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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

The Board of Directors and staff of McCallum wish all of our connected families, carers, volunteers and of course individuals supported across all our program areas a very safe and happy Christmas.

For 2016 we can reflect on quite a few milestone events and innovative practice improvements but moreover thank you to our great people and for the great work you do in our community.

Despite the year coming to an end we look forward to welcoming the National Disability Insurance Scheme from 1st January 2017 and helping participants extract the highest possible value from the scheme.

Tyrone McCuskey
CEO



Albert Street Accommodation Grand Opening

A \$1.8 million housing development in Ballarat is at the centre of a new, more inclusive community for eight young people living with disabilities.

The four units, in Albert Street, Sebastopol were opened today by State Member for Buninyong, Geoff Howard. The project is a collaboration between the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), McCallum Disability Services and Housing Choices Australia (HCA), with funding from the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments and McCallum Disability Services.

HCA Managing Director Michael Lennon said the units were designed so they were spacious, modern, open plan and, most importantly, tailored to residents' needs. The development is also close to shops, public transport and other services.

"It's a more innovative supported independent living rather than a traditional group home," Mr Lennon said.

"Here at Albert Street, there will be a lot more personal space for people but equally, the opportunity to forge connections and friendships within the development, the neighbourhood and the wider community.

"I can see this being more than a new home for residents. It will be a new start – a chance to spread their wings with just the right level of support. I know it will also bring an enormous amount of relief, assurance and hope for the future for their parents and families as well."

McCallum Chief Executive Officer Tyrone McCuskey said there were four two bedroom units and one one-bedroom unit for staff.

"The unit complex is staffed 24 hours a day seven days a week by McCallum staff with a sleepover model of support." Mr McCuskey said.

"The intent is to maintain local connections for each resident so they can live life their way and play an active role in their community.

"McCallum is committed to providing flexible, innovative, person-centred and family focussed support to people with a disability and our involvement in this project is testament to that."

Geoff Howard, State Member for Buninyong welcomed the partnership between government and frontline service providers to create new and innovative accommodation options for young people with disability.

"Young people with disability often find themselves placed in aged care facilities, where they struggle to make connections with people they can relate to," Mr Howard said.

"These innovative new independent living units will result in improved outcomes for the young people living here.

"I congratulate McCallum and Housing Choices Australia for bringing this fantastic proposal to government, which provides age-appropriate supported accommodation for the people living in these units.



St Patrick's College Program

During the latter months of 2016 McCallum's Community Connections participants partnered with students from St Patrick's College to create storybooks focusing on each others lives.

Approximately 10 participants had the opportunity to learn about the students lives, including their passions outside of school, their families and other interesting facts in book form. The participants then worked together with the students to create their own storybooks which featured their own stories and interests.

The program concluded with a BBQ celebration at St Patrick's College which showcased all of the hardwork that had been created throughout the program. Both the McCallum participants and students learnt a great deal about each other and some great friendships were made along the journey.

A big thank you must be given to Kelly Ransley, her team and Mike Toohey from St Patrick's College for organising this very beneficial program. Planning for the program to continue in 2017 is already underway.

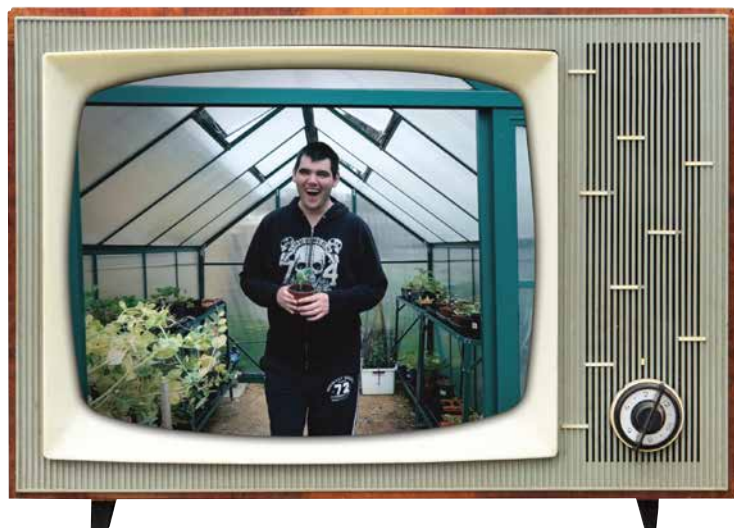
McCallum's New Television Commercials

We've recently launched three new television commercials which will begin rotation on Prime7, Southern Cross Ten and WIN in January 2017.

Two of these commercials are currently running on all stations and focus on the NDIS rollout.

The third commercial is a corporate commercial which showcases some of the services and programs that McCallum offers. It was a great process to be involved in, with many McCallum clients starring (such as Connor!) in it.

You can view the new commercials at www.mccallum.org.au or keep an eye out for these in the new year!



