



THE JUNCTIONWORKS  
"Creating new possibilities in people's lives"

## Investing in our Community

You may remember that The Junction Works started fundraising for a Living Skills and Respite House for South West Sydney in late 2014, with the goal of raising \$1.5 million.

I am pleased to report that with the interest of a local, community-minded philanthropist and the generous support of many other individual and corporate donors, the Living Skills and Respite House looks like becoming a reality sooner rather than later.

We only need to raise another \$500,000 to make it a reality.

At The Junction Works we started planning for the Living Skills and Respite House and the life-stage transition support it would provide, after it became apparent that many of the parents of the young men and women we support through our disability services were anxious about their child's future living arrangements.

I frequently sit in the lounge room of families discussing with them how The Junction Works can better meet their support needs. Inevitably the question arises – what happens when....

What happens when I can no longer look after my son or daughter? What happens when I'm no longer around?

It is clear that many parents and carers need support to plan for the future care needs of their children. And they need to know that their son or daughter can live a more independent life when they are no longer able to care for them.

This is where the Living Skills and Respite House is invaluable. This facility is one which can

- support the intensive learning of daily living tasks of people with a disability
- build parents' confidence in the abilities of their adult son or daughter to live more independently, and

- provide essential respite to parents and carers so that they can look after their own health and wellbeing.

Families living in South West Sydney have a history of not having access to vital support services, as residential development and population growth outstrips the development of local infrastructure. Our Living Skills and Respite House will go some of the way towards rectifying this service deficit. We greatly appreciate the backing we have received for this important facility.

Throughout this newsletter you will read about some of the ways corporate and community organisations have been supporting the efforts of The Junction Works, including Clarendon Homes, Meridian IT, Sargents Pies and Wetherill Park Rotary Club.

To all our supporters, however, I say thank you... Thank you for understanding how developing new services and facilities can ease some of the difficulties experienced by young men and women with a disability.

Thank you for supporting The Junction Works to develop some of the infrastructure required by the communities of South West Sydney.

**Most of all, thank you for being part of our Mission to 'create new possibilities in people's lives'.**

If you can assist The Junction Works in any way to raise the residual funds, or if you have any questions, please contact me on Ph: 8777 0500. We are most grateful for your ongoing interest and support.

**Chris Campbell**  
Chief Executive  
Officer



## Familiar faces

If you think some of the people on NSW Family and Community Services' (FACS) brochures look familiar, it's probably because they are!

A few months ago FACS photographers spent a couple of days with The Junction Works taking photos (with permission) of some of our clients and staff in action for their information and promotional material.

The results were great, and participants ended up with a portfolio of photos for their personal use.



# The Junction All Stars bring a little bit of Joy



To celebrate International Day of People with Disability in December, the Junction All Stars performed their new concert 'Joy' at the Casula Powerhouse theatre to a packed house. The Junction All Stars are all participants of The Junction Works' Disability Services.

Five months in the making, the ensemble performed a range of performance pieces including ballroom dancing, hip hop, song, elemental drumming, comedic skits, funky theatre and a ukulele group playing a bit of Country 'n Western, interspersed with video and photographic screenings, all with the common theme of joy.

The concert concluded with a slide show and rousing renditions of We are the World in memory of our good friend, Edmon, and the classic, Joy to the World.

We thank Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre and Liverpool City Council for supporting the Junction All Stars to perform in a professional theatre, and with such panache and professionalism.



## The Junction Works dons the Rotary Apron for a good cause

TJW Staff and Volunteers donned the BBQ aprons to support the Rotary Club of Wetherill Park stage the Horsley Park Carols prior to Christmas.



Rotary Club of Wetherill Park

After being rained out the year before, the 2015 Carols took place on a dry, warm night full of community good will, some great performances, fireworks and about 120 kilograms of sausages and steak!

With the help of the local community, Wetherill Park Rotary has been running this event since 1997. From humble beginnings this community-based, casual event has grown to be an important part of the Greater-Fairfield-District's Christmas celebrations, attracting around 3,000

residents and raising substantial funds for local causes. The evening features acts by local schools and choirs, fireworks, and the opportunity to take photos with Santa before the drawing of a Mega Raffle with prizes well over \$6,000.

The Junction Works is proud to have been an active partner with Wetherill Park Rotary Club at this event over the past three years and greatly appreciates being one of the recipients of the funds raised from the event.





## Rubbing Shoulders with the Stars at Meridian IT's **first Charity Auction**



Meridian IT raised more than \$7000 for not-for-profit disability services groups including The Junction Works, at its first charity auction.

Held at Madam Tussauds Sydney in December, the charity auction was attended by more than 80 bidders from Meridian IT's customers, distributors and vendor partners, including Lenovo, Westcon and News Limited.

As our technology management service provider since 2011, Meridian has played an important role in supporting The Junction Works' expansion of services.

And we greatly appreciate Meridian's long term support of our fundraising efforts. Meridian was a Silver Sponsor of The Junction Works' 2015 Charity Golf Day Challenge.



## Sargents Pies

supports the Living Skills and Respite House



At The Junction Works, when we're not enjoying a pie from The Works Teaching Kitchen, we love a good pie from Sargents.

Based in Western Sydney, Sargents Pies has been supporting The Junction Works since 2011, and in 2015 its Foundation donated \$50,000 towards our Living Skills and Respite House.

The Sargents Pies Charitable Foundation was established in 1997 for the "relief of poverty, suffering, distress or misfortune and to facilitate the needs of people who are in necessitous circumstances within Australia", and continues the charitable work started by the original owners, George and Charlotte Sargent, over 100 years ago.



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# Clarendon Homes' Team Chief **takes out its own Cup** at TJW's 2015 Charity Golf Challenge

Team Chief, captained by Matthew Campbell, Chief Operating Officer at Clarendon Homes, took top honors at The Junction Works' 2015 Charity Golf Challenge by winning the Cup that Clarendon Homes sponsors.

Team Admiral was captained by Peter Campbell, CEO of Clarendon Homes (second from the left)



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Held annually at the Macquarie Links International Golf Club since 2011, The Junction Works Charity Golf Challenge is one of the organisation's primary fundraising events.

We thank Clarendon Homes for its ongoing support of the Charity Golf Challenge, all our golf day sponsors and local, state and national corporate supporters, the generous donors of auction and raffle prizes, and our golfing pro, Tony White, Director of Golf, Gibraltar Hotel and Country Club.

The Junction Works' 2015 Charity Golf Challenge raised \$65,000 on the day. With the formal handover by Elizabeth and Tony Rizzotto of the funds raised in Memory of Antonio Rizzotto's passing in 2015, this brought our fundraising total to \$77,290 for our Living Skills and Respite House. The Rizzotto family are the owners of Vinnies Ristorante in Casula, and Cucina Galileo in the Club Marconi.



**PUT THE DATE  
IN YOUR DIARY**



Our annual Clarendon Homes Charity Golf Challenge will be on again on Friday, 14th October 2016 at the fabulous Macquarie Links International Golf Club.

**Donations** supporting the Living Skills and Respite House can be made...

- 1 Through the donation button on the TJW website at [www.thejunctionworks.org](http://www.thejunctionworks.org) (Credit Card required)
- 2 By cheque made out to 'The Junction Works', PO Box 15, Austral NSW 2179
- 3 By phone or in person using your Credit Card. Phone Noelene on 8777 0500 or visit the TJW Austral Service Centre, 135 Thirteenth Avenue, Austral.

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