

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Our CEO Justin O'Meara Smith recently rolled up his sleeve to get the COVID-19 jab. The vaccine is now available to people with disability, support workers and carers over 16. Vaccinations can help to protect yourself and others and are a great way to do your part to keep WA safe, they are however voluntary.

There are currently two COVID-19 vaccines approved in Australia the [AstraZeneca vaccine](#) and the [Pfizer vaccine](#). There are several locations you can get your jab, including the government's community vaccination clinics at Claremont, Joondalup, Kwinana and Redcliffe. Vaccination bookings are essential and can be made online. Please let us know if you need any support.

Find additional information on our [website](#).



"I had my COVID-19 vaccine. It was painless and the nurse was excellent."

- Justin -



**Roll up
for WA**
COVID-19 Vaccination

Happy 30th Anniversary Interchange

We couldn't be more proud of all the amazing things our organisation, our employees and our customers have achieved in the past 30 years, to make a difference in the lives of people with disability.

We have seen many changes over the years, however Interchange has always stayed true to the vision of its founders - Everyone Belongs. Someone who has been with us from the very beginning, are Interchange founding members Ron Read and his daughter Annette. Annette just celebrated her 50th birthday and told us with her dad where their AND our journey began. Watch the video [HERE](#).

Thank you for being part of our community, supporting us in what we are doing best - helping people with disability to live a good life.

Find out more about us and our founding story by visiting our [website](#).



"Interchange gave my daughter a life."

- Ron -

WA Disability Support Awards

Our organisation could not do what we do without our dedicated and passionate employees. It is time to give back and recognise some of the people who are the heart of our organisation – our frontline support workers!

With your support, 10 of our incredible Interchangers have been nominated for the [WA Disability Support Awards](#) for making a true difference in the lives of the people they support. We are incredibly proud to have people like these amongst us, providing you with the best support possible.

Congratulations to all the nominees!

- Joel's Individual Living Options Team which empowered the young man to live independently, and exercise choice and control.
- Maddington Support Worker Kylie who helped Jordan find meaningful work for the first time in 8 years.
- Myaree Support Worker Gail who supported Frances to be an active member of her local community.

Do you have a Support Worker who deserves special recognition? Our 'I Think You Are Awesome' employee recognition program, shines light on Interchangers who go above and beyond in their roles. Simply send your nomination to hello@interchangewa.org.au.



We are Team Interchange

Belonging is one of our core values and we definitely felt the love at our recent iBelong employee event. We had an amazing day with all these fabulous Interchangers by sharing stories, recognising everyone's excellent work and celebrating the great achievements of the people we support.

Go, Team Interchange!



Do you know someone who would like to join Team Interchange - send them [HERE](#).



Planning & Funding

Are you making the most of your NDIS funding? We know maximising your funding to achieve your goals can be tough. Your Community Engager is here to help. Together you can explore how to best use your NDIS funding to maximise the benefits of your plan and get to where you want to be, faster.

They will help you to understand your funding and its purposes and suggest support solutions that focus on you, your interests and personal goals. Your Community Engager will also check in with you during the life of your plan to review your funding and goals and ensure everything is on track.

Are you interested in a 'Planning Session'?

Find out more about how to utilise your plan to get the most out of it. Simply email hello@interchangewa.org.au.



"I want to live independently one day. My support team helps me to achieve this goal."

