



Northern Beaches Interchange

Respite Recreation Support

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Welcome to the June edition of e-news. This edition includes information on the Special General Meeting, the NBI Board of Management, the Under 5s Information Forum for parents and more.

Special General Meeting

7pm, Tuesday 23 June 2009 in the Waratah Room at the Nelson Heather Centre, Warriewood

All members should have received a package in relation to the Special General Meeting which is being held to vote on a number of amendments to the NBI Rules of Association.

We encourage all members to vote on the changes either in person at the meeting, or by completing the Form of Proxy in the package. Attendance by teleconference may be organised by prior arrangement. If any member has not received this information or has any questions, please contact Carolyn McKay, Manager, on 9970 0500. Please RSVP by 18 June.

NBI Board of Management

Last month we celebrated Volunteer Week, a great opportunity to recognise all the fantastic contributions made by our team of over 50 volunteers.

One group of volunteers who don't always get the recognition they deserve for their essential input is the NBI Board of Management.

The Board's role is to oversee the governance of NBI and guide the future direction of the organisation in line with our mission and policies.

The Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 7-9pm.

The Board is currently seeking expressions of interest for new members to complement the current Board. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Carolyn McKay on 9970 0500 or email at carolynnbi@ans.com.au.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Robyn Kneebone (Acting President), Margaret Kerr (Secretary), Rebecca Isaacs (Treasurer), Kay Koenig, Jenny Walsh, Tracey Keene, Judith Blayden and Jane Hauser for all their hard work, support and constructive input. The Special General Meeting mentioned above will precede the June Board Meeting and provides an opportunity to meet the Board Members.

Post RIAP - an update on accessing NBI services

All families should now have been informed about the outcomes of their application to RIAP and are hopefully clear about the flexible respite services they will be receiving from 1 July 2009.

If anyone has any questions about this, please call NBI on 9970 0500 or the RIAP line on 9841 9354.

NBI will continue its role in providing information and support to families. All families are encouraged to contact us with any questions or concerns. NBI will continue to take referrals from new families who are seeking information, support and assistance in identifying their needs, appropriate services and navigating the service system.

All families living on the Northern Beaches are able to access our carer support activities, e.g. Siblings Days, Mums Weekends Away and parent and family events irrespective of whether you receive a respite services from NBI.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or for more information about any of our services.

Services for Children aged 0-5 with Additional Needs

You are invited to hear about the many opportunities for children with additional needs and share your experiences at a morning organised by Northern Beaches Interchange and the Disability Information Service of Warringah Council.

Inclusion Support Service (on suitable childcare), Cubby House Toy Library (on Top 10 Toys and play) and various service providers will talk about :

- playgroups, pre-schools and kindergartens
- ideas for play
- therapy services
- early intervention services
- family support services
- respite
- family day care

Questions and comments are welcome. Handouts will be available.

Monday, 22 June 2009

10.45am : Children welcome to join Kookaburra Playgroup during the whole morning for fun with qualified staff.

11am - 12.45pm : Talk and refreshments

Community Centre, Ocean Street (off Alfred Street), Narrabeena

RSVP Call Warringah Council on 9942 2686 or 9942 2490 or email janzm@warringah.nsw.gov.au leaving a contact phone number.

Booking is essential.

Bon Voyage to Jess

Yes, the Club With No Name has finally coughed up the pennies to send Jess on an international fact finding trip to discover the top 5 recreational activities in the world . . .

Seriously, it's time for Jess to jump on that plane and start her big adventure - 1st stop . . . Japan, where Jess will spend some time working at a college teaching English.

From there . . . the world is at her feet and we hope she gets to see as many countries as possible, meet many people from around the world and make great friends wherever she goes.

Jess has been with us at NBI for a long time and has worked in all the different programs. She came to us while she was still studying and then took on various roles at NBI. Jess has been a long-time party gal on the Peer Support Program, enjoying many activities and camps with the gang. She also worked on the Options Program, taking on the role of Coordinator and, more recently, she has been assisting with the holiday programs.

We really appreciate all her hard work for NBI and we think she really deserves a great trip away. We look forward to getting lots of postcards and hearing all about her travels.

Even though we will all really miss Jess, we know it will not be goodbye because once a friend of NBI, always a friend of NBI.

Best of luck, Jess, and have a fantastic time.

Attention all Peer Families

Just a reminder that Andrew Stock is on leave for a few weeks. His first official day back is Saturday, 4 July. In his absence, Karen and Jess will be leading the Peer team and activities, ably supported on weekly activities by Tony.

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