



2022 - 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**DOWN SYNDROME ASSOCIATION
OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY INC**

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

We manage
3
locations
across
Darwin



We visited
9 regional,
remote and very
remote communi-
ties across the NT



We have delivered
programs
providing service
to

64

people with a
NDIS plan and
providing Support
Coordination to

36

NDIS participants.

We employ **30**
dedicated staff and
are supported by a
team of **15** loyal
volunteers

We have engaged
with **110** families
across the territory

We have supported
11 schools across
the territory

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DSANT acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders peoples as First Australians and recognises their culture, history, diversity and their deep connection to the land. We recognise the distinct rights and perspectives of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We also acknowledge that DSANT is on the land of the Larrakia people and we pay our respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.



OUR MISSION

We aspire to create a positive, inclusive and equitable community for people who have Down syndrome.



OUR VISION

An inclusive community where people living with Down syndrome are valued, engaged, educated, employed and treated with equity, care and respect.

To do this we will:

- Create places to learn, work and socialise with friends.
- Raise wider community awareness through publication and dissemination of trustworthy educational and informative resources through print, media and technology.
- Engage with agencies supporting advocacy and the rights of people with disabilities.
- Openly communicate as we welcome the involvement of all people with Down syndrome, parents, staff and stakeholders in the diverse communities we serve.



OUR VALUES

Our values reflect the engagement of students, families and partners who aspire for sense of strong community where friendships thrive and where care for health and wellbeing and respectful listening and engagement are the cornerstones of every interaction.

- We care for being supportive and encouraging, engaging all members of our community with respect and support.
- We draw our community together through teamwork, partnerships, peer learning and networks across the Northern Territory.
- We develop our community through innovative and dynamic programs and services.
- We are inclusive and recognise individual needs within our diverse community.



ABOUT US

Down Syndrome Association of the Northern Territory Inc is a provider of support services helping parents and families of individuals with Down syndrome to reach their full potential.

Down Syndrome Association of the Northern Territory Inc is a non-for-profit community organisation, providing counselling, access to resources, information and awareness programs in the Northern Territory community.

Down Syndrome Association of the Northern Territory Inc is one of the eight state and territory organisations collaborating in upholding the rights of the individuals with Down syndrome ensuring, in the process, the needs and wants of individuals and their families are met.

Down Syndrome Association of the Northern Territory Inc is a registered NDIS service provider.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Annual Report Overview by Royal Matthews, President of the Down Syndrome Association of the Northern Territory Inc.

Welcome to the AGM for the Down Syndrome Association of the Northern Territory Inc. I am delighted to report on activities for the period July 2022 to June 2023. DSANT is the peak body for people with Down syndrome and their families and, through the core work of the Connect21 team, have visited hospitals, schools, family homes, rural and remote communities to offer support and resources to our members and associated services.

The NDIS service provision delivered through Project21 is another key area of activity and strength throughout the year. In Governance, the senior team achieved full compliance through the NDIS Quality and Safeguarding mid-term Audit. This forensic audit covered all aspects of safeguarding for participants receiving service and the relevant documentation produced to ensure pathways to achieving goals through their NDIS plans. Of note is the Auditor's comments regarding meeting with participants and their families where she expressed her observation of engagement and positive learning amongst participants, 'it was the highlight of my week visiting Project21' she said.

Raising awareness and contributing as peak voice for Territorians with Down syndrome has been challenging this year. We have seen the ongoing and concluding reports from the Disability Royal Commission where DSANT staff both appeared at the Commission hearings and made submissions relating to employment for people with Down syndrome. The incoming committee will be reflecting thoroughly on the recommendations and implications for Territorians.

The NDIS Review led by Professor Bruce Bonyhady has been a part of our Management Committee discussions and CEO, Rachel Kroes, attended the Darwin roundtable and made a submission, the full report has now been published in September 2023. We also have made representations, on our membership's behalf, to the Northern Territory Disability Strategy Action Plan implementation meetings.



