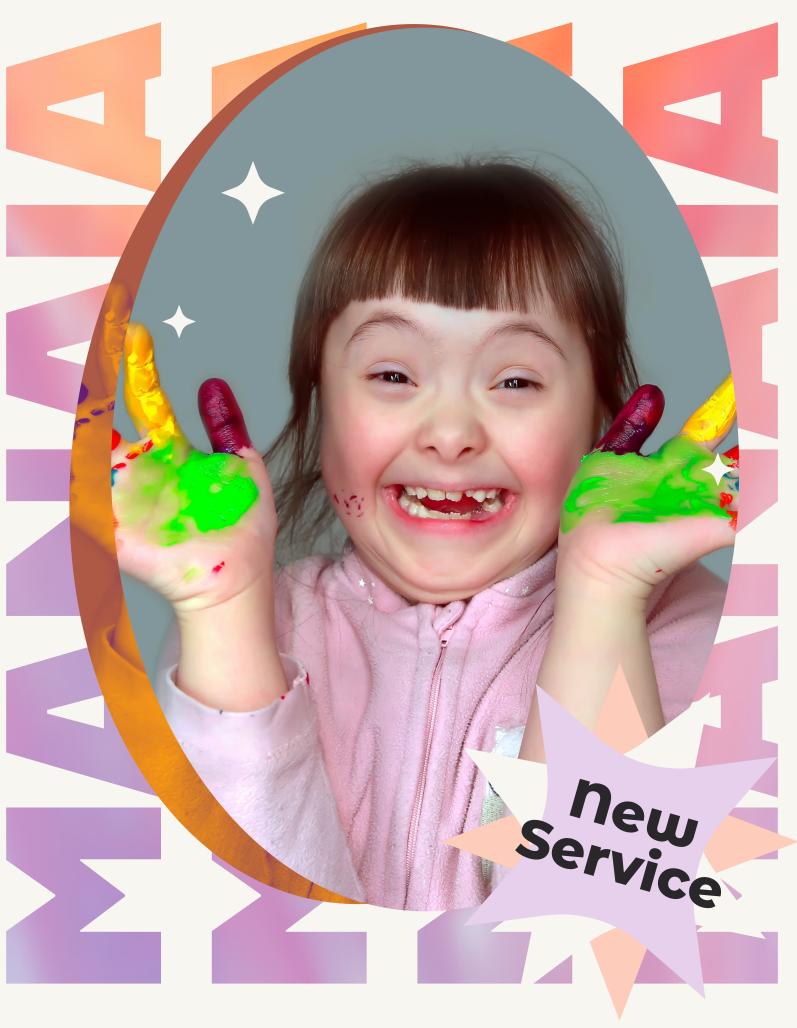
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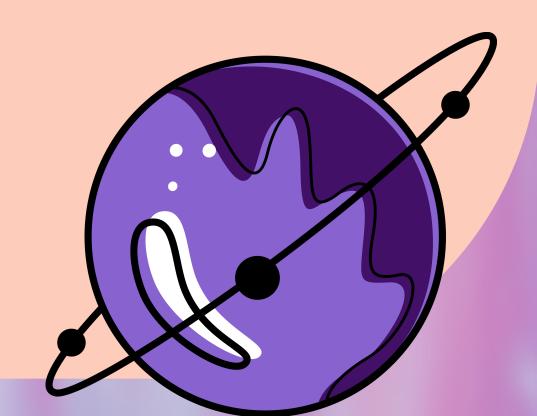
## Welcome to Manaia Assist newsletter

# This month, we're bringing you the latest news and updates from our team, so you can stay informed about what's happening in the world of Manaia Assist.

As always, our focus remains on providing exceptional care and support to our clients, particularly children and young people. We believe in creating a safe and nurturing environment that prioritizes their needs, wants and aspirations. This is why our Children's Services are designed to cater to the care, education and developmental needs of children, while also supporting families through various programs and services.

So, read on to learn more about what Manaia Assist has been up to this month and how we are making it easier for you and

your loved ones to access the services you need



## Walk and Talk: May

One of our favourite events we host is the Walk and Talk as it provides a safe and welcoming environment for participants to socialise and get some fresh air. These sessions will allow you to work at your own pace in order to gain greater self-knowledge and empowerment.

We believe that these workshops will be beneficial in helping people find joy in their lives and reach their full potential. So why not join us at our next Walk & Talk? We'll be doing a BBQ again!



