

L'ARCHE NSW

APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2025

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AN ADVENTURE
IN HUMAN
RELATIONSHIPS



L'ARCHE PRAYER

God, you called us to journey together in L'Arche.
A journey born in the prayer of many.



We share life in the spirit given to us in the
washing of the feet.
We celebrate with song, story, and dance.
We continue our journey with hearts of hope.

AMEN

Written by Kathy Bourke



COMMUNITY LEADER MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

With a full and grateful heart, I write to you in this season of growth, welcome, and hope.

It is my joy to share some exciting news from our L'Arche NSW community,

Areflection of God's faithful hand and the strength of our shared commitment.

After much perseverance, prayer, patience, and our long-awaited new home is finally ready.

Purchased last year, this house has undergone transformation thanks to the dedication of many hands and hearts. Renovations have been completed, turning the space into a warm home, accessible, and filled with promise.

On the weekend of the 13th and 14th of June, we made our final move. It was a moment filled with emotion and anticipation as our core members and team entered their new living space to take up home. This home is more than bricks and mortar, it is a sign of our future and a sanctuary of love and belonging. We would love for you to experience it with us. You are warmly invited to visit the new home in the coming weeks, and especially to join us on Friday the 11th of July, for a special L'Arche blessing and community gathering.

Let us fill the home with laughter, song, shared stories, and prayer as we dedicate it together.

In other wonderful news, the deepening interest in L'Arche's mission and community life continues to open new doors. We are thrilled to share that we have signed a new lease in Croydon to meet this growing interest and need. This new space will allow us to welcome more people into our shared life and create another vibrant home of welcome, mutuality, and joy. We are also preparing to welcome new core members into our community in the coming weeks. These new core members and their families bring their own gifts, stories, and presence that will enrich who we are. We look forward to introducing them to you soon, and we are excited to embrace them with open arms. Watch this space!

Thank you to each of you who walk this journey holding us in fervent prayer, support, time, and love. We are building more than homes; we are building into lives in community of all faiths, and a future filled with promise, that will stand that test of time.

With gratitude and peace,

Krishnee Nair

Community Leader,





The Heart of Community

Support is often found in the quiet, everyday moments, sharing a meal, a laugh, a walk, or simply sitting together in silence. In L'Arche, these moments become sacred. They remind us that community is not built on accomplishments or expectations, but on presence, trust, and love. We celebrate the beauty of each person, not despite our differences, but because of them. Each unique gift adds richness to our shared life, and every voice matters.

True belonging isn't about fitting in, it's about being seen, heard, and embraced just as we are. In L'Arche, we learn that home is created by how we care for one another.

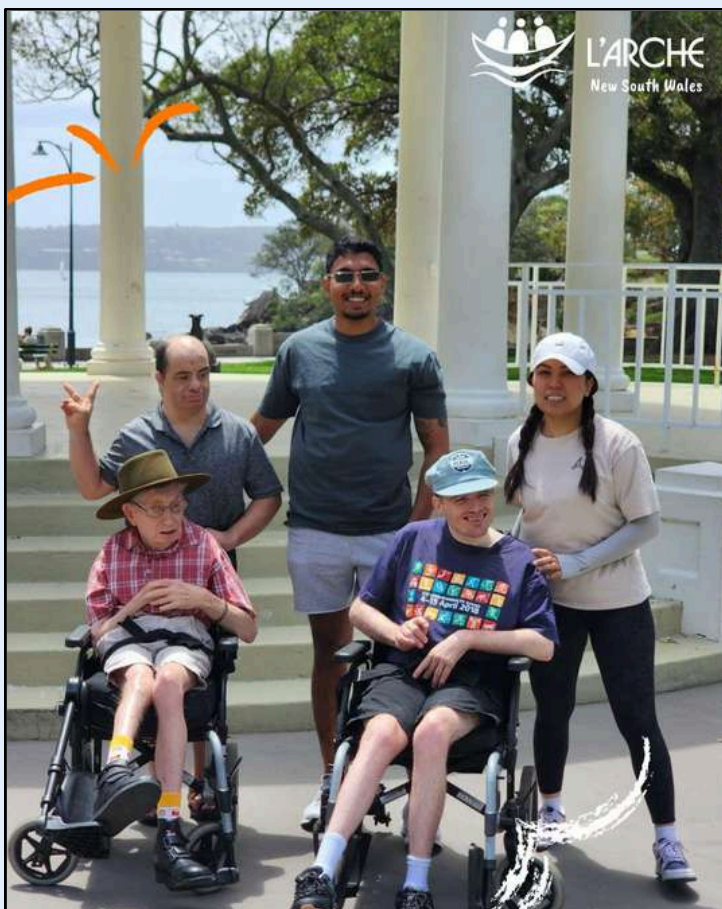
Together, we continue to build a community where every person is valued, where love leads the way, and where no one walks alone.



