



# CHAMPION MENTORS

## NEWSLETTER



### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT CHAMPION MENTORS

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- COVID-19 SAFETY
- DISABILITY SERVICE PROVIDER EXPO
- OUR NEW MELBOURNE BRANCH
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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ADVENTURE CAMPS

One of our favourite activities for our clients is our Adventure Camps and in April we ran three very successful camps.

Our Springbrook camp saw our eight participants completing the demanding Twin Falls Hike taking in beautiful scenery and witnessing the awesome power of the spectacular Waterfalls after the recent heavy rain. The camp was a jovial and enjoyable experience with everybody helping out and enjoying the toasting of marshmallows around the fire in the evening. A highlight of day two was swimming in the amazing Austinville Rock Pools.

Our Lennox Head camp saw participants enjoying Frisbee on the beach, board games, swimming in Lake Ainsworth and walking to the amazing Lennox Headland.

Our third camp was at the beautiful Crystal Creek and our five participants displayed great teamwork chipping in to assist our Mentors and ensuring a smooth camp was enjoyed by all. Spotlight at night before bed was great fun providing many laughs. The swimming hole with the rope swing was a camp highlight. Everybody enjoyed evenings around the campfire joking and toasting marshmallows.



## SHORT TERM ACCOMMODATION TRIPS

We are continuing to run our popular Short Term Accommodation (STA) trips. The participants thoroughly enjoy their time away with their support worker and the opportunity to further fulfill their NDIS goals. Our Short Term Accommodation stays are available to anyone. Champion Mentors will tailor these to meet individual requests.

Al had a 4 night stay at Tallebudgera Creek. He went beach walking and hiking, relaxed by the pool, and went out to local restaurants.

Kim went to the Sunshine Coast to visit Australia Zoo and the Sea Life Aquarium, which had been a long standing goal of his.

Dow had a delightful girls night out in Mermaid Beach. Dow was excited to get her hair and makeup done for the occasion. She went out to a nice restaurant and had an enjoyable boogie on the dance floor.

Torey had a luxury week away at Mantra in Coolangatta. She loved being by the beach in such a central location. She spent the week gathering art supplies to make more beautiful dream catchers.

Liam has fortnightly one night stays, spending time at the beach, walking, hiking, cooking and trying new foods. The regular STA trips allow Liam to gain further independence and reach his goals.

If this program is of interest to you please contact Champion Mentors and we will help you plan an adventure to meet your needs.

## HOW WE'RE STAYING COVID-19 SAFE.

Champion Mentors employ a comprehensive Pandemic Plan to ensure the ongoing safety of our clients and employees. Safety is our number one priority and our Pandemic Plan outlines the five phase Action Plan we deploy across our operations to ensure Champion Mentors' best practice is always in place.





## HELLO MELBOURNE!

As you know, we are an NDIS provider servicing in Gold Coast, Brisbane, Northern Rivers NSW, Sydney and now we have opened in Melbourne.

Jara Larter is the new Champion Mentors' Melbourne Regional Manager. He brings a wealth of experience to our team with a solid background in social services, disability care and voluntary support work. Jara has spent several years employed as a student learning support officer in a variety of educational settings and regularly volunteered to share his expertise as a leader on youth camps providing support and guidance to 'at risk' young people.

His dedication to service and support make him an ideal person to introduce and represent Champion Mentors in Melbourne.

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# DISABILITY SERVICE PROVIDER EXPO BRISBANE

On 30th April our team hosted a stall at the Disability Service Provider Expo in Brisbane. It was a great fun-filled couple of days for all involved!

Champion Mentors had a fantastic time meeting some amazing participants and discussing their needs and interests. Our range of sporting equipment was on display and drew in a large crowd which created a fun and exciting atmosphere.

Over the two day expo we were given the opportunity to make valuable connections with other organisations and individuals which will enable us to spread the word of our Champion Mentors team further afield. Champion Mentors received a visit from the NDIA Quality Safeguard Commission who complimented us on our outstanding service.

If you saw us at the expo and would like to chat further, please feel free to contact us at any time!



# DANNY IS BUSY WITH HIS FIRST BUSINESS!

Bradley, one of our Mentors, has worked with 15 year old Danny to assist him to create his first business. Champion Mentors encourage all participants to grow, we allow them to shine and discover their passions and consolidate their skills. Assisting participants to develop life skills, find clarity and discover a sense of direction is a prime goal for Champion Mentors.

Danny has always displayed an amazing attitude around being of service to his local community. Danny loved the idea of being able to earn his own money through being of service to others and mowing people's lawns was a great fit. Danny's services are popular and in demand. With Danny's new business, created with guidance and support from Champion Mentors, Danny is now making choices around balancing work and leisure time. Champion Mentors is very proud of Danny turning his vision into reality.

*"Don't limit your challenges  
challenge your limits"*



## LARS SPREADS HIS WINGS ON THE WIDE OPEN ROAD!

Champion Mentors have been assisting Lars consolidate important life skills and helped him look for and purchase a suitable van for his next adventure, travelling around Australia. Champion Mentors worked with Lars to develop skills in using a diary to support budgeting and planning processes that will be crucial to the success of Lars's travels. Bon voyage Lars! We look forward to seeing some photos of your journey.



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