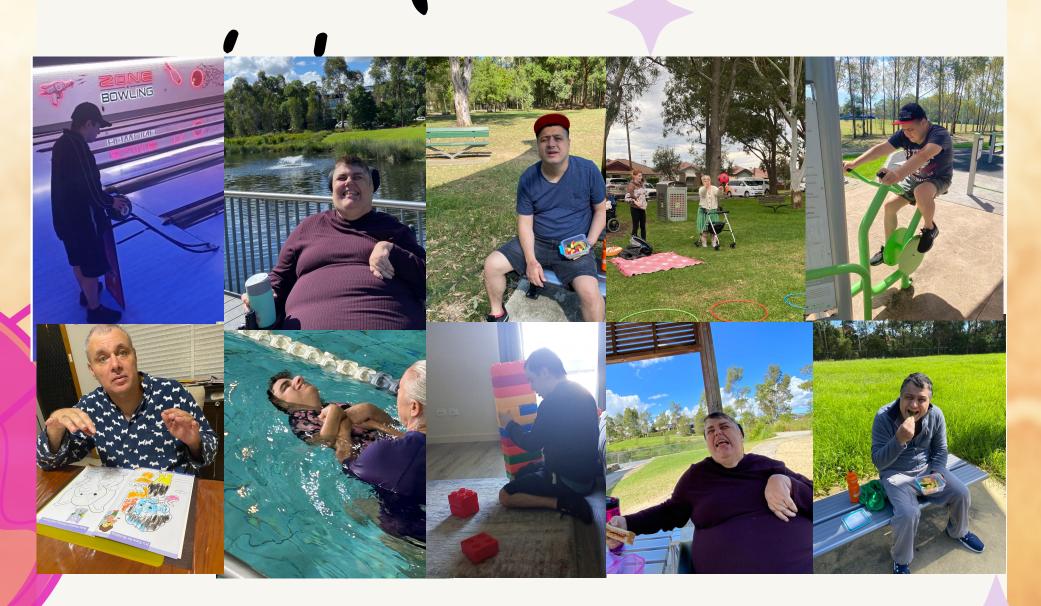
## Coming Up

10th May 2023, 10:00am – 2:00pm. At East Hill Park, 574A Henry Lawson Dr, East Hills NSW 2213

Email us to RSVP!



# Fun Inider the Sun



Summer is always a fun and exciting time for everyone, especially for kids! At Manaia Assist's Children's Services, we strive to provide a safe and enjoyable summer experience for our clients. We have captured some of the best moments from our clients' summer activities.

We are excited to share some photos of our clients having fun during the summer. As you will see, they enjoyed a range of activities, both indoor and outdoor. We are excited to share some photos of our clients having fun during the summer. As you will see, they enjoyed a range of activities, both indoor and outdoor.

We have Peter enjoying colouring time, Joseph playing with giant blocks and bowling, Sara expressing her love for music by playing the piano, and Alexia splashing in the pool indoors.

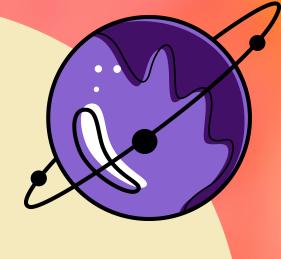
We also have some of our clients enjoying the outdoors, such as Justine having a blast at the park and enjoying some delicious snacks, Tony keeping himself healthy by eating and exercising at the park, and Rosemary having a fun time playing ball.

We believe in promoting healthy and active lifestyles for our clients, and these photos are just a glimpse into the fun and fulfilling experiences that they get to have while under our care.

At Manaia Assist's Children's
Services, we believe that every
child deserves a happy and
memorable summer experience.
By offering various activities both
indoor and outdoor, we aim to
cater to the individual preferences
of our clients. Our goal is to create
a safe environment where they
can explore and learn new things,
make friends, and have fun!







## Promoting a Safe Environment for Children

At Manaia Assist, we believe that every child deserves to grow and develop in a safe and supportive environment.

With our Youth Services / Children's Services, we strive to meet the diverse needs of children and their families through a range of programs and supports. Whether it's providing respite care for parents, offering educational and developmental programs for children, or offering financial assistance, we are committed to making a positive difference in the lives of children and their families.





Our Children's Services are designed to promote the well-being of children by providing a range of supports to meet their unique needs. From providing mentoring to offering supervised residential care and community access, our programs are tailored to ensure that children have the best possible chance of reaching their full potential. Additionally, we offer grants and funding for organisations providing services to families, further demonstrating our commitment to supporting children and their families.

Through our Children's Services, we aim to create a safe and supportive environment for children where they can thrive and develop to their full potential. By offering a range of supports, we are able to meet the diverse needs of children and their families, ensuring that every child has access to the resources they need to succeed. At Manaia Assist, we believe that every child deserves the chance to achieve their dreams and we are committed to helping them do just that.

It is paramount that children are provided with a safe and secure environment to grow, learn and explore. Manaia Assist's Children's Services is an organisation dedicated to promoting a safe and nurturing environment for children. Manaia Assist is dedicated to providing the necessary support and resources to children and teenagers that help them live a life free from fear or harm.