With and
Without

Disabilities, together we

Create



ANNOUNCING OUR COMMUNITY CONTINUES



We are delighted to keep sharing the spirit of L'Arche with our local communities through our ongoing sausage sizzles! These events have become more than just a fundraiser, they're a celebration of connection, inclusion, and community.

Each sizzle is a chance to meet new faces, reconnect with old friends, and share the mission of L'Arche in a joyful and welcoming way. Behind the BBQ tongs and sausages are stories, laughter, and a powerful reminder that we all belong.

We're not just raising funds, we're raising awareness, one encounter at a time.

If you'd like to join us, whether to lend a hand, share a smile, or simply enjoy the day, we'd love to have you with us. Just let us know!



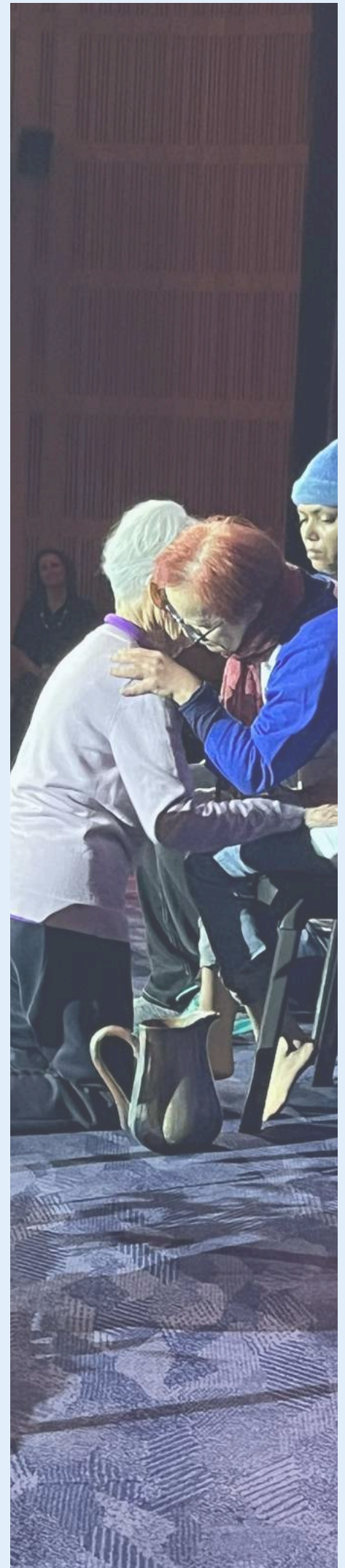
ONE HEART, MANY VOICE CONFERENCE 2025 THE CATHOLIC MISSION



We were honored to be part of the One Heart, Many Voices conference hosted by Catholic Mission, a powerful and inspiring gathering that brought together people from across Australia and beyond.

It was a joy to meet people with a shared mission, to have them listen to our stories, and to stand together in prayer and reflection. We were especially grateful to present a workshop, where we had the chance to listen, learn, and contribute to conversations about mission, inclusion, and community.

Thank you to everyone who made this event so meaningful. We left feeling uplifted, encouraged, and reminded that when we come together with one heart and many voices, beautiful things happen.



