



Focus

Newsletter of Northern Settlement Services Ltd
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

After a lengthy and robust recruitment process with the help of Peoplefusion I am delighted to announce, on behalf of the Board of Northern Settlement Services (NSS), the appointment of Ms Sharon Daishe as the Chief Executive Officer of our organisation. I am also happy to report that I was on hand to welcome Sharon when she commenced duty on 12 December 2019.

Sharon brings with her a wealth of experience gained nationally and internationally. Appropriate to this role, Sharon has a Master of International and Community Development (MICD) degree. She has also volunteered in a leadership capacity in Tanzania (in East Africa) with a start-up Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) for a year where she helped to develop corporate business and governance frameworks, as well as mentored "founders" and recruited an international volunteer network.

Her background offers over fifteen years of organisational leadership in various parts of Australia including Forbes in NSW, Yalgoo in WA, as well as Burke Shire in Queensland. As a CEO in local government in two States, Sharon also has a strong financial background and a track record of implementing robust governance frameworks.

I feel confident that Sharon, with her qualifications and formidable experience, will help to expand the corporate footprint of a people-centric organisation like Northern Settlement Services, with its values aimed at supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

May I also take the opportunity of wishing, on behalf of the Board, a happy and safe Christmas to all our staff and supporters.

JON CHIN

Chair – Board of Directors of NSS





FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER— SHARON DAISHE

It is a great pleasure to have joined the passionate and welcoming team at Northern Settlement Services. After a few days onboarding at the Hamilton offices before Christmas, I will commence full time on 08 January 2020.

I am very much looking forward to working with our dedicated Board, staff, volunteers and service providers in promoting social inclusion and productive diversity for our multicultural communities. The early months of 2020 will be a busy time for the organisation, and I will enjoy meeting our stakeholders, funding providers and community members. Importantly, I will be scheduling visits to Tamworth, Armidale and the Central Coast to meet our regional teams and visit our regional programs.

Wishing you all a joyous festive season and sending hope that you are able to achieve your goals in 2020.



NSS AGM—27th November 2019

Northern Settlement Services Ltd conducted our Annual General Meeting on 27th November 2019. The elected Board of Directors for 2019/20 is as follows:

CHAIR	Jon Chin
VICE CHAIR	Ewa Korczynski
TREASURER	Alexander Seccombe
SECRETARY	Christine Warrington
DIRECTOR	Enza Di Stefano
DIRECTOR	Barney Langford
DIRECTOR	Alex Burns
DIRECTOR	James Garvey
DIRECTOR	Violetta Walsh

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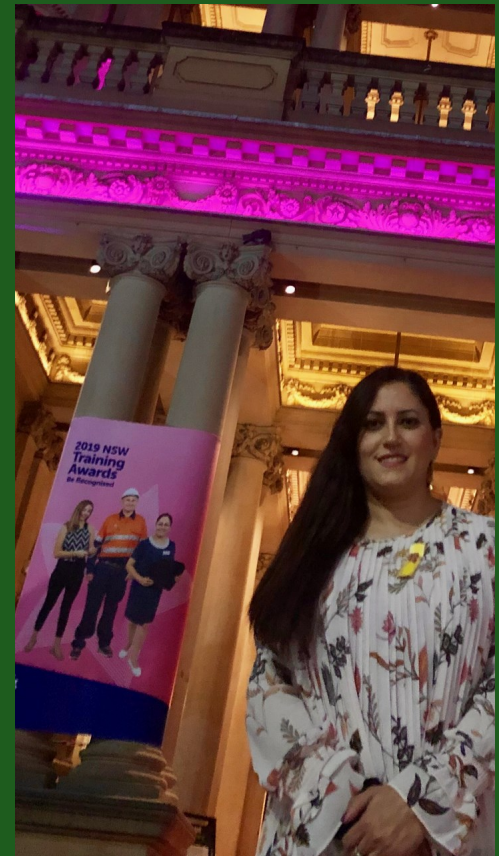
Kathy Karimodini, NSS Community Visitors Scheme Coordinator, Central Coast attended the 2019 NSW Training Awards night at Sydney Town Hall on 12/9/2019 .

As Kathy was the 2018 winner she handed over the crown to the 2019 winner. However Kathy is still the National Ambassador and a member of Australian vocational Education and Training

(VET) Alumni.

Kathy's daughters was excited (and also embarrassed probably due to their age when they saw her posters around) on the night. They were the only under 16 guests and were invited as VIP sitting on the second row and exactly behind the minister !!! It was absolutely a great night and a fantastic journey from last year to now with lots of outcomes many connections, improving professional and personal skills including public speaking (in English as the second language!)

Kathy sends her thanks to NSS for support through this journey that still is ongoing.





AGED CARE TEAM VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS PARTY

On the 3rd of December NSS Aged Care team organised a Christmas party for their volunteers.



