



# Message from the General Manager

Welcome to the Camden Community Centre 2025 Newsletter. As the year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderful and meaningful year for our community. Together, our Volunteers, CHSP clients & Centre Users have created a supportive and welcoming environment that truly embodies the spirit of connection and care. Our Volunteers have given their time and compassion so generously, and our clients have continued to inspire us with their resilience, warmth, and engagement in our programs. It's been heartening to see friendships grow, new initiatives take shape, and our community thrive through shared experiences. Thank you all for being part of this journey—your involvement and support make everything we do possible. We look forward to another year of friendship, purpose, and community spirit ahead.

## 2025 Year in Review

The Camden CHSP program operates weekly on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays, with a monthly Travel Club (coach tour) on Tuesdays. To support our outputs this year, we offered clients a new program, 'Coffee Club' once a month. We will continue to look at options to support our clients and maintain our outputs in the New Year.

### **CHSP SERVICES DELIVERED**

You might be interested to know for the financial year 24-25, we delivered:

1813 meals  
2642 one way transport trips &  
9866.5 hours of group social support

The Camden NDIS 'Get Connected' program runs Mondays and supports up to 7 participants with 3hrs of Group and Centre Based Activities. Transport can also be provided if requested and available. Numbers have been steady over the year and look favourably to continue next year.

### **CLIENT SURVEY**

In July we undertook our Annual Client Survey. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the survey. Here's a reminder snapshot of some of the findings below:

#### **Are you satisfied with the variety of activities ?**

35% - Extremely happy (5/5)  
27% - Very happy (4/5)  
2% - Ok (3/5)  
24% - Did not answer

#### **Has coming to Camden increased your social participation or connections?**

62% - Yes, absolutely (5/5)  
18% - Yes, somewhat (4/5)  
7% - About the same (3/5)  
9% - Did not answer

#### **Are the staff and volunteers friendly, approachable and responsive?**

89% - Yes, extremely happy (5/5)  
9% - Yes, pretty happy (4/5)  
1% - Did not answer

# Staff Updates

**Sally-anne—Centre Coordinator / Manager.** Sally-anne looks after the day to day running of the Centre including Centre Wide Maintenance, Volunteer Programs, Centre Funding (including all Grant Funding) & working with various Local, State & Federal Government Agencies to ensure the longevity of Camden.

**Irene—Community Connections Coordinator / Manager**—Irene oversees both the NDIS & CHSP, which involves meeting all regulatory compliance and Quality and Safeguarding measures.

**Naomi—CHSP Coordinator**, oversees the program development and activities, including meals.

**Jeannine, Hettie, Jef, Jeanette—Program Assistants**

**Jenna—Receptionist / CHSP Back Up**

# Program Highlights

## Travel Club

From the South Coast to the Barossa Valley, the Adelaide Hills, and the Murray River, our monthly Travel Club outings this year took us to some truly beautiful spots—complete with delicious lunches along the way! We even treated ourselves to a special High Tea in Blackwood.

A heartfelt thank you to all the clients and volunteers who joined us; it's been such a pleasure organising these adventures for you.

We can't wait to see you in 2026 as we explore new destinations and perhaps revisit a few old favourites.



## Teddy Bear Picnic

Our Wednesday Ladies Group hosted a teddy bear picnic for a group of 3-4 year olds from Camden Childcare Centre.

This was a great success for both client groups. I generated a lot of fun and interaction between the younger and older generation. Our ladies group were enthusiastic about the event, bring their own Teddy bear they have had for many years and other articles for a lovely display to set the theme. One of the ladies kindly donated hand knitted teddies for each child to take home with them. The children looked so happy to receive them and kept checking if they could keep them.

The children engaged enthusiastically with the ladies from the group in a bear hunt, bear quizzes, singing, dancing, colouring in and story time.

It was very special day to see the interaction between the two groups.

# Noticeboard



## CONSUMER ADVISORY BODY

Early next year we will be calling for nominations for those who wish to volunteer to be on the Consumer Advisory Body.

This is an opportunity for clients to have a say on how their services are delivered. The Advisory Body will meet annually and feedback will be reported back to Camden's governing body.

## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Clients, families, carers, members and volunteers are reminded there are a number of avenues available for you to express your views, suggestions and complaints, in regard to the Centre and our Governance. Camden's AGM is also a positive platform for our consumers to raise queries around, or comment on Camden's Governance and decision making processes. We invite all consumers to join Camden as a member. Please see one of our staff if you would like more information around this.

There are feedback forms available and we are happy to receive feedback at any time. We strongly encourage everyone to contribute so that we can ensure we continue to do the BEST we can.



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe & happy **festive season**, thank you for your ongoing support & look forward to seeing you all back next year.

Irene, Naomi, Sally-anne, Jeannine, Hettie, Jef, Jeanette & Jenna

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

We've had another wonderfully busy and productive year across our Volunteer Programs, with our fantastic volunteers continuing to support each other and the Centre through the many services Camden offers. We extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your ongoing commitment and contribution to our community.

The **Woodwork Shed** has been bustling with activity, creating and distributing Mobile Garden Beds, Birdboxes, and Boards, while also partnering with local primary schools & state government departments on projects throughout the year. They've been an incredible help with maintenance around Camden and have supported community members with repairs and small jobs.

Our **Op Shop** has thrived, managing an impressive turnover of stock and working closely with the Woodwork Shed to help fulfil orders. The **Outreach Program** has also continued to grow, now regularly supporting around 350 local residents. Food parcels are delivered three days a week using our West Torrens Council and SA Government–funded van, which joined our fleet earlier this year.

Our **Gardeners** have once again done a fabulous job keeping Camden's gardens and grounds vibrant and healthy, while also enjoying visits and activities with local school and scout groups.

The **CHSP Volunteers** remain an integral part of Camden's service delivery, providing invaluable support to our clients through our Federal Government–funded programs. Between our Social Groups and Travel Club, these volunteers are constantly on the go—always greeting everyone with a warm smile and friendly face.

# Christmas Word Search

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ANGEL  
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CANDY  
CHESTNUT  
CHRIST  
CHRISTMAS  
DASHER  
EGGNOG  
ELVES  
FAMILY

FROSTY  
FRUITCAKE  
GREEN  
GREETINGS  
HAPPY  
HOLIDAY  
HOLLY  
ICICLE  
SNOWMAN  
STAR

