

Annual Report

Hurley House provides supported accommodation for adults with intellectual disabilities. Established in 1994, Hurley House offers our residents a warm, caring and supportive environment, within a Christian framework maximising the independence of each resident.

This year...

Hurley House continues to deliver a relevant, sustainable and innovative service to the same five residents welcomed in 1994. We are committed to tailoring our services to better meet our residents' needs at different stages of their lives including assessment services; advice and therapy; recreational opportunities; case management; intervention when in crisis; post-school options and employment opportunities. Being able to address health issues which may include early onset dementia, reduced mobility or acute ill health has become increasingly important.

Our Objectives

- Assist residents with activities of daily living as required
- Assist residents to develop a positive self image
- Support residents to access the widest range of services and community facilities available
- Maximise our residents' independence

Evaluation informs the development of policy, program and service delivery, providing evidence of what is required to enhance the quality of our services. Annual surveys showed that the service we directly deliver is well received by stakeholders. The Management Committee ensures continuous improvements to Hurley House are made, providing a safe, sustainable and modern home for residents. Through continuing to evolve, Hurley House will ensure its purpose to provide a warm, caring and supportive environment continues for many years to come.

Our Thanks

Our achievements would not be possible without our wonderful staff, the work of our Management Committee, parents, donors and the support of UnitingCare. Special thanks to Michelle, Sharon and Gail at UnitingCare and to my Professional Supervisor, Graham Anson, for all your guidance and support throughout the year. We also take this opportunity to acknowledge the invaluable input by both parents and staff in completing Annual Service Appraisals. It is through these appraisals that we continue to support the residents of Hurley House thereby maximising their quality of independent living.

Sue Woodley
Manager

Alison's Story

Alison will celebrate her 37th year in 2011 and her happy disposition shows that they have certainly been good years. Alison attended Mater Dei School at Camden for all her schooling, leaving at the age of 19 after celebrating many milestones within her school community, including being able to live part-time in independent accommodation offered by the school. On leaving Mater Dei, Alison was given an opportunity to become a resident of Hurley House and in February 1994 Alison moved in. With four other residents and long serving staff, Hurley House offers Alison a family like home environment where she can gain experience in living a more independent life in a happy and caring environment.

As part of her week, Alison has various chores and activities including Post School Options where activities include beauty treatments, facials and massage. Alison enjoys music and her preferred instrument which she plays is the tambourine. This is Alison's favourite part of the week and she hates to miss out on going. Recently Alison visited the Channel 9 studios to be part of the taping of Funniest Home Videos. It was the 21st Birthday celebrations for the show and Alison, along with other residents of Hurley House, were given front row seats. This was a highlight of the year for Alison as it is her favourite show and she has always wanted to be part of the audience. Whenever Alison is asked about her outing, she answers with a huge smile which says it all.