- Charlotte -



Connecting to your community

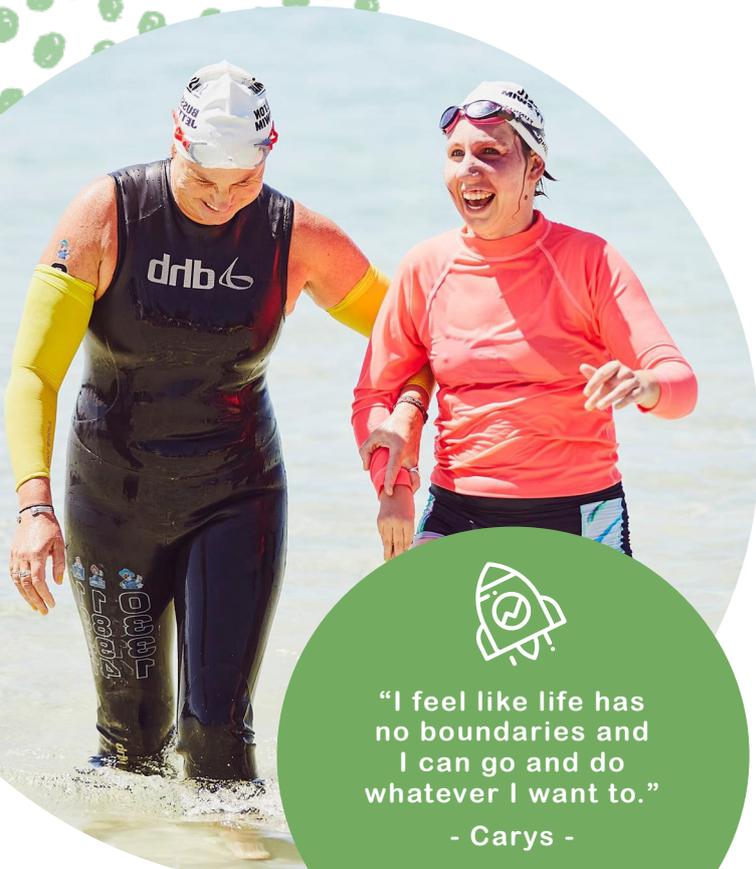
26-year-old Carys has been part of our Interchange community for the past eight years and has not stopped working hard and chasing her dreams since. She is a swimmer, a homeowner, a student, an employee, a traveller and a valued member of her local community.

We know how important it is for you to have valued roles and be a part of your community. This could mean connecting with your neighbours, attending local activities and groups, or follow any other interests and goals you have.

As an active and engaged community member you can develop valuable relationships, skills and a sense of belonging.

Did you always want to join your local choir group, take fitness classes, or try out a new hobby? Let us know! Our Support Workers are happy to follow your lead, interests and goals to help you connect with your community.

Find out more about how we can support you in the community [HERE](#).



"I feel like life has no boundaries and I can go and do whatever I want to."

- Carys -

Develop skills with us!

Interchange recently partnered with Transperth and Western Australia's Individualised Services (WAIIS) to deliver some important workshops and information sessions to you.

Transperth Facilitated Network Tour

Many of our valued customers joined Transperth for a tour to find out how to make the most of Perth's public transport. The practical, hands on session, covered everything from planning your journey to accessible services and safety. If you would be interested in another tour please let us know.

WAIIS Safeguards Session

Everyone has the right to the supports and services they need and for these services to be good quality. We invited WAIIS for a NDIS Quality and Safeguards session to inform you about the Commission and how they ensure people with disability feel safe and have good quality services.

The workshop covers

- The NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission
- What they do
- Your rights
- Your service provider's obligations

Interested? Visit the next WAIIS Safeguarding session on July 23 in Lakelands. Please RSVP [HERE](#). Or let us know if you are interested in other sessions coming up at hello@interchangewa.org.au.



“We talked with WAIIS about safety and what I can do to make sure I get good services.”

- Jenny -

New NDIS Price Guide

The National Disability Insurance Agency has released the 2021/22 price guide, now called [NDIS Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits](#), with the new prices to take effect from 1 July.

Prices have increased by 2.95% to fund the national minimum wage increase and superannuation guarantee for staff. Unfortunately the Agency chose not to increase the Participant budgets believing most people will not be impacted by changes to the price limits and that they have processes in place to monitor participant budgets.

Participants can request a plan review if needed. If you have questions about what this means for you please email us at hello@interchangewa.org.au or call the Agency on 1800 800 110. You can find out more about the new pricing arrangements on the [NDIS website](#).



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