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COVER L-R: DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MANOA KAMIKAMICA, JOSEPH RAIKOTI, FEDERAL MEMBER FOR O'CONNOR RICK WILSON.

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CEO UPDATE

As winter begins to ease and we look towards the brighter days of spring, there is a sense of energy across the CLA community.

Our participants, families, staff and supporters continue to bring warmth and kindness to everything we do.

This quarter, I would like to recognise Joseph Raikoti for his incredible work and community spirit. Through his determination, generosity and hard work, a container filled with used disability and mobility equipment has been sent to Fiji, where it will help meet an urgent need. Equipment that might otherwise have remained unused will support people to participate in everyday life and enjoy greater independence.

This wonderful achievement was made possible with the assistance of the Albany Rotary Club, Rick Wilson MP and Scott Leary MLA. I thank everyone who helped collect, prepare and transport the equipment. It is a powerful example of what can be achieved when people work together with a shared purpose.

CLA currently has vacancies within our Supported Independent Living homes in Albany. If you know an NDIS participant who is seeking safe, welcoming and well supported accommodation, we would be pleased to hear from you. Please contact our team to discuss their needs and learn more about available housing options.

Closer to home, we remain grateful for the everyday contributions that make CLA such a warm and welcoming community.

Thank you to our participants, families, staff, volunteers and partners for supporting one another and helping people live the lives they choose.

“ It is a powerful example of what can be achieved when people work together with a shared purpose. ”



Congratulations Joseph!



Mobility Devices for Fiji initiative recognised, Nausori Fiji.

JOSEPH'S SUCCESS

CLA would like to recognise and congratulate our colleague Joseph Raikoti for his exceptional work in leading the Mobility Devices for Fiji initiative.

Joseph identified that mobility equipment no longer needed here could have a significant impact in communities around Suva. He has since worked with community volunteers, churches, businesses, service organisations and Rotary partners to collect and prepare the equipment for reuse. The first shipment of equipment has now been delivered to Fiji.

Fiji's Deputy Prime Minister, Manoa Kamikamica, joined Federal Member for O'Connor, Rick Wilson, and other partners at the Ex-Servicemen Hall near Cakobau

Park in Nausori to acknowledge the initiative.

Around 100 people living with disabilities in Tailevu will benefit from new mobility equipment in a major boost to their independence and daily lives. The ministry says the mobility equipment will be distributed to beneficiaries across Tailevu.

This initiative reflects the values we hold at CLA: practical support, dignity in action, and connection across communities. It also highlights the talent and leadership we have within our own team.

Joseph, thank you. Your work is thoughtful, grounded, and genuinely impactful. You've represented CLA and our region with humility and care, and we are proud to stand behind this project and your contribution to it.

If you see Joseph around, please take a moment to congratulate him.



Mobility Devices for Fiji initiative contributors, Nausori Fiji.



Rick Wilson attended the event.





Singability choir performing.

SINGABILITY NEWS

Singability choir performed at The Albany Club on Saturday 11 July, as part of the Irish-themed Albany International Folk 'n' Shanty Festival.

Singability choir is more than just a singing group. It's a vibrant community where everyone has a voice. Our choir provides a welcoming platform for social connection and community participation, bringing together people from all walks of life.

Thank you to everyone who attended the event and supported the group.

To find out more, visit our website:
mycla.org.au



Choir members Tim and Rowan.



Erica - Drive Forward Coach

DRIVE FORWARD NEWS



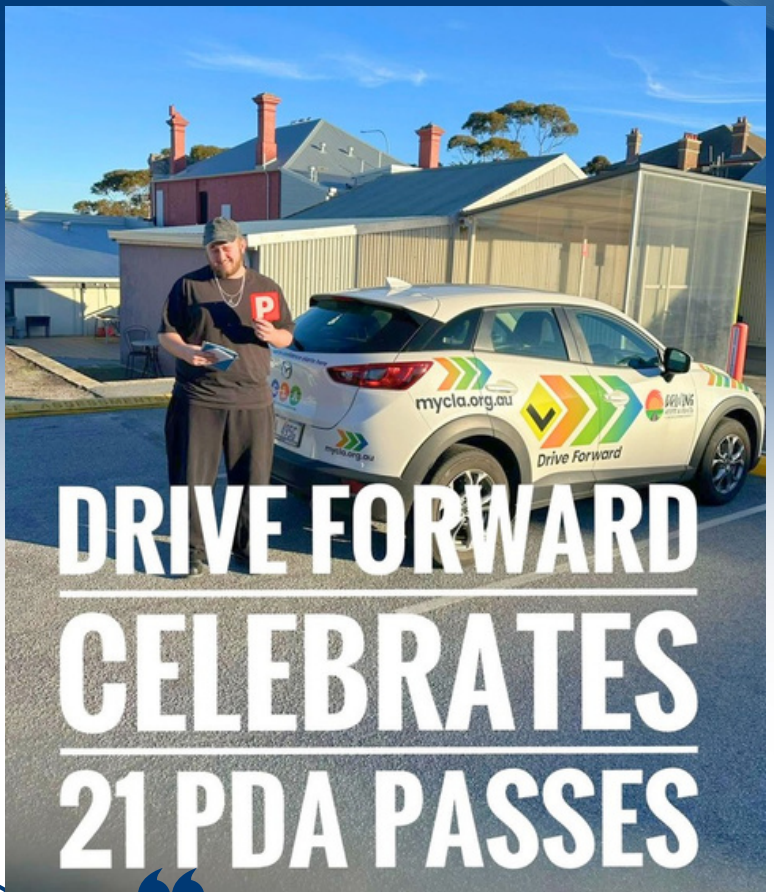
Congratulations to Abby on passing her PDA. Abby joined the Drive Forward program to complete her last few hours of supervised driving and build on her existing skills and driving manoeuvres.



Congratulations to Claire on passing her PDA. A special moment shared with her Pop (pictured) who was on site finalising paperwork for her car.



“ Congratulations to Paul on passing his PDA. Paul put in the time each week with instructor Jay to achieve his 50 hours of supervised driving. Driving to school in your Subaru will be great. ”



“ Jordan is our 21st participant to pass their PDA. Congratulations to everyone involved with making this program a success. ”



“ Driving lessons in regional WA are always interesting and cater to individual needs. Jasmine recently introduced us to her support bull Bruce. No bull, he's a famous Brahman often seen beach walking with his owner. ”

SIL, SDA, ILO or MTA

What are the NDIS support options?

SIL

Supported Independent Living

Provides support with daily living tasks, so you can live independently.

Pays for the **support** not the home.



CLA provider

SDA

Specialist Disability Accommodation

Provides funding for specialist housing for people with very high support needs.

Pays for the **home** not the support.



CLA not a provider

ILO

Individualised Living Options

Offers flexible living arrangements tailored to your goals and lifestyle.

Flexible living with **tailored** supports.



CLA provider

MTA

Medium Term Accommodation

Provides temporary accommodation while you wait for a long-term solution.

Temporary while you wait.



CLA not a provider

SIL & ILO

We provide these options

SIL

Supported Independent Living

Provides support with daily living tasks, so you can live independently.



May include:

- Personal care
- Cooking and cleaning
- Medication support
- Skill development
- Daily living support

CLA provider

ILO

Individualised Living Options

Offers flexible living arrangements tailored to your goals and lifestyle.



May include:

- Living with a host.
- Living with a housemate.
- Shared individual living arrangements.
- Personalised support

CLA provider

SIL Our properties



Marina Cottage



Baltic Ridge



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