In January 2023 we attended the farewell of Her Honour Vicki O'Halloran AO, Administrator of the Northern Territory. I thanked Her Honour for unwavering support and engagement with DSANT during her time as Patron. I am pleased to report that the incoming Administrator of the Northern Territory, Professor Hugh Heggie PSM accepted our invitation to take the Patronage of our Association and has already met with representatives of the Committee and attended a function at Project21. We look forward to welcoming His Honor who wishes to meet with our membership, at our upcoming Christmas Party.

Our membership has remained stable throughout the year as we welcomed new babies and new families into the Association, farewelling others as they moved interstate. I remain proud of the dedicated staff in our Association who reach out and travel across the territory to meet and support our membership. We have opportunities to be innovative and unique, our circumstances require thinking outside the box solutions. I thank Rachel Kroes and her team for creating and driving new initiatives. You will read more about these in the report but I do wish to acknowledge and thank the Vice Chancellor, Professor Scott Bowman, of Charles Darwin University, whose partnership and proactive approach is creating real opportunities at CDU, for study, for internships and for future employment of our own students.

I thank the Management Committee for their engagement and support of DSANT, it has been a pleasure working with you all this year. DSANT exists to achieve many things; its core work will always be the connection and support of Territorians with Down syndrome, their families, and the services they access. Thank you for your membership.



Warm regards,
Royal Matthews



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



Deck Chair Cinema Fundraiser by DSANT & Catering21 - July 2022



Casuarina Lions Floral and Fancy High Tea - August 2022



Down Syndrome Awareness Week - October 2022



DSANT Annual Christmas Party - December 2022

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Annual Report Overview by Rachel Kroes, Chief Executive Officer of the Down Syndrome Association of the Northern Territory Inc

Our reporting period for this report commences July 2022, it seems so long ago, a time when we were still very much in COVID-conscious mode with policies and practices. As the year has progressed and stability has finally arrived, it is valuable to see the consistency and habitual routines of our cohort, who continue to use preventative measures which auger well for the flu season also.

During the reporting period DSANT has engaged in many partnerships with likeminded associations and clubs in Darwin, all with the focus on creating inclusive diverse environments where our membership can access, enjoy and engage with all of life's experiences. I thank the Nightcliff Lions Club and the Casuarina Lions Club who have been so very supportive of our programs; the Fancy and Floral High Tea where Catering21 prepared and served over 40 guests was a highlight in our calendar, as was the Op Shop Ball held in April where the Sing Song Signers performed with elite artists to entertain a ballroom full of people. I also thank Nightcliff Community Bank where DSANT is welcomed into the Seabreeze Festival to display our artwork, and other sponsors of recognition namely Darwin Community Arts, Clubhouse Territory and Marrara Indoor Stadium, all arenas of inclusion and participation.

I take liberty to stretch our reporting period to 25th July 2023 where we celebrated the 10th birthday of Project21 creating a pathway of choice for young adults transitioning from school, and those who were seeking a space of learning and building skills toward independence. Ten years ago we didn't quite know how it would develop, but we did know there was no recognised specialised support for young people with Down syndrome. Here,



today, where these people have grown and moved forward in their lives, finding work, leaving home, moving around their communities and being recognised as ambassadors for Project21, I am so very thankful that DSANT has stayed the course, developed the curriculum tailored specifically to suit the learning strengths of our cohort. Now, seeing Platform21, soar into the future where education and work experience is gaining traction including our very own Project21 classroom on the Campus at Charles Darwin University, it now all makes sense and I hope you, as am I, are very proud of Project21's achievements.

I wish to recognise your staff who stay late at work to complete modules of training, who seek to develop their skills and who bind together as a team to represent DSANT in the community. Our goals could not be achieved without their loyalty and appetite to create outcomes for people with Down syndrome, thank you all for all you do for DSANT.

I believe your Association remains strong, with skilled staff and a Management Committee that is informed and proactive. We have more to achieve throughout 2023/24 and are always here for our membership, do drop by and say hello or reach out if you need something and thank you for your engagement with our services.



