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From the Manager

Hello from all of us here at MACS. It's hard to believe we are already in September with end of year just around the corner, the last few months will be very busy.

The NDIS has gained momentum during the last month with many service users making the transition. This is likely to impact many service users at any time now, some of you are possibly still feeling in the dark about what the change all means and how you will navigate it. Please feel comfortable that behind the scenes we have been working tirelessly to best understand the changes to support you through this transition.

Just a quick heads up that our AGM is quickly approaching. I know that most AGMs are not overly interesting, but it is an event that must occur. In saying that, the AGM is an opportunity for you to not only keep in touch with how MACS is doing but for the committee, its members and staff to interact with one another. It would be great to see staff, members and other interested members of the community attend. There will be a flyer out shortly advising of all the details regarding time and venue.

Thank you

Alison Herring

Fundraising/ Donations

- We finished our Yatala Pie drive in August and it was a great success with 146 pies sold to our service users, family and friends. We hope everyone enjoyed their super yummy pies. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser, we raised \$242.50.

- **Supercheap Auto Chermside** have generously donated to MACS a 12 volt tyre inflator so that we can pump all our vehicle tyres up at the office.



APPROVED

In February Lauren submitted an application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund and in August the application was approved! Many congratulations to Lauren on this exciting achievement. The enthusiasm and persistence she puts into submissions is greatly appreciated, and has well and truly paid off!

Thank you very much GCBF for the \$35,000 to upgrade our vehicles. Beep- beep!

Policy Update: Inappropriate behavior

Staff members are not expected to put up with rude, inappropriate or abusive behavior from service users. In turn, staff are not to abuse or harass service users. Incidents of this kind will be referred to the Manager for attention.

Human Services Quality Standard 4: Safety, Wellbeing and Rights

Mobile Attendant Care Service upholds the legal and human rights of people using its services. This includes people's right to receive services that protect and promote their safety and well-being, participation and choice.

From the Coordination Team

- There have been quite a few of our service users who now have their NDIS Plans and are using them which is very exciting! Please remember to contact myself either on 3359 9596 or lauren@macsinc.org.au so that we can prepare you a quote
- During August Navi joined our Late shift team and Sam S joined our Western shift team. Coming up this month Tabitha will be joining our Early shift team and Shauna will become a regular part of our Western and Late shift teams



Pictured Left:

Our Late shifter, Maureen is a dragon boat racer and recently she and her team qualified to compete in Szeged Hungary for the 11th IDBF Club Crew World Championships Dragon Boating from 17th - 22nd July.

Maureen's team (pictured left) consisted of 5 Women & 10 Men Paddlers 2 Couches / Sweepers, 1 Drummer, the Manager and a handful of supporters.

It was the largest ever World Championship with 140 clubs from 30 countries taking part. Over 6500 people from all ages, gender & disability participated in events organised by the International Dragon Boat Federation, the International Breast Cancer Paddlers Commission & the European Dragon Boat Federation. Maureen and her team came 4th in the 200m 500m & the 2km in the Mixed 10s small boat. An amazing result and we are very proud of her. Pictured

below is Maureen's team doing shirt swaps with another club.

New friend Maureen from NZ who paddles with Te Waka Dragons from Australia!



From the Management Committee

There is an article attached to this Newsletter by QDN—Queenslanders with Disability Network that the Management Committee would like to share with all our service users. This article discusses providing people with disability support to access and use the NDIS. Please have a read and contact QDN if you would like to access their services.

There is a petition online for those who do not believe they are receiving the choice and control from the NDIS that they were promised. If you would like to read more or add your name you can find this petition at <http://www.everyaustraliancounts.com.au/miw-petition/>

If you have received your First NDIS Plan and you are not happy with the outcome you can approach the following organisations for support to appeal your NDIS Plan:

QAI: <https://qai.org.au/ndis-appeals-support/>

SUFY: <http://www.sufy.org.au/>

QDN: <https://qdn.org.au/our-work/peer-to-peer-advocacy/>

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We said goodbye to Nic in August and we would like to wish him well. We have welcomed 2 new staff: Tabitha and Dipesh.