

NEWSLETTER 

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# THE ROAD AHEAD

  
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Our weekly Bingo and Cash Housie events across the Central Coast are a chance to win cash, prizes and support Fairhaven, your local disability charity.

### Cash Housie

Thursdays 7.30pm

Ettalong Bowling Club

103 Springwood St, Umina Beach

### Bingo

Mondays 11.00am

Ettalong Bowling Club

103 Springwood St, Umina Beach

Fridays 10.30am

Everglades Country Club

Dunban Rd, Woy Woy



## VISIT GOVERNMENT HOUSE

SATURDAY 22nd MARCH

Fairhaven supported community outing

Enjoy a day exploring beautiful Government House and the Botanical Gardens in Sydney.

Contact:

Marieka on 0439 633 539 or

Email: [mariekaa@fairhaven.org.au](mailto:mariekaa@fairhaven.org.au)

## OP SHOP DONATIONS

By donating your unwanted goods, you're not only giving a once loved item another home, you are helping Fairhaven continue to create opportunities where people living with disability can achieve what they want from life.

Fairhaven Op Shopping Village Donation Hours

10am - 3pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only.



A very busy 2024 culminated with the Fairhaven Christmas party which was a resounding success. Summer is now over and its officially Autumn, a great time of the year for us all to be enjoying the climate and wonderful lifestyle of those living on the Central Coast of NSW.

The first quarter of 2025 sees us reviewing our strategic and operational plans as well as provides us to develop opportunities we have to work with our supported employees, residents and their families, carers and guardians. Our family forums will restart in March and I welcome you to join us for morning tea at Point Clare or afternoon tea at Tuggerah. During these forums, we provide you with updates from the NDIS (an ever-changing landscape), assistance with accessing or developing NDIS plans, general information regarding staff changes including their roles and contact details and any new initiatives. The following table gives you the schedule of 2025 family forums:



Date	Venue
20/3/2025	10am-11.30am The Hub, 209 Brisbane Water Drive Point Clare
17/4/2025	4pm – 5.30pm ADE factory, 4 Reliance Drive Tuggerah
15/5/2025	10am-11.30am The Hub, 209 Brisbane Water Drive Point Clare
19/6/2025	4pm – 5.30pm ADE factory, 4 Reliance Drive Tuggerah
17/7/2025	10am-11.30am The Hub, 209 Brisbane Water Drive Point Clare
21/8/2025	4pm – 5.30pm ADE factory, 4 Reliance Drive Tuggerah
18/9/2025	10am-11.30am The Hub, 209 Brisbane Water Drive Point Clare
16/10/2025	4pm – 5.30pm ADE factory, 4 Reliance Drive Tuggerah
November	No forum due to commitments with hosting the AGM
December	No forum – resuming the schedule in March 2026

The NDIS has introduced new processes in relation to engaging supported employees. Job Access is now the key government contact agency to undertake assessments of the work being offered, matching that work to the level of capabilities required to undertake that work and determining the hourly rate to be paid for that work. This process commenced for all supported employees engaged after 1 July 2024 and now requires each prospective supported employee to be registered for a work through the Job Access portal, a trial period then commences between 13 to 26 weeks during which time an independent assessor will undertake a job assessment, employee capabilities and determine the appropriate wage level to be offered. For those employed prior to 1 July 2024, Fairhaven has until 2026 to have the registration and job assessment undertaken.

This edition includes activities that are planned so if you are interested in participating in any of our activities or outings, don't wait to book as they fill quickly and first in best dressed.

Kind Regards,  
Rhonda Wheatley FCPA |CEO





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### What's On @ The Hub

Call: 4349 5500 Email: [hello@fairhaven.org.au](mailto:hello@fairhaven.org.au)

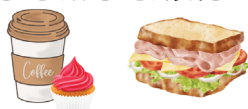
*Activities are subject to change pending group requirements, weather or availability.*

#### Monday 9am-12pm

- Djembe Drumming circle
- \$10 per hour
- Dancing
- Singing



Order Lunch at the Cafe onsite



or bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy being outside on the grass area.

