

# Living Life

## Your Way For 21 Years



Issue **Three**

**CommunityVision**

## CEO *message*

It's been a fantastic 21 years since Community Vision was established and, in that time, we have delivered services and support to thousands of people across the community.

Many of these people have since passed on but remain in our hearts and our conversations. Ian Ross was one such person. He was incredibly personable and always had a smile, and he and his wife Margaret were strong supporters of Community Vision.

When we launched our *Roast to Remember* campaign, raising funds for our dementia bus (the first of its kind in Australia), Margaret was the first to

volunteer. She wanted to share Ian's story about his dementia journey, which ultimately claimed his life far too early. Ian sadly passed away a few weeks ago but will forever be remembered by our community for his warmth and his 'wink and a smile'.

Memories such as these are why we the staff appreciate our clients and why we feel privileged to be a part of your lives. It's why we continue to look for new ways to enrich your lives and endeavour to support you in whatever path your journey takes. If we can help in some way to improve the quality of your life or support you to achieve your dreams, then reach out and we will do whatever we can.

On Friday 29 April 2022, from 1.30pm - 4.00pm at Woodvale Social Centre we are hosting a FREE Open Day. Home care, disability and family day care services are all on show. Bring your loved ones for the entertainment, tours of the centre and complimentary afternoon tea. Engage in activities including virtual reality, art therapy and seated yoga.

There will be a whole host of information available on topics such as navigating the NDIS, nutrition, palliative care, living with dementia and living with a disability. Thank you to City of Joondalup for trusting in us and sponsoring our Open Day as part of our 21 year celebrations.

I hope to see you there!

**Michelle Jenkins**  
CEO,  
Community Vision





## Get to know the CEO

Did you know Community Vision's CEO Michelle Jenkins completed three years of resilience training with a former Buddhist monk? Resilience is usually defined as 'the positive capacity to cope with stress or adversity'.

Michelle says, "I'm grateful for my training and how it has helped me to lead at Community Vision. It has allowed me to remain calm and cope with the challenges of living in a COVID-19 world, ensuring our customers remain our number one priority. Being able to apply my training has allowed me to perform at my best, and above all, has brought me peace of mind and happiness."

## 'Key to the Door' Awards

We are proud to announce over 150 passionate and unique staff were nominated by customers, their families and other team members as worthy recipients of the Key to the Door Awards!

This is a tremendous reflection of the number of incredible people we have working at Community Vision. Winners will be announced on 29 April so keep an eye out in Issue Four for all the results.

In the last issue we listed those nominated so far, and here are the rest of the nominations. Well done and congratulations to all nominated staff.

Helene Gwilliam  
Amber Huggins  
Denise Mercer  
Evelyne Graham  
Judith Bowra  
Karen Choo  
Kayleigh Gammage  
Leah Pickering  
Lesley Watts  
Maddison Cooper

Manuel Dopico  
Matt Stagg  
Matthew Jones  
Mike Van Der Mescht  
Natalie Strijk  
Pat Gardner  
Paul Johnson  
Phatchrin Dacha  
Ruby McKeown  
Ruth Louange

Savvas Sidiropoulos  
Sherralea McMahan  
Sophie Chaligne  
Stephanie McLaughlin  
Sukhjit Singh  
Tania Hohapata  
Walter Van der Mescht  
Yuri Vyatchinrov

## Local government support

Community Vision recently received free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) from local Members of Parliament. These included Jessica Stojkovski MLA, Mark Folkard MLA and Emily Hamilton MLA. We have distributed these across our organisation and can assist any customers who are unable to access Rapid Antigen Tests. We are very grateful for this support from our local government.

# Birthday wishes



On behalf of a grateful City, I'd like to wish Community Vision a very happy 21st birthday.

Congratulations on this wonderful achievement and thank you for all you have done for our community over the past 21 years.

Like the City of Joondalup, Community Vision is dedicated to creating a stronger and more connected community, enabling people of all ages and abilities to live their life, their way.

In these challenging times, never has your work been more important.

For many years, Community Vision was housed at the City's administration building and we saw first-hand the amazing job you do.

We wish you well for the future and cannot wait to celebrate this milestone and many more with the heartbeat of your organisation, your staff and volunteers.

**Hon Albert Jacob**  
Joondalup Mayor

## Open Day Everyone Welcome

Friday  
29 April  
1.30pm –  
4.00pm

We are inviting all customers and their families to tell a friend about our services and bring them along to our FREE Open Day to celebrate 21 years. Taking place on Friday 29 April 2022 from 1.30pm – 4.00pm at our Woodvale Social Centre at 5 Trappers Drive, you can find out more on aged care, disability and family day care services, nutrition, palliative care, how to navigate the NDIS and more.