A festive lunch was held at Cricketer's Arm at the Junction. 35 people have enjoyed the day. Santa came and delivered well deserved present to each and everyone as a thank you for the wonderful work they do during the year.

On a sad note, we had to say farewell to our amazing Team Manager, Rasa Bajalis who is leaving NSS at the end of the year. We wish her well but we will miss her, her support and her guidance.



Left: Aged Care team volunteers enjoying their Christmas lunch.



Right: Santa was kept busy handing out the presents to Volunteers.



FAREWELL, ADIEU RASA — AGED SERVICES MANAGER

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to our long serving and



dedicated hard working Aged Services

Manager, Rasa Bajalis. Rasa has decided to move on to other ventures in her life. We wish Rasa all the best for whatever she chooses in the future. She will always be part of the NSS Family and always welcome here. Best wishes from all of us here at NSS.



TALKING AROUND THE WORLD (TATW) — CENTRAL COAST

Recently, our Talking Around The World English Conversation Group held their end of year gathering at The Erina Hub, at Erina Fair. Each of the participants demonstrated a cultural dance and taught the rest of the group the right moves. For the Tibetan community, it was the first time performing in front of an audience since their arrival to Australia,, It was very exciting for everybody, and a lot of fun. We enjoyed dance demonstrations from Brazil, Iran, Thailand , Dominican Republic, Japan, Colombia among others. The group also learnt some Aussie songs including " Home Among the Gum trees".

The students of the group and the Volunteers all brought a beautiful plate of food to share and enjoy. In the excitement and dancing, baby Natasha, who is in the crèche, took her first steps, so this was a proud moment for her Mum. We are all looking forward to more "Talking Around The World" next year in 2020.

TATW is held on Tuesday mornings, except school holidays, from 10am to 12 at Erina Youth Hub Erina Fair. Classes start February 13th 2020. All welcome. Contact our Central Coast office for further details on 4334-3877.





VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS LUNCH — CENTRAL COAST

This month some of our hard working NSS Central Coast volunteers were invited to join staff members , Nellie and Claire, for a celebratory Christmas Lunch at The Entrance Leagues Club. From the Talking Around The World program Volunteers from left Julie, Tom, Dot, and Libby, with Marilyn ,a volunteer for the Playing Around The World program and Claire our NSS staff member.



Dynamic and Responsive Aged Services!

Wellbeing is about a person living life to its full potential in the community. Reablement is related to safely assessing a person's abilities and helping them to build upon these abilities where possible. On 14th November 2019 our Care Support Staff in the Aged Services Team came together for our last quarterly Team Meeting and Staff Training of the year. Aged services team and direct care staff engaged in interactive training on Wellness and Reablement for older people. The Training was facilitated by Sector Support & Development Officer, John Biswas.



MULTICULTURAL SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP (MSSS) —CENTRAL COAST

On 4th December, the Central Coast MSSS group had their MSSS clients' Xmas party. The clients were



entertained with an Elvis Presley impersonator. A great time was had by all.

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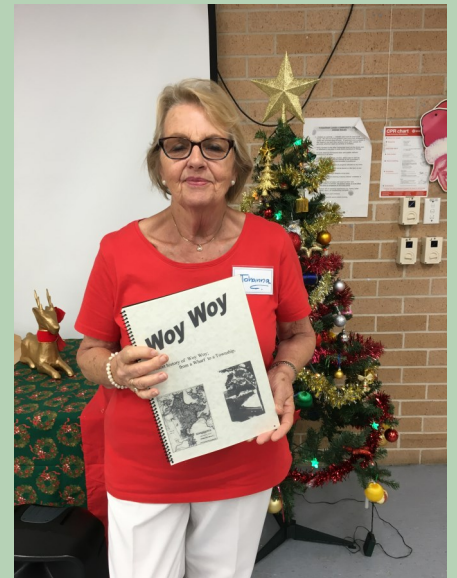
On 6/12/19 NSS held the MSSS & CVS volunteers Christmas lunch, it was on the Lady Kendall cruises through the Brisbane Waters. Everyone enjoyed beautiful views with commentaries. We had morning tea. Santa made a quick visit followed by a delicious buffet lunch consisting of beef, chicken, gravy, hot potato bake and a variety of fresh salads together with crusty bread, dessert, tea & coffee. It was an enjoyable day by all.



MULTICULTURAL SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUP (MSSS) —CENTRAL COAST

MSSS Volunteer Johanna Reygersberg made a short story book of Woy Woy "from a Wharf to a Township" she gave one copy to us as a gift.

Right:
Johanna
holding
her book
(the book
is also in
the Central
Coast
Council
library)





XMAS / NEW YEAR CLOSURE

NSS will be closed
from c.o.b
20/12/2019 and will
reopen on 2/1/2020

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