#### 12pm-3pm



### Games and Movement

- **Afternoon games** and activities suitable to the people attending on the day.
- Ping Pong, Snooker table, Darts, Soccer, Mini Golf, Badminton, Connect 4 and more.



#### Saturday 9am-1pm

### Social Groups

- Arts and crafts
- Cook and share
- Fun photography
- Basic technology
- Book club
- Social group



**Open to anyone, who wants to attend.**

**All Hub Activities** are customised to reflect wants and needs and are open to NDIS participants and also anyone attending independently and paying per workshop.

**Timeframes** for the activities are for a minimum of 3 hours. A schedule of Support and Service Agreement for Fairhaven support staff using your NDIS plan can be quoted by calling 4349 5500 or [hello@fairhaven.org.au](mailto:hello@fairhaven.org.au)

#### Tuesday 9am-12pm

- Gardening
- Outdoor Activities
- Planting
- Propagating



#### 12pm-3pm



- **Upcycling**
- Work with Tools
- Learn new skills
- Great for the Environment

#### Wednesday 9am-12pm

### Arts and Craft - Groups & Individually

- Scrapbooking
- Photography
- Stamping
- Clay Sculpting
- Sewing, Weaving
- Painting
- Beading



#### Thursday 9am-12pm

- **Cooking**
- Preparing meals
- Decorating
- Food safety
- Presentation skills



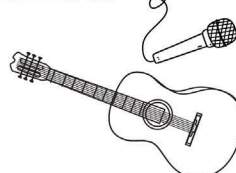
#### 12pm-3pm



- **Pamper** yourself
- Makeovers
- Nails
- Hair Styles & Accessories

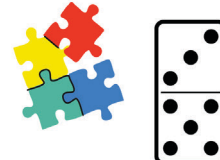
#### Friday 9am-12pm

- **Jamhaven** - come along and rock the hub, no experience needed.
- Sing, Dance & enjoy being with friends



#### 12pm-3pm

- **Games** - to make you think and make you laugh.
- Cards, puzzles, charades, dominoes









The new year has brought a wave of positive developments to our op shop! We're thrilled to announce the completion of a significant upgrade to our beloved historic schoolhouse building, with a brand new roof now protecting our treasured books and antiques departments. This investment in our heritage building ensures we can continue serving our community while preserving a piece of local history.

February brought an exciting opportunity as we were invited to attend the Charitable Reuse National Member Forum on 18 February. This important gathering brought together parties from across the country to discuss and shape the future of our sector at a national level. We were excited to share our experiences and learn from other organisations as we worked together to strengthen the impact of charitable reuse across Australia.

The spirit of volunteerism is alive and well in our community! Our current volunteer recruitment campaign, running across our store, social media platforms, and online channels, has been met with wonderful enthusiasm. We're delighted to welcome several new faces to our volunteer family, each bringing their own unique skills and energy to our team. It's heartwarming to see our experienced volunteers embracing our newcomers, creating an environment where everyone feels valued and a part of the Fairhaven team.

These developments showcase the ongoing evolution of our shop while staying true to our core values of community service and sustainability. Every improvement we make, from our new roof to our expanding volunteer team, helps us better serve our community and create positive change.



Volunteer, Janis Chean sorting clothing.



New roof on schoolhouse.



# AUSTRALIA DAY

## *Celebrations*

Australia Day celebrations often bring the community together, and this was exactly how Fairhaven Residential participants celebrated our national day. Staff and volunteers assisted residents to prepare and enjoy a BBQ and a host of activities. Here are some pictures taken throughout the day.







All Inclusive  
**Bush Dance**  
May 2nd 2025  
5pm Start  
209 Brisbane Water Drive, Point Clare,  
Activities Hall  
Essential to RSVP by 14/04/2025  
Tickets \$15 or 4 for \$50  
Sausage sizzle and a drink \$5  
Boot Scooters  
Dancing  
Games  
Prizes for best dressed  
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## IMPORTANT DATES

**MARCH 22nd**

GOVERNMENT HOUSE VISIT

**APRIL 12th**

STEAMFEST

**APRIL 19th**

EASTERSHOW

**MAY 2nd**

BUSH DANCE

**MAY 16th**

PIZZA PARTY

**JUNE 7th**

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