

March 2026 Newsletter

Cathy Gill's Report

Staff NDIS worker screening checks due in April or May 2026 would have received notification from Service NSW regarding renewal of registration.

To check/renew your worker screening check.

Go to service.nsw.gov.au and log in to your account (you will need access to your phone, email & password).

If password is forgotten, request to make a new one.

Once in click on **NDIS Workers Check** button- View and manage your check.

You will have to visit a service NSW office to complete the renewal.

cost to renew (\$107.00).

We have organised Complex Cares online training for all staff. You will have received an email from Essential Skills to enrol in these two courses,. If you have not received an email please let Cathy or Lichelle know so we can organise this for you.

Lynn and Cathy have attended webinars on the new Long Service Leave arrangements. When we have received information for employees to enrol in the scheme on the portal we will share this with you.

NSW employees will be given an extra Public Holiday this year for Anzac Day. Monday 27 April 2026 following Anzac Day Saturday 25 April 2026 will also be given as a Public Holiday.

We welcome Jed a new staff member in March. Jed has joined the team and is currently doing buddy shifts with staff and residents at First Street.



Staff meetings

Thursday 23 April 2026: Will include Dysphagia training

Next Committee meeting for 2026- Wednesday 22 April 2026.

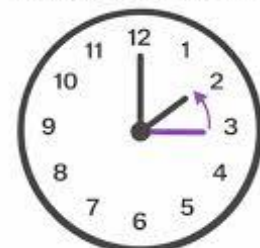
Don't Forget day light savings ends

Clocks turn back 3:00am

Sunday 5 April 2026

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Ends Sun, 5th Apr 2026



VIC, NSW, SA, TAS, and ACT

Daylight saving ends Sunday, 5th April 2026.
At 3:00 am, clocks go back to 2:00 am — enjoy art



Spotlight on Kabin,

Kabin has been working with the team at Westlakes Access & Support for 3 ½ years.

Coming to us very experienced from Waterview Nursing Home where he nursed our late resident Kristine.

Hi, I am originally from a beautiful Himalayan country Nepal. I was born and grew up in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal. My parents were born in the Western Himalayan side of Nepal. I would like to remember my parents and acknowledge how much they have done for me, without there ongoing support and love I would not be where I am today.

It's been more than 9 years since I left Nepal and came to Australia.

The last 12 months have been great!

My wife, Anju and I have just bought and settled into our first new home and more importantly we are expecting our first child in April 2026, a baby girl.

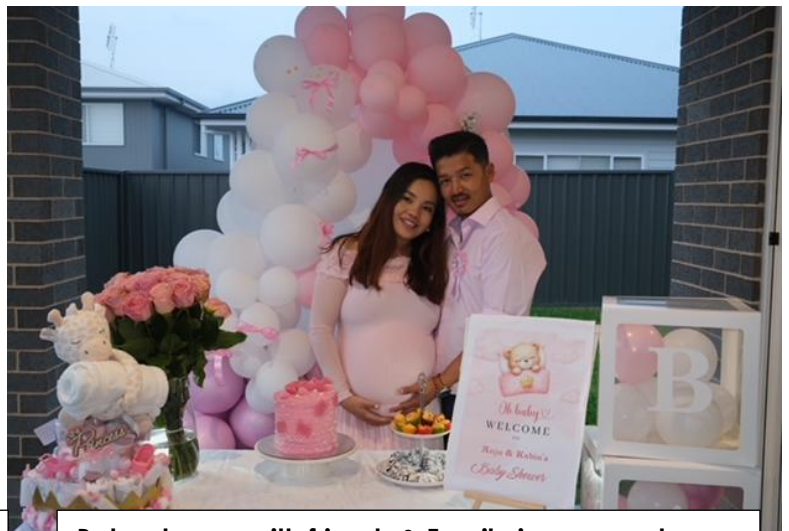
I am excited and nervous at the same.



Trip to Bali in 2025



Baby morning Tea with the Team @Westlakes



Baby shower with friends & Family in our new home

Thank you Kabin for sharing your story.

We are all waiting the safe arrival of your baby daughter.

Here is a \$25.00 gift voucher to say thanks... Enjoy

What do you call a dancing chick?

Poultry in motion.



Flap

What do you call a group of rabbits walking away from you?

A receding hareline.



Why do Easter eggs have such good skin?

They eggs-foliate.





Happy belated February
Birthday wishes to
Leisa Greentree

&

Pam Jacobson

Pam will have to wait until 2028
to celebrate on her birthday.- 29th February.

Happy March Birthday wishes to
Jenny Storey & Donna Jacobson



Important contacts

Westlakes Access & Support Inc Ph: 49 587 442 a/h Ph: 0409 587 442

National Disability Insurance Agency Ph: 1800 800 110

NDIS Quality & Safeguards Commission Ph: 1800 035 544

Disability Advocacy Service -Hunter Ph: 49 27 0111 / 1300 365 085

Hunter Region Tenants Advice & Advocacy Service (HTAAS)

**Free phone advice, information, advocacy, and (where appropriate) representation
at the NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal (NCAT).**

Access is via the telephone advice line on 4969 7666 or freecall 1800 654 504.

Registrar of Community Housing Ph:1800 330 940