

# **7** Identitywa

Supporting people to live fulfilled & independent lives





#### **Our Vision**

All people live with a sense of purpose, a sense of belonging and a sense of wellbeing.



#### **Our Mission**

Identitywa works in partnership with individuals and families to build a community where people with disability enjoy a fulfilled life.

We support individuals to achieve their goals, whatever they may be. We offer families the support they need.



Above all else, we make a commitment to act. We will look for the opportunities rather than seeing the barriers.

Our approach will be objective, transparent and fair. We will always be honest and open and no matter how challenging, we will endeavour to see it through to the end.

#### Who are we?

For over 40 years, Identitywa has been supporting people with disability from birth to over 65 years of age.

(Our oldest participant is over 80!)

We are one of WA's largest disability support agencies working across Perth. When you make contact with us, we will arrange for our Community Engagement Advisor to visit you to discuss your individual needs and goals.

### How we support you

#### We listen

We ask you what you believe are the right supports to improve the quality of your life.

#### We support

We then support you closely to navigate the NDIS to ensure you are accessing all the funding and resources you are eligible for.

#### We connect

If we can't assist you we make sure we connect you with someone who can!

#### We act

When circumstances change in your life, we can work with you to reassess what supports are relevant to your changing needs.



#### **Our Services**

# Short Term Accommodation (Respite) for Children & Adults

Zhiqing loves her short breaks at Identitywa's Children's House.

For Zhiqing's family, being able to access the respite services at Identitywa's Children's House in Riverton is very important.

Zhiqing has been having short stays at the house for over four years. Her support workers say she is always happy to see her friends at respite.

"Her time there gives us all a break to recharge, which we are grateful to have," shares her Mum, Lizzy.

"The support workers at the house are friendly and well trained in caring for children.

"They always communicate with me to make sure they can accommodate Zhiqing's and our family's needs," said Lizzy.

"I have full confidence that she is well taken care of and we love that she is developing new skills to assist her in being independent outside our home."

Having a short
break from
home enjoying
familiar and new
experiences is a
fantastic way to
recharge knowing
all your needs will
be supported.

Whether it is overnight, a few days or longer, we can discuss what you need to ensure you feel comfortable and safe.



# Social & Community Participation



Participating in community life, meeting new friends and having fun are all part of Social & Community Participation.

Harold and Dom go 'Drifting'

"An early morning start doesn't bother Harold or me," said Dom.

"When we head off to Wanneroo Raceway for the high-speed, we just love it!

"We go 'Drift' racing with a professional driver who drives a very fast racing car. It is really exciting and lots of fun!" said Dom.





#### **Our Services**

#### Supported Independent Living (SIL)



"Living near the beach where I can ride my bike makes me very happy," says Geoff.

"I ride my bike to the beach and walk to cafes to have a coffee."

Geoff shares his house in South Fremantle with his housemate, Alan.

Some of their favourite things to do are walking along South Terrace chatting to people, riding on the CAT Bus around Fremantle, and drinking a cold beer at the local Irish Pub.



Identitywa has over 45 houses located across Perth's suburbs. Participants living in these homes contribute within their household and connect actively to their community.



#### **Support Coordination**

Accessing supports to achieve the absolute best outcomes for people who trust us with their NDIS journey is at the heart of what our Support Coordinators do.

They will take the time to:

- Listen to you to ensure they understand your particular circumstances.
- Research the individual supports available through the NDIS which can enable you to reach your goals.
- Connect you to service providers who understand what you are trying to achieve.

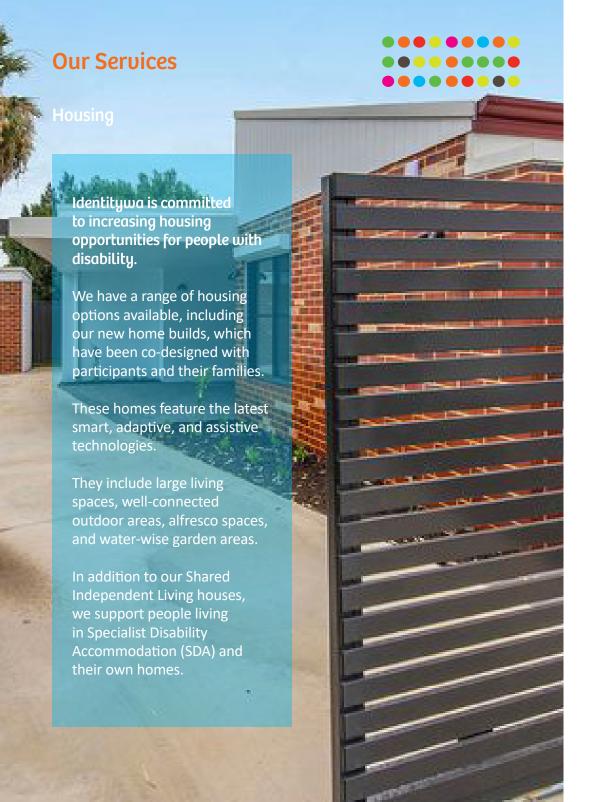
 Make sure all your paperwork such as your service agreements and bookings are up-to-date.

Prepare, with you, your annual NDIS plan review.

And finally, support you to exercise choice and control when things need to change in your plan.



her Identitywa support coordinator, Ben, is working closely with Christine to make this a reality.











### Notes

## Additional support - Our Allied Health Team

Our team of allied health professionals support all our services and is committed to achieving positive outcomes for the health and well-being of our participants.

We want people to be living their best life!

Led by our Manager of Allied Health, the team comprises:

- Clinical Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Positive Behaviour Support Practitioners
- Speech Pathologists





