

Bringing it!

Sydney Disability
Connection Expo 2023.



*World of
possibilities
for Meagan.*

*Support
and care for
children.*

**WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION
OF THE MANAIA ASSIST NEWSLETTER!**

To celebrate our June edition, we are 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.

Read on to learn more about what Manaia Assist has been up to in the mid-year and how we are making it easier for you and your loved ones to access the services you need!



UNLOCKING JOY and FULFILMENT:

Manaia Assist Creates a World of Possibilities for...

Meagan



IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE YOUR INTERESTS AND PASSIONS ARE NOT LIMITED BY YOUR DISABILITY. A WORLD WHERE EVERY DAY BRINGS NEW ADVENTURES, JOY, AND A REAL SENSE OF PURPOSE. THIS IS THE WORLD THAT MANAIA ASSIST WAS ABLE TO CREATE FOR MEAGAN.

Meagan, like many individuals (living with their disabilities) with disabilities, faced challenges in exploring her interests and creating a fulfilling routine on her own. But when Manaia Assist stepped in, everything changed. Working with Meagan, we were able to plan activities that aligned with her ideals. We also discovered lots of love for nature and animals and understood the profound happiness these elements brought to her life.

PICTURE THIS: On sunny days filled with laughter, Meagan's support worker would whisk her away to a nearby park to let her worries dissipate so that Meagan could find tranquility of her surroundings, creating a sense of peace that transcended her disability.

But Manaia Assist's commitment went even further. We nurtured Meagan's love for animals, taking her on awe-inspiring adventures to places like Waterview and the local zoo.

As Meagan observed the majestic creatures that crossed her path, her eyes lit up with excitement. As a profound connection formed between her and the animals she had been dreaming of for so long, in those moments, Meagan's laughter and happiness filled the air, leaving an indelible impact on everyone fortunate enough to witness it.

The impact of Manaia Assist's support and guidance extended far beyond the surface. With every outing, *Meagan's confidence grew, and her sense of self bloomed. It means everything to us that we were able to help her discover and develop her passions, regardless of any physical limitations.*

Manaia Assist's personalised approach had unlocked a world of opportunities, empowering Meagan stands as a shining example of the incredible impact that Manaia Assist can have on the lives of individuals with disabilities. Through their unwavering commitment to fostering independence, nurturing passions, and creating a sense of purpose, Meagan's life has been forever transformed. Her story serves as a testament to the power of personalised support and the remarkable achievements that can be attained when barriers are shattered and dreams are embraced.

AT THE CORE OF MANAIA ASSIST'S MISSION WAS ONE SIMPLE GOAL: to see a radiant smile on Meagan's face during every activity they embarked on together. Their dedication to her happiness, fulfillment, and personal growth was unwavering.

As time passed, Meagan's personal preferences became clearer, and her routine evolved. Each experience became a steppingstone towards greater independence and the unlocking of her true potential.

With their personalised approach, they can help you embrace your interests, explore new horizons, and create a life filled with purpose and joy. The Manaia Assist team is passionate about offering endless opportunities for growth, empowering individuals with disabilities to live life to the fullest.

Don't let your disability limit your possibilities. Join Manaia Assist on a journey towards a brighter future, where your passions are nurtured, your dreams are realised, and every day is filled with boundless potential. Contact us today to discover how we can create a world of possibilities tailored just for you.

TOGETHER, LET'S UNLOCK THE KEY TO YOUR HAPPINESS AND FULFILMENT.



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SYDNEY Disability Connection EXPO 2023

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**RESOUNDING
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ESTEEMED READERS!

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BRING YOU THE EXCITING HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SYDNEY DISABILITY CONNECTION EXPO, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON JUNE 16-17, 2023.

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As a proud Gold Sponsor, Manaia Assist had an incredible time at the event, making a significant impact through their engaging activities, valuable support, and awe-inspiring performances. Let's dive into the captivating details of their participation and the remarkable achievements they accomplished!

MANAIA ASSIST: EMBRACING THE EXPO EXPERIENCE

Manaia Assist, a leading provider of disability support services, had an unforgettable time at the Sydney Disability Connection Expo. From the moment attendees arrived, they were greeted with warmth and enthusiasm from the Manaia Assist team. Their booth radiated positive energy, creating an inviting and inclusive atmosphere for all. Employees embraced Manaia's values of love, support, and patience, fostering a strong foundation for their journey with us.



During the induction day, new employees at Manaia Assist were provided with comprehensive medical training, equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to ensure the well-being and safety of the individuals they support. Additionally, they immersed themselves in our organisation's workplace culture, understanding and embracing the values of compassion, collaboration, and inclusivity.

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CAPTURING JOYOUS MOMENTS AT THE PHOTO BOOTH!

Manaia Assist added an extra touch of fun and laughter to the expo with their vibrant photo booth. Attendees flocked to the booth, eager to capture memorable moments with their friends and loved ones. The booth was adorned with colourful props, reflecting the spirit of celebration and inclusivity. The photo booth not only provided an opportunity to create lasting memories but also served as a platform for participants to connect and engage with one another, fostering a sense of community and togetherness.

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EXPANDING NETWORKS AND BUILDING COLLABORATIONS

The Sydney Disability Connection Expo presented an ideal platform for networking and collaboration, and Manaia Assist fully embraced this opportunity. The Manaia Assist team actively engaged with various participants and service providers in the disability sector, fostering meaningful connections. Through these interactions, Manaia Assist not only expanded their professional network but also gained valuable insights and shared experiences. The expo served as a hub for like-minded individuals to come together, share resources, and pave the way for a more inclusive and supportive society.

