



Northern Beaches Interchange

Respite Recreation Support

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Welcome to the July edition of the NBI newsletter. We've had a busy month what with the holiday program activities and the Siblings Days. Below you will find articles about the Siblings Days, the outcome of the Special General Meeting and more.

Adventure Siblings Days July 2009

NBI would like to thank the 27 wonderful brothers and sisters who came along and took part in the Siblings Days on 15 and 17 July 2009. We had such an overwhelming response and were lucky enough to be able to run two days.

The adventure days at the Collaroy Centre were a great success - the rain stayed away and the kids were full of enthusiasm and ready for fun. We tackled some Challenge games which encouraged the kids to work together as a team. Halfway through the day, it was time for some lunch to reboot our energy followed by some organised games on the oval. Finally, we tackled the fast and scary Flying Fox . . . the kids even convinced me to have a go!!!



On the Friday, we were lucky enough to have two of the Manly Sea Eagles boys - David Williams and Heath L'Estrange - come down and play a game of touch footy with us. They were great with the kids and it proved to be an enjoyable experience for all. Over the two days, all the children showed wonderful teamwork not to mention bravery in attempting the Flying Fox. They all deserve a big pat on the back.



Stay posted for information about our next siblings activity coming soon . . . !!!

Photos from both siblings' days will be available to view on the NBI website shortly.

Sophie Kane

St George Foundation Support

In June, Carolyn McKay (NBI Manager) attended a morning tea at the Warriewood branch of St George Bank. Carolyn was delighted to have the opportunity to meet the manager, Christine Casey, and her team to tell them about the work of NBI and accept a cheque for \$26,967.

This is the third year that NBI has received this fantastic support for our weekend activity programs for children and teenagers through the St George Foundation. A huge thank you to everyone involved in the Foundation.

NBI Rules of Association

At the Special General Meeting held on 22 June 2009, NBI Members voted unanimously to support the proposed changes to the Rules of Association. These amendments have been lodged with the Department of Fair Trading and are now included in the Rules. If anyone has any questions, please call Carolyn McKay, Manager, on 9970 0500.

Dee Why RSL Support for Seagulls Holiday Program

NBI are delighted to report that Dee Why RSL is again supporting the Seagulls Holiday Program in 2009/2010. Dee Why RSL has been a long-term supporter of this popular program. Seagulls provides group-based holiday respite for children aged 5-11 years and this support makes a significant contribution to our ability to run the program.

We were delighted to welcome Jennifer Holley-Ashton's (from Dee Why RSL) participation in the program during the last school holidays and see first-hand the value of the program and the fun had by all!

Thank you to everyone at Dee Why RSL.

This support is provided through the CDSE scheme which is a shared State Government/ Club Industry program funded by a 1.5% gaming machine tax rebate provided by the State Government to those registered clubs with gaming machine profits in excess of \$1 million per annum.

Cricket Day for People of All-Abilities

Cricket NSW is conducting a skills development and games day for people with a disability of all ages.

When : Saturday, 15 August 2009

Where : SCG Indoor Centre, Driver Avenue, Moore Park

Time : 10.30am - 12.00 noon

Cost : \$30 per person; all equipment supplied (although you may bring your own if you wish!)

For more information and/or a registration form, please contact Donna Little at Cricket NSW on email donna.little@cricketnsw.com.au.

TADAust Connect

If you are a pensioner, a person with a disability or a veteran, you may be eligible for the TADAust Connect Internet Service.

Four years ago, the TADAust Connect low-cost internet service was launched. The response has been great with some 30,000 pensioners, veterans and people with a disability now using the service. TADAust Connect now offers Broadband and Mobile Broadband.

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Located in Canberra, TADAust Connect is managed and operated by Technical Aid to the Disabled (ACT), or TADACT as it is known. As a not-for-profit organisation it ensures that any funds left over after meeting expenses go to support the TADACT Disability Services activities.

To find out more, visit www.tadaustconnect.org.au, fax your enquiry to (02) 6287 4288, or call 1300 735 439 for the cost of a local call. Calls from public telephones will cost extra.

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