2020 Diversity & Inclusion

















Shepparton Access believes in people and what they can achieve

"When you have a dream, grab it and never let it go."

Chairperson's Report



On behalf of the Board of Directors for Shepparton Access it is a pleasure that I present the Board Report for 2019-20.

Our aim and vision as a board is to continue to provide the necessary resources and opportunities for our service users to grow and develop while at Shepparton Access.

2020 has been a challenging year for Shepparton Access, our staff, families and service users. We like all organisations have felt the effects of COVID-19. I want to thank you all for the adapting and being flexible to the changing environment and working together to ensure the safety of all those involved in Shepparton Access. Our business is now well placed to manage the new way of working and we look to the future with great optimism.

Our short-term focus is now to ensure we maintain the pathways and opportunities for our services users into the future to thrive and Shepparton Access. As business we are actively looking at this to ensure our organisation can accommodate new services users and also create pathways to community inclusion for all. The strategic direction is based around four key aspects of our business going forward: our team, our Services, community inclusion & the transition to NDIS.

I would like to personally thank Wendy Shanks and all the team for their hard work during 2020, without such dedicated staff we would not have such a successful organisation. I would also like thank all our community partners and sponsors for their ongoing support to the disability sector of the Goulburn Valley.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow board members for their continued support, we look forward to 2021 with determination and focus, there are many strategic priorities for the board to ensure the operational and commercial success for Shepparton Access into the future.

> Jason Limbrick Board Chairperson

Chief Executive Officer's Report

2020 has been a year of extreme diversity. The year began with great enthusiasm and excitement as we settled into the new post NDIS world.

Every Service User had now transitioned into the NDIS and receiving an increased variety of services. The recreation program was also providing new opportunities for many Service Users on evenings and weekends.

The COVID-19 environment in Victoria has been of considerable concern for everyone at Shepparton Access since April. Both our team and Service Users have experienced periods of stand down.

The introduction of a COVID Safe Plan under the auspice of DHHS, introduced increased infection control, temperature checking, wearing of masks and social distancing. These strategies have all changed the delivery of services and the outcomes achieved.

The insight and innovation of our COVID support to Service Users by our Support Workers has been amazing. They have supported each other with the sharing of ideas and a positive attitude to their work across all areas of our service.

It has been through the resilience, agility and responsiveness of our Service Users, their families and our team pulling together that we were able to keep our service open and to meet the individual needs of each Service User.

As we transition to out of COVID-19 the future remains uncertain. One thing I can be certain of is that no matter what happens, we will all be up for the challenge.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated and committed team for their continued support, and also thank the Directors of our Board for their vision and willingness to lead the many challenges of 2020 and beyond.

Wendy Shanks Chief Executive Officer



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