Enjoy free afternoon tea, entertainment and activities such as virtual reality and art therapy, as well as tours of the Centre. Call 1800 968 754 for more information. Masks are mandatory and proof of vaccination is required.



## Meet me

**Linda Brooks -  
Customer**

### **Tell us something we may not know about yourself:**

I'm 80 years young and I used to be a midwife, so I've delivered a couple of hundred babies into this world. I've also enjoyed travelling a lot. I have worked in Portugal, South Africa, Canada and in London where I ran my own business for 22 years. I was caring for 60 children under four years old! I also started my own training centre teaching day-care assistants.

### **What is your favourite thing about Community Vision?**

I have been coming to the Woodvale Social Centre for six months and I really enjoy it. I love the busy bees where we get together each week and do different crafts. We made beautiful angel dresses last year and we have created lots of different knits to donate to hospitals for premature babies. I also do the flower arrangements in the room. I used to be a wedding decorator too, I've had a busy life. Keep up the good work for another 21 years.





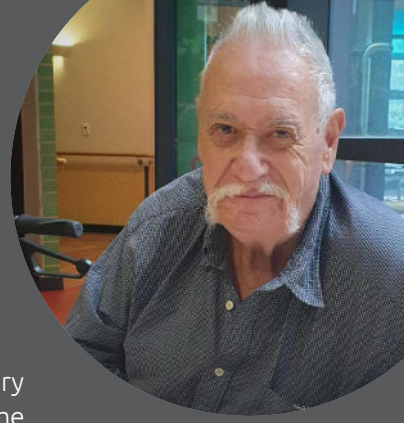
# Getting settled in

At Community Vision we aim to do everything we can to keep people living in their homes for longer. However, eventually there comes a time when staying at home may no longer be the best option. Helping customers transition into more suitable care is part and parcel of making sure we do all we can to help people live life their way.

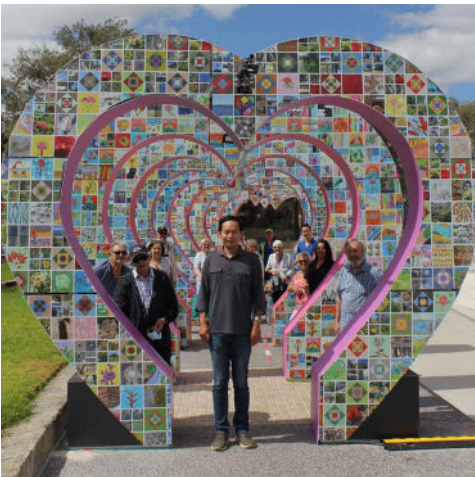
Terry had been a member of our Woodvale Social Centre since 2018. His circumstances at home changed when his landlord decided to sell, meaning Terry needed to vacate quickly but had nowhere to go.

Woodvale Social Centre Manager, Helene Gwilliam, assisted Terry to access emergency residential aged care respite and once accepted, assisted him to pack his belongings. Understandably, Terry was very anxious about leaving his home, so Helene took Terry for a coffee then remained with him during the admission process. Helene also stayed with him to have some lunch in his new home, where all the carers made him feel very welcome.

Community Vision will miss Terry but are so pleased to have assisted him on his journey.



## hART – My Neighbourhood



Community Vision customers from Woodvale Social Centre and Kingsley Disability Centre were honoured to contribute to a local interactive art display at Hillarys Boat Harbour, as part of the Joondalup Festival.

Artist Sean Adamas created and designed the creative artwork with over 2,000 participants from 18 schools and community groups across the City of Joondalup, including Community Vision.

Customers from Woodvale and Kingsley both went on art excursions to Hillarys to see their individual pieces of work amongst the display. Everyone was excited to have their efforts on show and to be given the opportunity to talk about their art to people in the community.

## 21 years of big achievements

Community Vision was one of the first WA businesses to introduce gender affirmation leave, highlighting their commitment to LGBTIQ+ inclusion and their continued efforts to create an inclusive workplace culture.

Introducing the idea of gender affirmation leave stemmed from Community Vision working towards receiving the Rainbow Tick Accreditation, which supports health and community organisations to understand and implement LGBTIQ+ safe and inclusive service delivery.

As a community-based organisation in the space of aged care, family day care and disability care, Community Vision values diversity and inclusion for all customers and employees.

