



Family Newsletter

August 2019



CEO update

NDIS Price Guide Update

A new National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Price Guide has been released and took effect from 1 July 2019. NDIS pricing changes affect the way Noah's Ark charges for services.

To find out more, please discuss these with your Key Worker, go to <https://noahsarkinc.org.au/news-and-events/news/ndis-price-guide-update-2019> or free call 1800 819 140 to discuss these changes with the Noah's Ark Customer Care team.

We are wanting to hear from families who have **not** yet heard from the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) or have **not** received their NDIS plans. This will include hearing from any Early Childhood partners to make sure you are registered for NDIS support and ready for your interview with a NDIA planner. If you are unsure if you have an NDIS plan, please call Customer Care on 1800 819 140. For more information on your NDIS funding please go to <https://www.ndis.gov.au/>.

Submission to the NDIA

Noah's Ark has submitted a second submission to the review of thin markets for the NDIA. This additional submission specifically discusses the importance of teachers in Early Childhood Intervention and the need to look at funding teams in rural areas differently because of the small numbers of children with a disability. The submission is available to read here: <https://noahsarkinc.org.au/news-and-events/news/submission-review-thin-markets>

The May 2019 Submission to the NDIS Annual Price Review Consultation can be read here: <https://noahsarkinc.org.au/news-and-events/news/submission-ndis-price-review>

To view these papers and other reports visit our website: <https://noahsarkinc.org.au/sharing-our-knowledge/>



The Cowley family from Seaford share their story

Our Frankston team recently spoke with Rebecca Cowley, a mother of five from Seaford. Beck's son Jasper receives support from Noah's Ark for his rare chromosome syndrome 49,xxxxy.

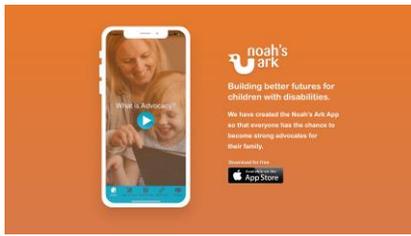
Beck shared her family's journey so far and the key workers who have helped with Jasper's development.

"We are really thankful for the support, encouragement, advocacy and friendship we have received from the team at Noah's Ark.

"We feel so supported and empowered as a family in this situation and we know that with his team behind him, Jasper is going to achieve his goals and have the best possible life we can give him."

Visit the news section of our website to read more stories like these:

<http://www.noahsarkinc.org.au/news-and-events/>



The Noah's Ark Advocacy App is now live!

Have you downloaded our App yet? It's free for all iPhones with an Android version to follow soon.

The App is designed to support families who are new to having a child with a disability to have information at their fingertips, and potentially enhance their skills in advocacy.

You can download the App now from the Apple store:

<https://apps.apple.com/app/id1472658147>

Team Updates

Heather Smyth from our Maidstone team has transferred across to Bundoora and is the new Team Leader there.

Noah's Ark ACT have now moved into new offices in Canberra. The address is Unit 2, 6 Farr Place, Isaacs, 2607.

We would love your feedback!

Noah's Ark is wanting your feedback as we begin our planning process for 2020-2023 to ensure we deliver the best service to your child and family.

Please register your interest to attend a 1.5hr workshop at one of our following branches: Maidstone, Bundoora or Malvern. You'll receive a \$50 gift card for attending.

Register your interest at:

<https://forms.gle/G3EfKD5IRC6f4u7s5>

Events for Families

Our teams regularly hold free events for families.

In July, a family event was held at our Bundoora office, organised by the Craigieburn team for the Northern teams.

Craigieburn Team Leader Kali McWilliam and Key Worker Brooke Tabone presented on emotional regulation prior to a screening of the movie, *Inside Out*. Families were provided with refreshments and siblings and clients had a great time.



NAIDOC Week

Every year in July, Noah's Ark participates in NAIDOC Week (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) activities. Noah's Ark Bendigo were excited to be part of NAIDOC Children's Day 2019. Hundreds of children attended with their families, carers or education centres and participated in a wide variety of activities. Each child received a Noah's Ark bag which contained clapping sticks, a boomerang and book and were offered a lunch of emu, kangaroo, salads and fruit.

Our stall was popular with many joining the creation of building Bunjil's Nest. It's now located in the welcoming reception space at Noah's Ark Bendigo and we hope to have more messages added from all who visit us.



Keep up-to-date on upcoming events in your area by 'liking' our Facebook page or checking the website:

<https://noahsarkinc.org.au/events/list/>.



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