WASHING OF THE FEET AND EASTER CELEBRATIONS



At L'Arche, Easter is more than just a holiday, it's a deep and meaningful time where we come together to remember love, service, and new life.

This year, we gathered as a community to celebrate the Washing of the Feet, a powerful act that reminds us of the heart of servant leadership, of humbling ourselves to care for one another with tenderness and dignity. In this simple gesture, we are reminded that everyone has something to give, and everyone has something to receive.

Our Easter celebration was filled with joy, reflection, and shared hope. We lit the Paschal candle, sang songs of resurrection, and rejoiced in the promise of new beginnings. Together, we remembered that love is stronger than fear, and life is stronger than death.

As you scroll through the photos below, we hope you feel the warmth, faith, and togetherness that marked these special days in our community.





Easter Celebration

A large group of people, including adults and children, are gathered outdoors for an Easter celebration. They are standing around a long table covered with a green tablecloth. On the table, there are baskets of decorated Easter eggs, a cutting board with eggshells, and plates. Some people are holding eggs, and others are posing for the camera. The background shows a brick house and a white car parked on a driveway.

A close-up shot of a large bowl filled with many small, round, brown Easter eggs.

A woman in a white polka-dot shirt is standing and talking to two young girls, one in a striped shirt and one in a purple shirt, who are holding small Easter eggs.

A man in a grey shirt and a woman in a white polka-dot shirt are standing outdoors, looking at small Easter eggs they are holding.

A close-up of a single, large, round, brown Easter egg resting on a green and white patterned tablecloth.

A group of people are gathered outdoors, and a woman in a white polka-dot shirt is handing a small Easter egg to a man in a black shirt.

A group of people are standing in a grassy area, and a woman in a white polka-dot shirt is handing a small Easter egg to a man in a black shirt.



OUR EVERYDAY LIFE







THANK YOU MARGARET MARY PARISH -MERRYLANDS

On behalf of all of us at L'Arche NSW, we offer our deepest thanks and heartfelt gratitude for the incredible gift of hospitality you have extended to us over the past
35 years at
19 Victoria Street, Merrylands.

The house was never just a building, it was our home. It was a sanctuary of love, laughter, and belonging for people with intellectual disabilities and for those called to serve alongside them. Within those walls, lives were transformed. Meals were shared, birthdays were celebrated, prayers were whispered, and hearts were opened.

The home became a place where the Gospel came to life, where the last became first, and where every person was seen, known, and cherished as a beloved child of God.

We believe that God's Spirit truly dwelt in that home. It was a place of healing, of joy, and of quiet miracles. Many who entered those doors, whether to live, to visit, or to serve, left changed, touched by the beauty and sacredness of a community built on faith, trust, and love. As we now leave this much-loved home, we carry with us immense gratitude and many precious memories.

We thank you, Margaret Mary Parish, for your faithful stewardship and generosity.

Your partnership in mission has enabled the flourishing of lives, especially those whom Jesus called "the least of these," and in doing so, you have truly served Christ Himself.

We leave this space with hope and thanksgiving, knowing that the seeds planted here will continue to bear fruit for years to come.

With love and blessing,

L'Arche NSW Community



COMMUNITY GATHERING IN OUR PARRAMATTA HOME



We're excited to share that the core members from Merrylands have now moved into their new home in Parramatta! While it was not easy to say goodbye to the Merrylands house, with all its memories, laughter, and shared life, we are filled with hope and gratitude as we begin this next chapter.

To mark this transition, we will be holding a community gathering in the new Parramatta house. This is not the official opening, but rather a gentle blessing of the home, a time to welcome the spirit of L'Arche into this new space and to honour the people who will live, love, and grow within its walls.

We would love for you to join us, to share stories, smiles, and presence as we make this house a home.