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SYDNEY Disability Connection EXPO 2023 : **continued**



GUIDING OTHERS WITH PLAN MANAGEMENT

Manaia Assist's commitment to empowering individuals with disabilities extended beyond the expo floor. We provided invaluable assistance and guidance to attendees regarding plan management. With our expertise and knowledge, the Manaia Assist staff members answered questions, offered information, and provided support to those seeking to optimise their disability support plans. Through their guidance, individuals gained a clearer understanding of the available resources and were empowered to make informed decisions about their care. Manaia Assist's dedication to helping others navigate the complexities of plan management made a profound impact on the expo attendees.

UNFORGETTABLE DANCING PERFORMANCES

On the 17th of June, Manaia Assist stole the show with their captivating dancing performance showcasing their synchronised wheelchair line dance performance to the upbeat Fijian infectious tune of "Gloria" Manaia Assist presented a wheelchair dance that left the audience in awe. Participants in wheelchairs showcased their talent, grace, and

undeniable spirit as they moved to the rhythm of the music. The dance transcended physical limitations, demonstrating that creativity and self-expression have no boundaries. The wheelchair dance was a powerful reminder that individuals with disabilities possess immense talent and a profound capacity to inspire others.

MANAIA ASSIST'S INTERACTIVE PERFORMANCE

In addition to their outstanding dancing performances, Manaia Assist went above and beyond to engage the expo attendees with their interactive performance. Through various activities and demonstrations, participants had the opportunity to experience disability in a safe and controlled environment. The interactive performance fostered empathy, understanding, and awareness of the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. Manaia Assist successfully broke down barriers, encouraged open dialogue, and created a space where everyone could come together harmoniously.

WRAPPING UP A TRULY SUCCESSFUL EVENT

The Sydney Disability Connection Expo 2023 was an extraordinary

event, and Manaia Assist's participation played a pivotal role in its success. From the vibrant photo booth to the meaningful networking efforts and invaluable plan management support, Manaia Assist showcased their unwavering dedication to empowering individuals with disabilities. Their mesmerising dancing performances and interactive activities left a lasting impression, reminding us all of the power of inclusivity and the boundless potential that resides within every individual.

→ **MANAIA ASSIST EXTENDS OUR HEARTFELT APPRECIATION TO EVERYONE'S WHO WAS PRESENT AT THE EXPO, FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES. THEIR PASSION, DEDICATION, AND EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCES SERVE AS AN INSPIRATION TO US ALL.**

Stay tuned for more inspiring stories and remarkable achievements in the disability sector as we continue to shine a spotlight on so many more wonderful individuals at Manaia Assist.



DISCOVER A WORLD of SUPPORT and CARE FOR CHILDREN

MANAIA ASSIST'S CHILDREN'S SERVICES



At Manaia Assist, we firmly believe that every child deserves to thrive in a nurturing and supportive environment.

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With our comprehensive Youth Services/Children's Services, we are dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of children and their families through respite care for parents to a positive and lasting difference in the lives of children and their families.

Our Children's Services are thoughtfully designed to promote the overall well-being of children by providing a comprehensive range of supports tailored to meet their unique needs. We understand that each child is unique, with their own strengths, challenges, and aspirations. That's why our programs are carefully crafted to ensure that children have the best possible chance of reaching their full potential and leading fulfilling lives.

WE ALL WANT THE BEST FOR OUR KIDS, AND THIS STARTS AT HOME.

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SUPPORTED INDEPENDENT LIVING: Empowering Children for a Bright Future

We are proud to offer supported independent living services as part of our Children's Services.

This service focuses on preparing children for the transition into independent adulthood by providing them with the necessary skills, resources, and support. Our team of dedicated professionals works closely with each child, offering guidance, mentoring, and practical assistance to foster independence, self-reliance, and confidence. Through personalised plans and ongoing support, we empower children to navigate the challenges of adulthood with resilience and success.

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SHORT-TERM ACCOMMODATION: A Home Away from Home

We understand that there are times when families require temporary support and accommodation for their children. Manaia Assist offers short-term accommodation services to meet these needs. Our goal is to provide a safe and comfortable environment where children can stay for a specified duration. During their time with us, children receive round-the-clock care and support from our qualified staff members. We create a home away from home, ensuring that children feel secured, valued, and cared for while their families attend to other important tasks or take a well-deserved break.

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RESPITE CARE: Vital Aid for Families

We recognise the vital role that families play in the lives of their children, and we understand that caregiving can be demanding and exhausting at times. That's why we offer respite care services, providing families with the opportunity to take a break from their caregiving responsibilities. Our respite care service offers overnight stays for children, providing families with much-needed relief and time for self-care. This service is ideal for families who require a temporary break but do not require permanent residential care. During their stay, children engage in stimulating activities, receive individualised care, and benefit from a nurturing environment when needed. Manaia understands life isn't always perfect and sometimes you need a helping hand to make sure your loved ones get the support they need.

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JOIN MANAIA ASSIST IN CREATING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR CHILDREN

At Manaia Assist, we are passionate about supporting children and their families. With our Youth Services/Children's Services, we go above and beyond to ensure that every child can grow, develop, and flourish in a safe and nurturing environment. Whether it's through

supported independent living, short-term accommodation, respite care, we are here to make a positive and lasting impact on the lives of children and their families.

Contact us today to discover how Manaia Assist can support your child's journey towards a brighter and more promising future.

TOGETHER, LET'S CREATE A WORLD WHERE EVERY CHILD'S DREAMS CAN COME TRUE.



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