## Promoting a Safe Environment for Children

#### **Mentoring Programs**

Mentoring is a service that offers gender and culture-specific support for young people. The program matches participants with a mentor who shares similar interests and experiences. The mentor acts as a role model and offers support to help participants achieve their goals. Overall, our Children's Services aim to meet the needs of children in a safe and nurturing environment. We value the wants and needs of children and aim to prevent or minimize harm that may impact them. By offering a range of services, we can provide the appropriate level of care and support to meet the unique needs of each child.

Moreover, as part of our commitment to providing the best possible care to children, we oversee the implementation of various schemes and practices that promote child safety. This includes the Reportable Conduct Scheme and Child Safe Scheme, which aim to ensure that children are protected from harm and abuse.

Manaia Assist is committed to promoting a safe environment for children through their Children's Services. Through this service, Manaia Assist puts the needs of children first, taking into account their thoughts, behaviours and actions, while striving to prevent and minimise any potential harm that may come their way.

#### **Respite Care**

Respite Care is an overnight stay program for children for up to seven days. This service is aimed to support families who need a break from their caring responsibilities or to allow them to take care of other important tasks. This service is ideal for families who need a break but do not require permanent residential care.

## Specialised Substitute Residential Care (SSRC)

The Supervised Residential Care and Community Access program is available to children who are unable to live with their families or need support to do so. Our staff provide 24-hour supervision to ensure that the children receive the necessary care and support. The program also encourages children to participate in various community activities and attend school.

SSRC is an arrangement between a parent and an organisation for a child to receive care away from their usual home, for 3 or more nights in any 7-day period. The care must be:

- for respite
- for behaviour support or
- funded by the National Disability
  Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

Types of care that can be provided by SSRC services include:

- stays of 3 or more nights within a 7-day period in a group home, respite, hotel, or Airbnb environment (days do not need to be consecutive)
- overnight or short-term accommodation in a group home or respite environment
- overnight stays of 3 or more nights with another family in a 'host family' arrangement
- longer-term residential care
- camps of 3 or more nights that focus on respite or behaviour support and
- accommodation provided under the
  NSW Bail Assistance Program.
   SSRC can be a one-off arrangement
  made in an emergency or involve frequent
  or long-term care. These arrangements
  can be funded in several ways, including
  direct payment by families, the Bail
  Assistance Program or through the NDIS.



## SIL

## **Supported Independent Living**

vacancy in Marrickville and Campsie

Manaia Assist currently has two vacancies available in our housing services! We have one room available in Campsie, and two rooms available in Marrickville.

## The Campsie Room

This is perfect for a single female, with built-in robes and extra cupboards in the front of the house. It also features a spacious backyard with an outdoor entertainment area and vegetable garden. The kitchen area includes two lounge areas, one in front and one in back. It's also conveniently located close to the train station, as well as shops and restaurants.

- Campsie 1 room, Female only
- 1 bedroom available
- Built in robes and extra cupboards at front of the house
- Spacious backyard with outdoor entertainment area
- Vegetable garden
- Kitchen area
- 2 lounge areas, 1 in front and 1 in back
- Close to the train station
- Close to Campsie shops and restaurants





#### The Marrickville Room

These rooms are open to both males and females. Each room is furnished and includes a large kitchen area that is shared between the two rooms. There's also a garden area, two bathrooms, and the property is secured. Plus, it's close to the train station and shops, with lots of restaurants to choose from.

- Marrickville Site 2 rooms, Male/Female
- 2 bedrooms available
- Furnished rooms
- Large kitchen area (shared)
- Garden area
- 2 bathrooms
- Secured property
- Close to the train station
- Close to shops and lots of restaurants to choose from
  If you're looking for a place to stay, or if you know someone
  who needs a place to live, be sure to get in touch with Manaia
  Assist right away! We look forward to helping you find the perfect
  home for you or your loved one!





We're excited to introduce you to our new recruits! Manaia Assist has recently brought on board a team of highly-skilled and dedicated individuals who share our passion for providing safe and nurturing environments for children.

Our new recruits bring with them a wealth of experience in the fields of child care, education, and social work. They have all undergone rigorous training and are equipped with the skills and knowledge to provide the highest level of care for our clients.



## **Shilta Singh**

Shilta has a positive outlook in like and always respectful towards others.
She is currently studying Diploma of Community Services and has been with us for a few months.

### Vilimaina Dakulala

Vilimaina has good communication and patience when dealing with participants.



#### **Ebere Okoli**

Ebere is very
well-spoken,
empathetic and has
good listening skills.
She is also an
awarded Pharmacist
and has a Diploma in
Community Services.

#### Esiteri Dikou

Esiteri priotises and cares about the participants. She is looking forward to further her studies and become a RN!

#### Elene Ravosai

Elene speaks his mind with heaps of wisdom and is not afraid to voice his opinion when needed. He was a correctional officer and has experienced working both with the youth and community support.

We're thrilled to have them on board and look forward to the positive impact they will have on the children and families we serve. With their help, we can continue to uphold our commitment to promoting a safe and supportive environment for all children.





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