**L'Arche NSW invites to join us for
Community Gathering at Parramatta home
Friday - 11th of July 2025
5:30pm to 7:30pm
13 Denison St, Parramatta - 2150 - NSW**





COMMUNITY GATHERING

FRIDAY , JULY 11TH












5:30PM - 7:30PM

13 Denison St, Parramatta

*A COMMUNITY BLESSING FOR OUR NEW HOME IN
PARRAMATTA*



July 2025 Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2 Kumar Rasiah Goi George 	3 	4	5	6
7 Manish Singh Kshetri Julia Angesti 	8	9	10 	11 	12 Peter Dudding 	13
14 Mike Manderson 	15	16	17  Pooja Yakha 	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 			



Thursday Morning Prayer - Homebush Office - 10 am



Community Gathering - 13 Denison Street, Parramatta 2150 - 5:30pm to 7:30pm



Birthdays

Follow us on Social Media



To keep up to date with our news, events and more, please follow our page on the social media portals as "L'Arche New South Wales"

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday - 13th September 2025

Save the date to
join us for a special
time together as we
gather to share a
meal and celebrate
after our annual
walk.



Join L'Arche
Communities
from around the
world who are
Walking Together
in solidarity
as part of our
federation of
37 countries and
160+ Communities.

Walking together

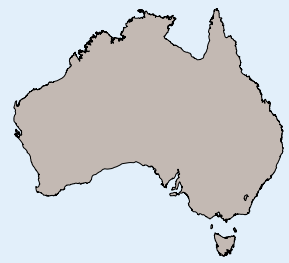


Join us!

WALKING TOGETHER WITH L'ARCHE



NATIONAL NEWS



*We're excited to be part of My Giving Circle Program,
and your vote can help us secure vital funding to continue
our work!*

*Every vote brings us closer to making a bigger impact.
It's quick, free, and only takes a moment! Please take a
second to support us today.*

*Thank you for believing in our mission! Every vote
counts!*

VOTE

<https://mygivingcircle.org/vote>



Or Scan the QR code

New Communities Leaders

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the new Community Leaders across L'Arche Australia

As you step into this significant role, know that you carry the love, support, and prayers of the wider L'Arche family with you. Leadership in L'Arche is a journey of listening, learning, and walking alongside others with compassion and humility.

May your time in this role be filled with moments of deep connection, joyful surprises, and the quiet strength that comes from shared community life.

We believe in you, and we are cheering you on every step of the way.

With gratitude and hope, thank you for your "yes."



Christina Jeong

Community Leader for L'Arche Brisbane



Mel La Brooy

Community Leader for L'Arche Melbourne



Kevin Bourke

Community Leader for L'Arche Bendigo

INTERNATIONAL NEWS



<https://www.larche.org>

L'Arche in Partnership at The Zero Project Conference 2025

This year, in partnership with Zero Project, L'Arche Canada, L'Arche UK, and L'Arche International partnered on a groundbreaking video series highlighting this global Disability Inclusion conference at the United Nations in Vienna. The annual Zero Project Conference has become a unique global meeting place to innovate for disability inclusion. The conference highlights Awardees from around the world who are creating innovative projects that can be scaled.



For more information and stories, please visit the link :

<https://www.larche.org/about-larche/news/this-is-my-story-may-banting-mantas-karpavicius/>

Get involved

L'Arche's work is simple. Across the globe we invite people with and without intellectual disabilities to build communities together. There are many different L'Arche models, but people always spend time together, share experiences together and offer companionship to one another as well as offering help when it's needed.





Trosly-Breuil, Monday, 9 June 2025

Dear friends of La Ferme,

I am writing to give you some information about the closure of La Ferme. The spiritual centre and community will close at the end of July 2025, and the charity will be dissolved at the end of December 2025. On 21 May, the National Council of L'Arche in France met to finalise a number of decisions concerning this closure, but also the future of this beautiful place and the paths that are opening up to make best use of the spiritual heritage of La Ferme in other ways. Below you will find the letter in which Pierre Jacquand, national leader of L'Arche in France, presents in detail the decisions taken and the shape of these new paths.