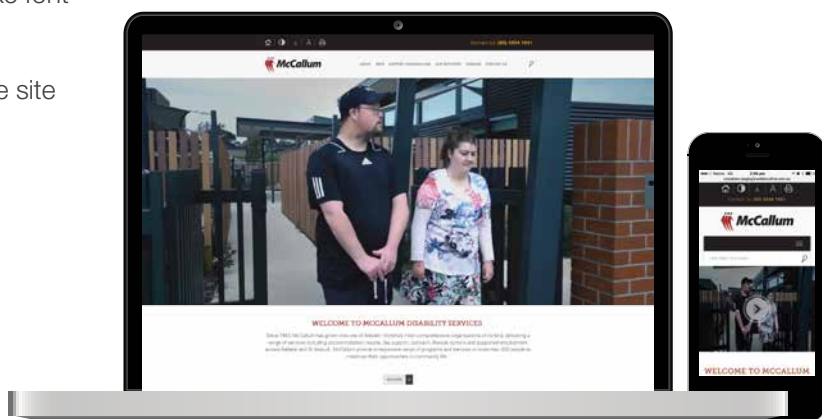
McCallum's New Website Goes Live

McCallum's spiffy new website was launched on Friday 9 December and provides users with a much easier navigation experience, as well as offering important information in regards to service offerings and NDIS information.

The website will continually be updated with relevant information for clients, their families, carers and staff.

The website is WCAG2.0 compliant, which means it has been designed to ensure people with disability can navigate the site and can change things like font colour and size for easy viewing.

Please go to www.mccallum.org.au to view the site and take a look around.



McCallum's Tri-State Games Medal Heist

Games by the St Arnaud All-Stars, which was held in Horsham from Sunday 6 November until Saturday 12 November.

Medals were won and records were broken as over 300 athletes and 150 support coaches and carers took part in events such as lawn bowls, cricket, swimming, walking across the pool, ten pin bowling, carpet bowls, track and field, basketball and bean bag throw.



The Games were officially opened on Sunday with over 300 athletes from Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia attending the welcome barbeque. The barbeque was a great opportunity for the All-Stars to socialise and mingle with fellow competitors from around Australia.

More success for the All-Stars was found on day two in the swimming, but despite the weather warming up, the pool temperatures were icy which proved a shock to some of the competitors.

After a very successful campaign in the 25m, 50m and 100m races the All-Stars left the pool destined for the Wimmera Events Centre again for the all-important 'Barn Dance'.

After a day of recuperation on the Wednesday, the All-Stars were excited to start where they left off on the Tuesday in the track and field events.

Ms Rosee Larizza from McCallum Disability Services said the All-Stars did an amazing job in the track and field, whether they were competing, spectating or helping others to the next event.

“The Tri-State Games is such a great event to showcase how talented people with disability are. Everyone really enjoys being part of this great event as it allows everyone the chance to compete and socialise in a very warm and inclusive environment,” she said.

“The week is about having fun and enjoying each other’s company. Everyone is exhausted by the time the event is over, but there are so many success stories and memories made, it’s great to be part of it,” she said.

“I must thank the team of carers and volunteers who made it possible for the All-Stars to attend the event this year, they do a wonderful job”

“A great deal of work and effort is put in to getting this event up and running, and we couldn’t have got there without the help from The Murdoch Auxiliary, the St Arnaud Lions Club, K&S Birthisel, the Northern Grampians Shire Council, the Loddon Council and Weir’s Supermarket for their donations and support,” she said.

Not only did the St Arnaud All-Stars finish the event with great memories, their luggage came back quite heavier with 13 gold medals, 17 silver medals and 14 bronze medals. The All-Stars also won the trophy for the Best Overall Female Athlete which went to Chantelle Duncan.



Ballarat Show Art Awards

The group of participants from the Lyons Street Men's Shed Program were recently showered with awards at the 2016 Ballarat Show.

All entrants won a place with their completed woodwork entries which they were all extremely excited about.

The Dirt Bombs Gardening Group also won "The Best Artistic Vegetable Section" and received a \$50 Formosa Nursery voucher for their entry "In the Breeze". They also entered vegetable plates with participants from the Lalor Unit making faces of vegetables on dinner plates. All entries were completed with vegetables grown from the Community Connections vegetable garden.

The Lalor Unit also won two \$20 vouchers from Formosa Nursery, ribbons and \$11 from the Ballarat Agricultural & Pastoral Society.



McCallum's Corporate Golf Day - Save The Date!

The 2017 McCallum Corporate Golf Day will be held on Friday 31 March at the Midland's Golf Club.

Entry forms for the day can be downloaded from www.mccallum.org.au/news/golf-day, and you can pre-book your team by emailing matt@mccallum.org.au to ensure you're team is locked in for this great event.

All funds raised from the event will be used to offset the costs for the 2017 Tri-State Games in Horsham.

St Arnaud Christmas Party Celebrations!

The St Arnaud Christmas Party was a roaring success. Here are the photos to prove it!

