

NEWS AND VIEWS

GARDENING GREG

One of our talented SCOPE clients, Greg Gilbert, has achieved a long-held goal (via the NDIS) by employing his own worker, David, to support him in his community work.



home.

You'll see Greg out and about - at Bunnings and other places - growing his social circle and making himself and his business known in the wider local community. When you see him, say hello!!

With the assistance and support of David, Greg has found himself two paid jobs in the local community where he can use his well-developed gardening skills.

great relationship based on gardening, humour and social interaction.

Currently, Greg has been helping a lady with Multiple Sclerosis who, because of her condition, finds it difficult to maintain her well-loved garden. Greg and his client have established a

Greg is also helping a gentleman who is recovering from a heart transplant. Greg helps this man by taking garden waste to the tip and has been rewarded with some tools and timber for his own projects at



Potential Central's Art Gallery



Our exciting renovations at Burpengary aka Potential Central are proceeding quickly - in all directions. We have identified a large, open space in which we are creating an art gallery. Here we will be able to exhibit all sorts of artistic works done by the many talented artists we have among our SCOPE family.

BURPENGARY BUSHWALK

As you know, our Burpengary property, now known as “Potential Central”, is situated in more than 30 acres of attractive grounds featuring native trees and shrubs, grassy expenses and an abundance of bird life. (Our resident curlew family has just had some babies. Watch out for them as they move around “Potential Central” like they own the place!)

We are excited to announce the commencement of work on our Burpengary Bushwalk - and we are grateful for the support of Just General Property Maintenance and Mick Horbal in helping us prepare the pathway. We intend to open the Burpengary Bushwalk officially on December 3, 2019, The International Day of People with Disabilities. Please ‘save the date’ and join us on the day!



CAN'T WAIT! - UPCOMING EVENTS

The Melbourne Cup – aka “the race that stops a nation” will also stop us all at SCOPE. On November 5, the day of the big race, we’ll be having a barbecue complete with non-alcoholic champagne and a free “sweep”.

Of course, we will plan the day so that we can all watch the race on the big screen together.



FROM THE CHAIR'S CHAIR



In my last contribution to the SCOPE newsletter, I reflected on change - and what change means for our organisation, for our clients, for our families and for our staff. It really is a very exciting time for SCOPE - a time of change, of growth, of potential!

The SCOPE Committee continues to work closely with our management team as we move towards our bright, new future. As I observed last time, it's important for all of us to continually reflect on why we do what we do, how we

do it and how we can improve. There will be bumps and barriers along the road but we must all stay focused on the final destination!

On September 15, the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and the Exploitation of People with Disabilities held its first public sitting at the Convention Centre in Brisbane. This Royal Commission is a critically important process as we move towards an Australia committed to justice,

equality and humanity for all.

We at SCOPE are wholly committed to the success of this Royal Commission. We stand ready to make whatever contribution we can to this national effort to ensure that people with disabilities seize the gift of life and achieve their full potential.

FROM THE BOSS COCKY

As we move towards realising “Potential Central”, changes have been coming thick and fast.

In recent weeks we have welcomed a number of new team members to SCOPE. In particular, Malita Durdin has joined the Hub Team as Response Coordinator. I’m sure older SCOPE ‘hands’ will make the new ‘hands’ very welcome.

Some clients, staff members and families might have missed the email announcing the fact that SCOPE will be assuming responsibility for recruiting, staffing and rostering of all our residential

and administrative facilities. This means that our long-standing relationship with Edmen will conclude on October 20, 2019.

We are grateful to Edmen for their work with us over the years - and for their support as we move towards independence in this important organisational activity. These changes will free up financial resources which we can then use to the benefit of our clients, our staff and our families. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about



these changes. We are here, ready to answer your questions and clarify any issues you might have.

New opportunities to join the SCOPE staff will be advertised widely - on our website and via SEEK advertisements. If you are interested, please watch out! We’ll let you know as things unfold.



The mysterious fortune teller Madame Trayseea will be making a special appearance at Potential Central between 11am and 3pm on Thursday 31 October at S.C.O.P.E.’s Spooky Office Day for Halloween.



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Got something you’d like to share with us? Please email it to Malita (malita@scopeinc.org.au) or drop it into the Burpengary Hub (30 - 54 Aquatic Centre Drive, Burpengary). We’d love to hear from you!