As for us, the members of the community, whether employee or volunteer at the spiritual centre of La Ferme, we are still mourning the loss of a community that has given us, and continues to give us, much life! At the same time, we acknowledge reality and recognise the new signs of life that are emerging such as the 'Spiritual Life Team' for L'Arche in France, and the potential of a new and life-giving project at La Ferme (see the letter of Pierre below). These new initiatives are helping us to live this time of transition with hope.

As we reflect on the history of La Ferme, two key words stand out: 'welcome' and 'gratitude.'

Welcome: it is close to our hearts and has given us so much joy! Welcoming those who are fragile, weak, on the margins of our society. Welcoming members of our L'Arche communities around the world for retreats and formations. Welcoming, in person, a wide variety of groups and individuals from the general public. In these last post-Covid years, welcoming so many via video conferencing for our international retreats and seminars. In all of this, welcoming the presence of God in prayer, in worship and the Eucharist, and in every person welcomed over the past 54 years.

Gratitude: this is the second key word... gratitude for the light, but recognition also of the shadows of our history, woven together. Recognition in the three senses of the word: 'recognition' of the voices of victims; 'recognition' in the sense of gratitude for all those welcomed and touched in this place by the unconditional love of God, and for all the life given and received; 'recognition', finally, as we 'sense' the paths ahead, glimpsing a posterity rich in potential, as the spiritual fruitfulness of La Ferme unfolds in a different way.

On 21 June at La Ferme, there will be an event to mark our closure. There will be a presentation of a video montage that weaves together the elements of our history through the powerful and inspiring testimonies of eight people. There will also be a Liturgy to give thanks to God for all the life and grace given and received at La Ferme over the past 54 years, despite the shadows. I invite you to join us in thought and prayer on that day. Thank you so much for your support, your friendship and your faithfulness!

With our friendship and prayers and everyone at La Ferme

[Click here and read Tim's letter in PDF](#)

[Click here and read Pierre Jacquand's letter in PDF](#)

If you would like to send a message of thanks. This is a meaningful opportunity to express our deep appreciation for all they have shared over the years.

Please send your message to : essa.chahine@larche.org.au

Dear friends,

As you now already know, La Ferme is closing after the Summer '25.

Therefore, our upcoming summer online retreat will be the very last of its kind!

It's not going to be only that: we just finished recording its talks and we can assure you it will be a nourishing & inspiring one.

This is why we're very glad to invite you to...

☀️ Brother Sun & Sister Moon 😊

Francis of Assisi: A Saint for our World today!

This online meditation retreat includes:

📺 5 pre-recorded talks given by Hazel Bradley

🕯️ Each talk being followed by a 20-minute meditation time, introduced and concluded by Hazel



Member of L'Arche for 40+ years, former community leader in L'Arche in India, now animating a theater group in L'Arche London (UK), Hazel has given numerous retreats for La Ferme. Her meditations are profound, joyful, based on her experience but also on artworks and a large variety of texts and inspirations from different cultures.

Option 1 🖱️ Live it online in 5 days

📅 July 2025, 7th to 11th

🙏 If you wish so, you will be paired with a prayer partner during the retreat

Option 2 🖱️ spread the 5 talks over 5 weeks

📅 From July 2025, 7th

🖱️ More info on www.lafermedelarche.org/en/sessions/brothersunsistermoon/

✉️ To register for this retreat, send us a mail to welcome@lafermedetrosly.co

Of course, you can forward this invitation to anyone who would be interested.
We do hope to have you with us!

