



Our Values: Love, Truth, Right Action, Peace, Non-violence

February 2015

VOLUNTEERS THE HEART OF SWARA



TED, GEOFF, AMELIA AND RICHARD WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE YOU.

You enable our staff to do the smart work NDIS requires and you bring out the love, achievement and contentment that is in every client.

Volunteers with skills to share, are most welcome to apply by contacting Jane, Buddhi or Bronwyn.
Reading volunteers are a priority right now, so can you help us?

*'The most important relationship in life is the one that you have with yourself
and if you have that, any other relationship is a plus, not a must'. Diane Von Furstenberg*

40 YEAR MURAL: BRAINSTORMING THURSDAY 19TH FEB AT 9AM PLEASE JOIN US FOR 45 MINS?

Culminating in an open week celebration at SWARA with past people visiting us for a feast of activity and achievement, our clients are painting a visual history along the driveway of SWARA and the values that have enriched our sustained success. Come and bring your photos, articles, ideas and stories to help us design the wall. We are working under the skilled guidance of volunteer Ted Lucas who has just completed his Bachelor of Contemporary Art in Tasmania.



Board member Faye Carver is our volunteer coordinator

NDIS BECAME LAW IN AUSTRALIA IN 2013 AND COMMENCED JULY 1, 2014 and to ensure that you our clients, families and carers get your funding next year SWARA has been developing programs and client plans for you to get that government funding. With goals and 'reasonable and necessary' pathways to achieve those goals, you will be funded by government in 2016. Without that client plan, you will not receive any funds at all. Our staff are working smartly to achieve this goal for every client by the end of 2015 so that with you, our families, carers and advocates we can together fine-tune those plans for July 1, 2016 when you must meet with an NDIA Planner.



SWARA offers you a loving learning environment with:

A. **Learning and Life Skills programs** to assist you to plan and to achieve your goals.

B. **Key Learning Areas:**

1. Learning and knowledge skills
2. Healthy Domestic Life Skills
3. Horticulture
4. Creative and Performing Arts
5. Bakery skills
6. Recycling
7. Communication skills

Each program's curriculum is linked to a TAFE certificate and/or employment option should you choose to follow that path. You choose the program goal that suits your needs!

C. **It is up to you to make choices and take control of your own learning and life.**

Each program's curriculum outcomes are measured along a developmental continuum so that individuals can choose their own outcomes and their own success criteria. Your colour group leader will be available to assist you to create your plan, yet it is your choice to seek them out.

Times 2015:

8am-9am Horticulture Garden Club
9- 9.15 Communication welcome (all to attend promptly)

9.15- 10.30 Session 1

10.30-11 Morning tea and clean-up

11-12.30 Session 2

12.30- 1.15 Lunch and clean-up

1.15- 2.30 Session 3

2.30- 3.00pm Buses, taxis, staff consults

WHAT IS COMING UP?

Reading Volunteers needed 9.30-12.30 daily, choose your day and ring Jane or Buddhi on 3391 4119

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Kind regards,
SWARA Board and Staff

Bronwyn Gowing (exec manager), Jane Buchanan (manager Mon & Tues) Deb Kilvington, Adam Brooks, Baz Glasson, Lois Vider, Buddhi Kudaligama, Sarah Aitken