2 Students

L-R: Jacqueline Francischelli (support), Andrew Teunissen, Philippe Smith, Barbara Streiff, Lindsay Anstey, Jonathan Stewart, Joseph Sisco, Lisa Cuthbertson, Stephen Siannos, Anne Clark, Lisa Weston (trainer)



WKED 3 Students

L-R: Lisa Weston (trainer), Slakhith Khan-Amath, Robert Sabato, Holly Frederiks, Geoffrey Lawry, Alex Kalganov, Jacinta Miot, Suzanne Lees, Jennifer White.

Absent: Megan Botha, Benjamin Cook and Ian Paech

Thank You

A big Thank You to everyone who generously supported our Annual Appeal. In the past five years, Nadrasca supporters have donated over \$50,000 to help Nadrasca enhance the lives of people with a disability.

Diary Date

Nadrasca AGM

Tuesday
20 September 2016
at 3.00pm
at 52-62 Rooks Rd
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Nadrasca Community News

George Bernard Shaw has been quoted as saying 'Without Art, the Crudeness of Reality would make the World Unbearable'. It is amazing to see all the art work by participants in Nadrasca Community and the very talented people who produce such fine work. The Nadrasca artists have been busy preparing for a number of Art exhibitions coming up.

Nadrasca Community staff recently participated in a workshop on Cultural Safety in Aboriginal Health. Trainers discussed the difference between equality and equity and spoke about Aboriginal English, kinship and family structures, Elders and Respected Leaders, eye contact, and men and women's business. Aboriginal Health is 'not just the physical wellbeing of

Being on the Disability Support Register (DSR) will assist you during the NDIS implementation process.

Have you been placed on the DSR at the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)? If you are not sure, contact Raeoni Turner on 9873 1111 and come in for a meeting.

an individual, but refers to the social, emotional and cultural wellbeing of the whole community in which each individual is able to achieve their full potential as a human being, thereby bringing about the total wellbeing of their community.' It was noted that people are people, no matter where they come from; and that respect

and understanding is of the utmost importance.

Our Accommodation Services Manager, Meghan Coulter, is expecting a baby in October. She tells us that her horse is also expecting about the same time!

The Victorian Labor Party pledged that, if they got into power, they would save the entire Healesville Freeway Reserve. In the past few months, a committee of significant representative stakeholders was formed and meetings held, to start the process of community consultation on the concept plan for the Reserve. Nadrasca has been invited to be a member of this Committee.

Raeoni Turner
General Manager, Nadrasca Community



Farm News

It has been a good couple of months at the Farm with a new Apollo tractor delivered to help us around the farm. It is much bigger than the last one and we are still learning to operate all the knobs and levers. We are indebted to The Good Guys Foundation who have been instrumental in Nadrasca acquiring this tractor. The Good Guys Nunawading is a long-time supporter of the Nadrasca Farm.

We continue working on the final stage of cleaning up the storage area, stacking and splitting firewood. We are also busy sowing seeds for the upcoming Spring season.

Rodney Kayne
Coordinator, Nadrasca Farm

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Nadrasca management lobbied Federal and State politicians, along with high level bureaucrats at the Victorian Department of Education and Training (DET), and received broad-based support.

After a number of meetings and consultations, the DET provided approval for a sub-contracting agreement between Nadrasca and Box Hill Institute, which has now been signed and formalised. In this agreement with Box Hill Institute, Nadrasca will provide quality Certificate level training opportunities to Nadrasca participants in an experiential learning environment.

On 18 July 2016, 30 Nadrasca participants commenced Certificate I in Work Education. These numbers are set to grow to 150 students during 2016-17 in both Certificate I in Work Education and Certificate I in Transition Education.

'This model has the potential to be replicated across the country, especially with the introduction of the NDIS model of client-centred, outcome-based services.'

In an article in the *Sydney Morning Herald* on 15 May, Norman Gray, Chief Executive of Box Hill Institute, said the agreement was 'innovative and unique'. 'Box Hill Institute, together with the Centre for Adult Education, will quality assure the training program. This will ensure all competencies in the qualifications are met, either through on-the-job learning or via classroom instruction, using Nadrasca trainers and facilities'. The introduction of the NDIS

could also encourage the adoption of this model of education, according to Mr Gray. 'This model has the potential to be replicated across the country, especially with the introduction of the NDIS model of client-centred, outcome-based services. We'd love to see it succeed and give participants across the country the opportunity to gain skills and thrive'.

Nadrasca is proud to be associated with Box Hill Institute in the delivery of courses which will give participants access to gaining further skills and opportunities for employment.

Gus Koedyk
Executive Director



High Street News

Everyone came back refreshed after a short break in July.

Tracey Grover came up with the idea of donating a blanket to the RSPCA. Tracey



Tracey at the RSPCA shop with a staff member.

enjoys knitting and started knitting squares whenever she had some spare time. She made a patchwork blanket out of the squares she had knitted. Tracey went to the RSPCA and donated the blanket. The staff at the RSPCA were thrilled with the blanket and told Tracey that the cats would enjoy it.

