



## **Special Olympics Ribbon Day**

On the 9th of November a group from the Venue of Creativity Centre travelled to Devonport to take part in the Special Olympics Ribbon Day. We all had a fun day trying some new sports as well as ones we had played before.

The motto of the day was “have a go” which everyone did and had a really good time. Some of us won medallions for either a best score for a game or for trying hard and helping others. Everyone who attended also received a ribbon and a ball.



We requested that a day like this be held in Burnie next time to allow more from Multicap to attend and so far, chances are that it's looking good.

## **Loud Shirt Day Fundraising**

Loud Shirt Day collections throughout Multicap Tasmania's Day Services on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October raised a total of \$87.00 to help change the lives of hearing impaired children and their families. Congratulations to everyone involved on this fundraising effort!

## **International Day of People with Disabilities**

Multicap Tasmania participated at “a day at the park” for International Day of people with disabilities that was held on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December at Ulverstone's Anzac Park. Display's of some of our creations of Westwood's card making program, Venue of Creativity Centre's mosaics and Wynyard's paver pole statues.

## **Makers Workshop 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Celebrations**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November the Venue of Creativity Centre was invited to the Maker's Workshop to help celebrate their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday and the opening of the new cheese shop.

We seized the moment and presented them with the mosaic made as a thank you to the Maker's Workshop for all their support.

The Mayor, Councilors and lots of other guests from the community were very impressed with the mosaic and the workmanship involved.



## **Multicap Tasmania Christmas Parties**

Everyone is gearing up for the Multicap Tasmania Day Service Christmas Party which this year will be at the King of Burnie. Invitations have been sent out and need to be returned now.

Invitations have already been sent to families in regards for our Residential and Panorama Christmas functions and Barbeques.

These are highly anticipated events for the resident's and is a great day for them and their families and friends to get together and have a good laugh or two.

## **Christmas Cards**

The Parents and Friends Group have been busy making hand-made Christmas cards which are available for sale at the office in packs of 5 for \$5.00.

If you are interested in purchasing these lovely cards please contact the administration office on 6431 3211 or just drop in at 35 Marine Terrace Burnie.

## ABC Open

Recently a few of our Day service clients were interviewed for the ABC's Open program where they discussed about what they like and do. Everyone involved was excited to be a part of this event.

Go to this web address <http://www.flickr.com/photos/71147784@N04/with/6433666819/> to see the pictures and information gathered.

## Westwood

TAFE Students presented Westwood with a new CD Player for the clients listening pleasure as their old player was broken. Pictured receiving the CD Player Marg (Centre) by TAFE Students Karen (Left) and Jackie (right).



Westwood's Card Making Group have started showing and selling their work around the local community. These cards are custom made and look fantastic.

## Miranbeena

Everyone at Miranbeena enjoyed hosting a Halloween morning tea a good and scary time was had by all, the music provided by Caroline and Joanne Dunn was excellent and all the costumes were brilliant. Thank you to everybody involved.

It's that time of year again (it comes around so quickly), we are now busy preparing for Christmas. By making decorations and finding yummy recipes for Christmas treats to cook.



We are looking forward to Carols Under the Trees which will take place at Miranbeena on the 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am, Its going to be a great day with lots of singing and maybe even some dancing taking place for further information call Miranbeena to R.S.V.P on 6432 4160.

The clients and staff at Miranbeena would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the holidays and stay safe.

## Residential Holidays

While many of the activities are still being planned a group of excited residents are off to Strahan and experiencing the Gordon River Cruises and Apt Railway. We hope everyone has a great time with lots of photo's to share with us in the next Link!

## Amaze – ing Adventures

The weather was perfect when the Venue of Creativity Centre client's enjoyed a day at Tasmazia. We tried not to get lost but thankfully we all managed to get out of the maze thanks to some very helpful primary school students also visiting.



The small houses in the Crackpot Town amused everyone and we enjoyed a picnic lunch outside in the great weather.

Everyone was exhausted when we arrived at base which was an indication of a fun filled day.

## Music Therapy News

We have recently purchased a bass guitar for music! The bass guitar is a wonderful instrument to have as part of the Dingoes as it adds so much oomph to our sound. Robbie has been learning to play and is sounding awesome. We have also used the bass guitar during Music Therapy. It is great for us to play as it has thicker strings so your fingers don't get stuck and it makes a huge sound that vibrates through the floor.



The Dingoes have also played for the Crossroads group. Everyone had to get up and dance!



We also said goodbye to our Music Therapy student Josh. Josh helped us with the Dingoes rock band and also developed a music and relaxation CD for Miranbeena. On Josh's last day we all sat outside for a big music jam session where we all wished him good luck for the rest of his studies.

## Summerhill

It is once again that time of year – a time of reflection and a time to be with family and friends. We at the Summerhill Group Homes are privileged to work with a group of younger adults, all needing various levels of support, but what a pleasure it is to provide this support.

This support is not only provided by staff, but also by the wonderful Parents and Friends of resident's within the Multicap Tasmania Organisation. It would also be remiss not to mention the back-up provided by the Management Team in Burnie and the generosity of the Board of Management.

