

Newsletter

CEO's Address

This newsletter has been a while in the making and I have to thank our volunteer Judy Opolski for working with Genevieve Douglas to get us off the ground and started with this very first edition.

As it is the first edition, we are not settled on what we should call the newsletter and thought it would be a nice idea to set up a simple competition and ask for ideas from you as to what the newsletter might be called.

This is something we did when we were looking for new tag lines to go with our logo. For those people who are not aware, we have two tag lines that we use when communicating with stakeholders, both external and internal, to Hands On SA. The first of these tag lines is "Better Business Better Lives" and is used to promote our business solutions capability to our commercial customers. This tag line serves to remind our commercial customers that doing business with Hands On SA is not only good business, it is better business because it also adds value to the lives of the people we support with disability.

The second of the taglines is "Inspiring Better Lives". This tag line reminds us all, and keeps us focused on inspiring each other regardless of our role, that we are all here to support and inspire each other every day to be the best we can be. I am privileged to lead the team at Hands On SA and am immensely proud of our achievements over the past 14 months or so, and am looking forward to an exciting, albeit challenging, future as we transition to the NDIS.

Andrew Ramsey,
Chief Executive Officer.

The NDIS is Coming to HOSA

Thank you to everyone who attended the HOSA NDIS Information Sessions. We will be holding more sessions and will communicate the dates.

The **NDIS** stands for the **National Disability Insurance Scheme**. The NDIS is the new way of providing support to Australians with disability, their families and carers. Under the NDIS, funding will be allocated to the person with the disability.

Hands On SA is an NDIS Provider. Hands On SA provides the service of supported employment.

If you are an NDIS participant, you need to have supported employment on your NDIS plan or you will NOT be able to work at Hands On SA. **It is important that you make sure you say that you want supported employment on your NDIS plan.**

Please visit the NDIS website at www.NDIS.com.au or phone the NDIA on 1800 800 110.

If you have any questions regarding the NDIS or the information above, please contact: Genevieve Douglas, NDIS Project Officer on 8130 1800 or via email, genevieve.douglas@handsonsa.org.au

Jolly Joker – The Questions

Q1: Did you hear about the hungry clock?

Q2: What sounds do Echidnas (Porcupines) make when they kiss?

Q3: What do you call an elephant that doesn't matter?

(To keep it fun, the answers are at the end of the newsletter)

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Meet the HOSA Team 😊

Jesse is 28 years old and is one of HOSA's newest supported employees. Jesse is really enjoying his new workplace and has been working on packaging and folding jobs. He likes that it is a quiet workplace and that everyone seems happy and friendly. Outside of work, Jesse has overcome his shyness by completing public speaking training at Down Syndrome Society of SA. He used this skill when he gave a speech at his sister's wedding and is now a proud uncle to his baby niece. Jesse likes three football teams - the Adelaide Crows, Port Power and Collingwood.



Mel is Kent Town's Administration and Quality Officer and has worked at HOSA for five years. Mel has many jobs including answering the phone, invoicing, data entry and orders. Many of our employees see Mel's friendly face at the front desk 😊. Outside of work, Mel and her fiancé have recently bought their first home together. Mel enjoys going to the beach and spending time with her beautiful niece. Mel is an Adelaide Crows supporter. Mel loves working with the supported employees and finding new ways to support them 😊. Mel's favourite food is chicken burgers with chips and chocolate.



WHO AM I?

One of our employees has given us some information about themselves. Can you guess which employee it is? The answer is on the back page of this newsletter. **Can you guess who I am?**

Question	Answer
Favourite Movie or TV show	Scar Face (1983)
Favourite Song	"Enter Sandman" By Metallica
Favourite Food	Laksa
Least Favourite Food	Bananas
Favourite Drink	Red bull and coffee
Favourite Sport	Soccer
Favourite Celebrity	Charli Robinson (actress)
Best Holiday I've been on	I went on a trip to Melbourne. I love the cosmopolitan atmosphere and don't forget the shopping!

2017 HOSA Events

Event	Date
Work Health Safety (WHS) & Supported Employee Representative Committee (SERC)	Wednesday 21 st June Wednesday 20 th September Wednesday 29 th November (Dates are subject to change)
Employee Easter Lunch BBQ Oakden	Wednesday 12 th April
Employee Easter Lunch BBQ Kent Town	Thursday 13 th April
Easter Break	Friday 14 th - Monday 17 th April
Positive Futures Expo	Wednesday 24 th May
Disability, Aging and Lifestyle Expo	Friday 22 nd September
KYD-X Expo	Saturday 14 th October
International Day for People with a Disability HOSA Sports Day	Sunday 3 rd December

The HOSA Sports and Picnic Day was held on the 3rd December 2016 at Rymill Park where 120 people gathered to celebrate International Day for People with a Disability. Supported employees, staff, families, carers and friends joined together to enjoy a BBQ lunch and fun games. Team and individual games were played including tunnel ball, egg and spoon races, bocce, and frisbee cricket. The water balloon game was a particular crowd favourite, as CEO Andrew seemed to get in the way of many water balloons! Para-athlete Daniel Kirk was our guest speaker and spoke to attendees about determination and believing in yourself. The day finished with a raffle draw and presentations of medals to all of the supported employees. Everyone went home happy, tired and ready to do it again in 2017.



NDIS Information Sessions at Hands On SA

Please call the Hands On SA Head Office on (08) 8130 1800 to register for a session.

Date	Time	Location/Site
Wednesday 19 th April 2017	2pm	Kent Town
Wednesday 19 th April 2017	6pm	Oakden
Thursday 20 th April 2017	2pm	Oakden
Thursday 20 th April 2017	6pm	Kent Town
Monday 29 th May 2017	2pm	Oakden
Monday 29 th May 2017	6pm	Kent Town
Tuesday 30 th May 2017	2pm	Kent Town
Tuesday 30 th May 2017	6pm	Oakden
Tuesday 6 th June 2017	2pm	Oakden
Tuesday 6 th June 2017	6pm	Kent Town
Wednesday 7 th June 2017	2pm	Kent Town
Wednesday 7 th June 2017	6pm	Oakden
Wednesday 21 st June 2017	2pm	Oakden
Wednesday 21 st June 2017	6pm	Kent Town
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Jolly Joker Answers

- A1: It went back for seconds.
A2: Ouch!!
A3: Irrelephant

“WHO AM I?” Answer

Surprise! I am Chris Cornish.
I work at Kent Town.



We Want to Hear From You

Tell us what you think! Let us know what you would like to see in the newsletter. This will help us make **“the Newsletter”** more informative, more interesting and more fun. For example – we are thinking about having a quiz night. Would you come? Would you invite family and friends? Let us know what you think – simply email in to genevieve.douglas@handsonsa.org.au or call us on 08 8130 1800 and let us know 😊

COMPETITION CORNER

We would like to receive your ideas and nominations on what the best name is for the new Hands On SA Newsletter. The winning suggestion will receive a voucher to the value of \$25. Only one prize will be given to the winning entry. Please submit your suggestions via the Human Resource Officers (Fanoula at Oakden and Igo at Kent Town) at each site location. Your suggestions will remain confidential. Good Luck 😊