On 1 June High Street participants were exposed to the joys of classical and country music as they were entertained by Ringwood Secondary College students. We thank the talented students:

- Emily Monteau – violin
- Nick Smith – saxophone
- Morgane Lebon – vocals



Tim has a go on the didgeridoo with help from Geoff.

On the morning of 10 June participants were entertained by Monash Aires, a voluntary group of talented singers and musicians, and in the afternoon by Geoff Walker

on the didgeridoo. It was a highly enjoyable day for all.

Hema Kumble
Manager,
Community Options

Nadrasca Industry News



L-R: Patricia Slattery, Ryan Mitchell, Catherine Fennessy, Colin Holmes and Monica Nyenbrink.

Service Milestones

Congratulations to the following employees on reaching special employment service milestones. We thank them for their continued efforts to make Nadrasca Industry a success.

May 2016	
Monica Nyenbrink:	15 years
Patricia Slattery:	35 years
June 2016	
Catherine Fennessy:	20 years
Darren Reid:	30 years
July 2016	
Ryan Mitchell:	10 years

Level Crossing Removal Projects

Nadrasca has been printing brochures and flyers for the Level Crossing Removal

Projects within our local area (including Blackburn and Heatherdale), and organising distribution of these flyers. The flyers play an important role in keeping communities informed about construction timetables and the services being put in place to ensure commuters are able continue to travel safely and effectively.

There are 50 level crossings to be removed in Victoria over the next 8 years.



Artist's impression of the new Heatherdale station.

Community Liaison Officers also attended our Rooks Road site in June to talk to our employees about how the 2-10 July rail closure between Blackburn and Laburnum stations would affect them. They answered questions about how our employees could continue to use the service during this time, including taking shuttle buses.

Roger Alcock

After 12 years with Nadrasca, Roger Alcock retired in July. Roger worked in Business Development and Sales during this time, and was instrumental in gaining many new Nadrasca Industry customers, keeping our employees very busy. Roger is held in high regard by our employees, staff members and the many customers he has serviced over the years. All at Nadrasca wish Roger well in his retirement.



Stephen Connell

In April, Nadrasca Industry welcomed Stephen Connell as a new Production Supervisor. Stephen brings a wealth of experience within the disability sector. He is also a Training & Assessment Education facilitator, which will be invaluable for our employees as they embark on their Certificate Level Training programs.



Colin Holmes

General Manager, Nadrasca Industry

Witt Street News

The reconstruction of the vehicle parking area at the back of Witt Street is completed and pedestrian areas are now clearly separated from vehicles, with walking areas cordoned off by bollards. New ramps have been installed to all stepped areas at the back of the building, making it more accessible.

The newly renovated swimming pool is also up and running. It is great to see people enjoying the warmer pool area.

The artists, under the guidance of Ginny Grayson, are busy getting ready for the many Art Shows planned over the coming months. Exhibitions have been scheduled in August, September, October and December, with Nadrasca artists exhibiting art in all these exhibitions. If you are interested in attending, more information will be listed under 'New/Issues and Coming Events' on the Nadrasca website.

Congratulations to Ashleigh and Mick on the birth of their baby girl, Maisie.

Betty Hamilton
Manager, Community Options



'Maureen' by June Patterson

My Life, My Future News

We have been keeping busy at work during the chilly months. Brodie, Cary and Ian volunteer with Greenlink every Wednesday. Greenlink is a voluntary organisation that works in conjunction with the City of Whitehorse Parks and Gardens staff in the restoration and management of local flora.

A team has been participating in 'Keys to Success', an 8-week advocacy workshop run by the Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with a Disability (VALID).

Megan and Blake have recently started Certificate 1 in Work Education. They are both enjoying learning about adult work responsibilities.

Sadly, Pressies & Posies have closed their doors. Julianne joined us for a BBQ lunch which gave us the opportunity to thank her for the many opportunities she has provided our participants with, over the past two years. Thank you, Julianne.

The team enjoyed celebrating Gabby's 21st! Congratulations Gabrielle.

Maryanne Weir
Coordinator
My Life, My Future

People News



Jordy (circled) with last year's Vic Metro Premiers

Have you ever wondered if people with disabilities can play football????

Well, they actually do. My name is Jordy and this is a summary of my footy career in the FIDA competition. But first things

first. You may be asking: what does FIDA stand for? I'll tell you – it stands for Football Integration Development Association.

I play for Ferntree Gully All Abilities. In the past 5 years, I've won two flags.

I made the state team for Vic Metro 4 times (2012, 2013, 2015 and 2016) and I've won state football twice.

I had the State try outs four weeks ago and made the state team, due to someone not being able to play.

The Inclusion Carnival was from 9-14 August. We played South Australia, Queensland, Tasmania, NSW/ACT and Vic Country at the Punt Road Oval, Whitten Oval and Preston City Oval.

By Jordy Green

Congratulations, Rhonda & Mark



On Sunday, 1 May 2016, Mark Hiney and Rhonda Cook were married in the backyard of their home in Mount Evelyn with a small group of family and friends attending. It was a beautiful Autumn day with a little bit of rain

just at the end of the ceremony. Mark and Rhonda then enjoyed a romantic month in Europe on their honeymoon. John Molina said that it could not have happened to two nicer people. Nearly everyone at Nadrasca knows both Rhonda and Mark and they would agree.