The Board of Management visited both homes during November – it was, for some Board Members their first visit to the homes. They were able to meet staff on duty, tour both homes and see the newly fitted Awning at Rebecca House.

The Awning was officially opened on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of December 2011, with the Mayor of Launceston in attendance, along with Multicap Executive Director, Sue Riley and Committees of both the Caring Parents Group and Foundation 33.

The continuing generosity of Foundation 33 and Caring Parents is amazing. Thank you so much for your hard work and the positive influence you portray for residents, staff and families.



Meanwhile we are all preparing for a busy festive season, the Christmas trees are up and decorations adorn the homes. The Summerhill annual picnic will be held at Pamela House on the 11<sup>th</sup> December at 12 Noon- All Welcome! Resident's have break-up parties to attend, Summerhill Staff are having a get together at Silt and then there will be the New Year celebrations and, if the weatherman is correct, a long hot summer. Remember to keep the fluids up!!

To one and all, from Summerhill, please accept our best wishes for a safe and peaceful Christmas and may the message of Christmas live on in our hearts and in our actions.

## **Executive Director's Report**

This will be the last Link published for 2011. Next year the Link will be available on a quarterly basis with Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer Editions.

It will include updates of services, profiles of new staff, celebrations of successes throughout the year, a short report from the Board of Management on their activities and a report from the Executive Director.

If there is anything else you would like to see provided please do not hesitate in contacting me so new ideas can be considered for inclusion.

I must thank all our supporters, parents, families, members, Board of Management members, staff and any other person who has supported us throughout the year.

This year has seen Multicap Tasmania commence development of Strategic Plan with WHK for completion in 2013. With Unit Pricing approaching (introduction in 2012) times will be tight. Multicap Tasmania will continue to provide quality valued services to all our clientele and support people into 2012 and future years without disruption.

The last Board of Management meeting will be held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December and re-commencing February 2012. Valued support from a very diverse team. New members welcomed this year are Mr Chris Geyner and Mr Paul Smith bring Management and Human Resources and financial knowledge from large external industries.

## **Holiday Program**

Multicap Tasmania have been successful in securing some funding to run a holiday program for people who live at home with their families. The program will incorporate centre based or community access activities.

This is a pilot project for Multicap Tasmania and we will welcome your input and advise on how to best provide a service throughout this time for you. The hours and days can be flexible and tailored to meet your need.

If you would like to be included in this program please complete the application form and return it to the Administration Office at 35 Marine Terrace or call on 6431 3211 and leave your details before the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2011. Staffing for the program will include some of the casuals who have already been working in Day Services.

Anyone living at home or independently with support may be eligible to attend.



## **Production 2012 Information**

Multicap Tasmania is also getting ready for another musical production for 2012!

Please let Caroline Dunn know if you are interested. We are having one more rehearsal this year on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December.

The date is set for our performance at the Burnie Arts and Function Centre for Saturday June the 30<sup>th</sup> 2012!

## **Holiday Closures**

While our Residential Services will still be busily working over the Christmas and New Year period our Office and Day Services will be closed over this time.

Multicap Tasmania Day Services will be closed as of the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 and will be re-opening on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2012.

The Administration Office will be closed as of the 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2011 and will be re-opening on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012.



Everyone here at Multicap Tasmania wishes you a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

## **On-line Link**

This Link is the very first to appear on our webpage [www.multicap.com.au](http://www.multicap.com.au) and can be downloaded in the Multicap Link Section of the site.

Those receiving Link mail outs can have them cancelled however we will still provide mail outs to those currently on our list that still require them.

Please Contact the Office for any questions or changes to your Link preferences.

These files will be in PDF format and will require a suitable reader such as Acrobat reader.



## **Expressions of Interest**

### **Volunteers**

For a number of years Multicap Tasmania has had the opportunity to assist Actors and Musicians with disabilities to organise and participate in a Musical Production held at the Burnie Arts and Function Centre.

This year Multicap Tasmania is seeking Expressions of Interest from Individuals and Organisations to be involved in a Musical Extravaganza to be held in 2012.

We are looking for assistance from Volunteers:

- To be part of the Organising Committee;
- To be part of the Production;
- To assist with Building Props; and/or
- To support the Actors and Musicians before and during the Production.

If any or all the Positions interest you, please contact Glen Renés on 6433 3967

## Until Next Time

We hope you enjoyed this copy of the Multicap Tasmania Link. If you have any comments or queries about the publication, website or any of our services please feel free to contact us at [admin@multicap.com.au](mailto:admin@multicap.com.au), dropping in to our office at 35 Marine Terrace Burnie or by calling us on (03) 6431 3211.

**2012 Autumn Link** – Available in March 2012



# Carols Under the Trees

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 10:00 – 11:30

@ the Miranbeena Gardens - 306 Mount St

Free – all welcome

RSVP numbers by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December



\* If raining please ring Miranbeena 64324160 for details

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## APPLICATION FORM

### **HOLIDAY PROGRAM: 9<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2012**

NAME: .....

ADDRESS: .....

PHONE NUMBER:.....

EMERGENCY CONTACT: .....

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SUPPORT LEVEL: .....

DAY'S/DATES REQUESTED: .....

Kind regards

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