

From our Chairman

December 2021



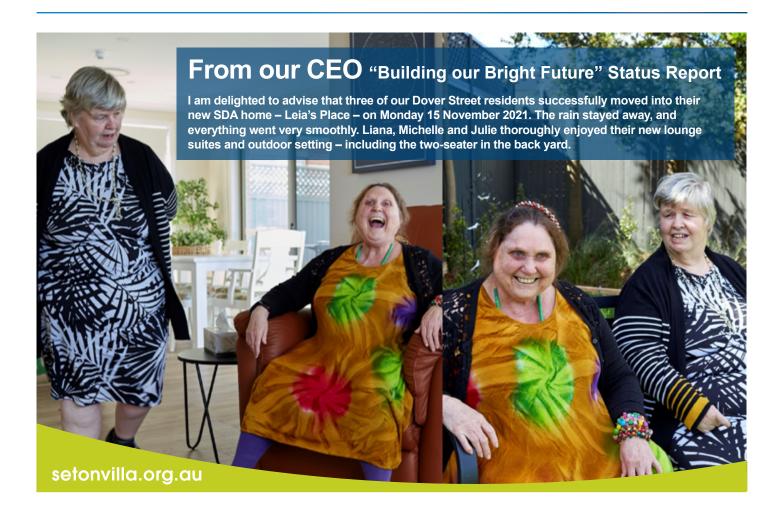
The recent NDS State of the Disability Sector Report is subtitled "Frustration. Pessimism. Confusion. Distress." and is a sobering reflection on perceptions on the current state of the NDIS. Many providers are finding themselves on the brink of financial distress; clients are having their support plans aggressively challenged to reduce costs wherever possible.

Seton Villa is in a very fortunate position compared to many others. We have more than adequate short and long-term reserves and a management team that is preparing for further downward cost pressures. However, if you have the opportunity, please ensure that your concerns are voiced to your State and Federal representatives.

Our latest new home is now replete with residents and we are expecting that the fourth house (Lavender Cottage), will be handed over for occupation early in the new year. We are looking forward forward to completing the final three homes in the next year or so!

Finally, the Board and I wish you all health, happiness, and peace during this holiday season and through the coming year. We look forward to your continued support in 2022 and hope that we will again be able to meet you in person.

Marco Colli Chairman, Seton Villa



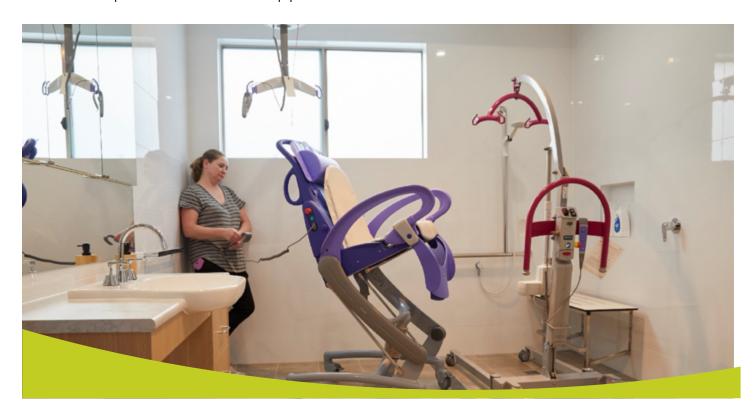
They all had great fun unpacking their belongings in their new bedrooms too.



We are hopeful that Stephanie and Alex will be able to join their housemates in the near future.

In addition to the joy on their faces, Leia's Place has had a marked positive impact upon the atmosphere in the home. To date we have not experienced any tension or behavioural incidents between the residents – which was commonplace whilst living at Dover Street. The wider corridors and open spaces, along with the beautiful décor, have generated a sense of calm and happiness for the women that is delightful for the staff to experience.

We have also completed the training for staff in the use of our new bathroom equipment that will ensure that ablutions can be undertaken safely for residents and staff. Our recent donation of \$100,000 to the Homes For Life crowdfunding campaign has enabled us to purchase this state-of-the-art equipment.



† Fundraising

Please continue to 'like' our <u>facebook.com/</u>
<u>setonvillamarsfield</u> page where we have
commenced the second phase of the fundraising
campaign to purchase a wheelchair hoist for
Leia's Place van. We will also continue to track
the progress of Lavender Cottage, which is due
for completion in early February 2022.



Human Resource Matters

As anticipated in my recent email to you all, Steffani-Jade McDonagh has now commenced in the role of Head of Operations. Steff is a senior leader with international experience in both aged care and disability sectors. Prior to moving to Australia, Steff held CEO and Director roles in charities in London and Ireland, in addition to a regular guest lecturing role at the University of Limerick. After relocating she took a deliberate decision to change the focus of her career by selecting roles that allow her to interact more directly with clients and their families, the source of motivation for her work. We warmly welcome Steff to Seton Villa.