Take care,

For the team of La Ferme

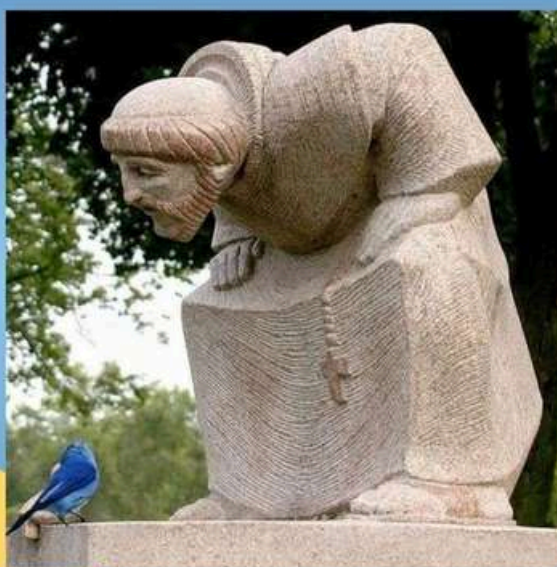
Paul, Thomas & Tim



Brother Sun & Sister Moon

Francis of Assisi: A Saint for our World today!

English online retreat



2025
JULY
7th - 11th

or
during
5 weeks

Hazel Bradley
story-teller
retreat-giver
& former
community leader
in L'Arche in India



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Winter Recipe



VEGETABLE SOUP

3 tablespoons olive oil
2 cups chopped onion, 1 large
1 ½ cups chopped carrot, 3 to 4 carrots
1 ½ cups chopped celery, 2 to 3 stalks
2 tablespoons tomato paste
4 teaspoons minced garlic, 4 cloves
¾ teaspoon ground fennel seed
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
½ teaspoon fine sea salt, plus more to taste

1/8 to 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, optional for heat
1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes with their liquid
6 cups (1420ml) stock or broth, see our [veggie broth](#) or [chicken stock](#)
2 cups chopped potato, 2 medium
3 to 4 heaped cups chopped or shredded cabbage
2 bay leaves
1 cup frozen peas
½ teaspoon apple cider vinegar or fresh lemon juice, optional

Directions

- Heat the olive oil in a large pot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the onions, carrots, celery, and tomato paste. Cook, stirring often, until the vegetables have softened and the onions are translucent, 8 to 10 minutes.
- Add the garlic, fennel, black pepper, 1/2 teaspoon of salt, and the red pepper flakes. Cook, while stirring, for one minute.
- Pour in the canned tomatoes and their juices and the stock/broth.
- Add the potatoes, cabbage, and bay leaves. Raise the heat to medium-high and bring the soup to a boil. Partially cover the pot with a lid, then reduce the heat to maintain a low simmer.
- Simmer for 20 minutes or until the potatoes and other vegetables are tender. Add the frozen peas and cook for five more minutes.
- Remove the pot from the heat and remove the bay leaves. Stir in the cider vinegar (or use lemon juice). Taste and season with more salt, pepper, or vinegar. Serve.

We Pray together



LORD, HEAR OUR
PRAYER.

AMEN

And We Give Thanks for



Loving God,

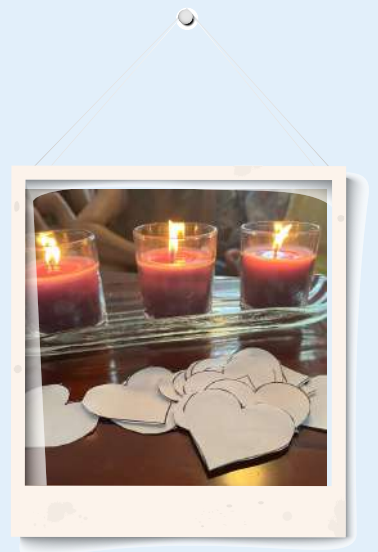
We thank You for the many blessings in our community,
for new beginnings, new leaders, and the gentle spirit of
transition.

As we are in our journey, we ask that You guide us with wisdom,
courage, and a heart rooted in love.

We give thanks for the memories shared in the Merrylands house,
and we ask for Your blessing upon the new home in Parramatta,
that it may be a place of belonging, peace, and joyful community.
We are grateful for the chance to gather, serve, and grow
through simple moments, BBQs, workshops, prayer, and shared
meals.

In all of these, may we continue to see Your presence among us.
We pray for our community members who are unwell,
wrap them in comfort and restore their strength.

We pray for peace in our world,
and for a spirit of welcome and understanding in all we do.
And we remember with love those who have gone before us.
May their memory remain alive in our hearts,
and may their legacy of care continue to shape our path.
With gratitude and hope, we lift these prayers to You.



- Gift of each other—the companionship, love, and trust that unite us as a community.
- For our L'Arche family, for all who share in this journey of life together.
- For our coordinators, leaders, and all who serve L'Arche NSW with dedication. May they continue to be guided by the lord wisdom and grace as they nurture a spirit of inclusion, joy, and belonging.

2025-26 NDIS Pricing Arrangement and Price Limits released

16 June 2025

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/10778-2025-26-ndis-pricing-arrangement-and-price-limits-released>

The updated NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits (PAPL) 2025-26 has been published, following the release of the 2024-25 Annual Pricing Review recommendations.

The PAPL (previously the NDIS Price Guide) assists participants and disability support providers in understanding how price controls for supports and services work in the NDIS.

The pricing updates come into effect on 1 July 2025.

The NDIA has made further PAPL updates, in addition to the APR recommendations. These include:

Changing the early childhood age limit from 7 to 9 years old.

The early childhood approach now covers children up to 9 years old. This change is shown in the PAPL.

New text added to explain provider responsibilities and conflicts of interest.

This explains a provider's duty to declare and manage any conflict of interest.

Visit the Pricing arrangements page to download the updated 2025-26 PAPL and support catalogues.

Scam alert – beware of emails asking you to update bank details

24 April 2025

<https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/10699-scam-alert-beware-emails-asking-you-update-bank-details>

We are aware of a fraudulent email imitating an NDIS provider newsletter targeting NDIS participants.

Some participants may have received an email asking them to sign into the NDIS portal to update bank account details.

This email included a link which, if clicked, directs participants to a fake webpage where the user is asked to provide personal login details.

The NDIS will never ask you to click a link to update bank details through email, text message or direct message on social media.

What to do if you clicked the link in scam email

Login to the NDIS participant portal via myGov or the myNDIS mobile app, and change your NDIS login details and myGov login details as soon as possible.

Confirm that your bank details, phone number and email address are correct. If they are incorrect, contact us so we can help you update them.

Contact us

If you have been impacted by a scam and need support, please call the National Contact Centre on 1800 800 110.

How to know, spot and report scams

We want to help participants learn more about scams and fraud, especially how to know it, spot it and report it.

Understanding what scams are will support participants to protect their plans.

Be suspicious of unexpected contact or unsolicited requests for your NDIS details.

Please call the NDIS Fraud Reporting and Scams Helpline on 1800 650 717 to report a scam.

We are continuing to work with participants, their nominees and providers to make improvements to how we detect, prevent and respond to fraud in the NDIS.

We value your feedback



At L'Arche NSW, your feedback is important as it helps us to know what we are doing well, and what we need to improve on. We especially welcome feedback from our members with disabilities and their families, the community and the general public.

These guidelines explain how members with a disability, their families, friends, staff, advocates and people in the community, can give us their feedback or lodge a complaint.

If you would like to submit feedback, you can:



- Phone the office: 02 9787 8132
- Email us at: sydney@larche.org.au
- Please send us your feedback to: L'Arche NSW Inc - 51 Burlington Road Homebush, 2140
- A discussion with our Community Leader: Krishnee Nair - 02 9787 8132
- A feedback/complaint form and a prepaid envelope have been provided to each household. Simply fill out the form and post it back to our office—no postage required.
- If you wish to be anonymous while making your complaints, please contact Community Leader directly on 02 9787 8132.

L'Arche collects and uses personal information, including sensitive information, in relation to your feedback or query and we are committed to the proper handling of personal information in accordance with L'Arche Privacy policy.



If you would like to share a photo, story, events, news or send a greeting for someone's birthday, anniversary, seasonal greeting, Please send it to Essa Chahine
essa.chahine@larche.org.au



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L'Arche NSW Community

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creating a sense of belonging and support"*

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