Kind regards,
Rachel Kroes
CEO



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President:	Royal Matthews	Member since 2005
Vice President:	Deborah Bampton	Member since 2015
Treasurer:	Jim McDougall	Member since 2014
Secretary:	Thevi Chelliah	Member since 2009
Public Officer:	Rachel Kroes	Member since 1998
Committee Member:	Jayne Parkin	Member since 2016
Committee Member:	Alex McInnes	Member since 2013
Committee Member:	Leigh McKenzie	Member since 2021
Committee Member:	Caroline Mackrow	Member since 1999

PLATFORM21

The newest of the DSANT programs to be introduced, borne of a spark conversation and idea combining the intent of Charles Darwin University to become an inclusive and accessible environment for employees with intellectual disability, and a desire for Project21 students to find fulfilling pathways into internships and future employment. Platform21 was successful in attracting an NDIS ILC (Information Linkages and Capacity) grant (one of only three awarded to the NT) aimed at building employer awareness and capacity whilst creating pathways of employment for people with a disability. The grant commenced November 2022 and is in place for three years, and what a great time we have had so far in building this partnership and program.

Alongside student visits to campus, tea with Chancellery staff and a full-on dance session at the CDU Christmas Party, workshops raising awareness and the pathways of employment have been delivered to key faculty staff. These two distinct yet co-designed pieces of work are culminating into a program of placements across different faculties and an awareness and intent within CDU staff to engage and support the employability of Project21 students. It is still early days but I can report that one student has been working as an Admin Assistant for four months and nine students have achieved qualifications and are at the start of their own placement journeys.

I wish to recognise the Federal Government Department of Social Services in granting the funds through the ILC grant process, it is only with this funding that we can explore the potential of Platform21, we have high hopes and are working diligently every day to progress to the goals of the program.

I wish to acknowledge and thank Professor Scott Bowman, Vice Chancellor of CDU, whose leadership, and belief in creating an inclusive University for people with intellectual disability, and trust in Project21 to provide ably trained students, has been the catalyst to enabling this partnership to flourish in such a positive way. Along with his senior staff and the lecturers at Project21, we are creating a unique pathway right here in Darwin. I look forward to reporting its progress throughout the coming years.

Kind regards

Rachel Kroes

CEO DSANT and Coordinator Platform21



Annual Report Objective

The Down Syndrome Association of the Northern Territory Inc Annual Report for 2022/2023 reports on our activities during the year including our financial performance, achievements and challenges.

POST SCHOOL LEARNING AND NDIS PROGRAMS

Tech21

Our Tech21 program delivers the Computer Aided Learning (CAL) program to NDIS participants who are no longer at school. This is delivered to clients at:

- Project 21 & DSANT office premises
- Other service provider premises
- Homes or Supported Independent Living accommodation

During this year the program has been provided to 7 adults. It focuses primarily on the use of the iPad to engage clients, with the aim to develop numeracy, literacy, speech and communication skills. Other resources are used for those who are not responsive to an iPad but to more tactile activities.

Jodi Chapman



Dance21

Connecting music and dance in Dance21 is highly motivational as well as great exercise. The focus for this year has been cultural dance where students have chosen dances or countries and explored the music/dance/costume through research and projects. This has included Hawaiian and Japanese dance modes including the performance of Japanese dance at the Darwin Festival.

The class have also focussed on interpretive dance using techniques designed through a previous drama workshop, bringing about confidence to express individuality and preference in acting and communication.

Congratulations to the Dance21 troupe on their performances and hard work throughout the year.

Amy Hona - Dance21 instructor



FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Connect21

Connect 21 seeks to connect families across the Northern Territory who share the common bond of having a son or daughter with Down syndrome.

A highlight has been connecting people, particularly the mothers, through a number of dinners at restaurants in Darwin and Palmerston. The focus of these dinners were initially for the parents of Early Childhood children with Down syndrome. Dinners followed for parents of children was in Primary school and another for parents of Secondary school students. Connect21 dinners extended across the Northern Territory to the remote town of Nhulunbuy, allowing two families to enjoy time together and to Alice Springs. Dinners have been greatly appreciated, as they provide an opportunity for these parents to relax together without children at hand, share their parenting journeys and support each other as friendships are created.

We have continued to provide opportunities for Early Childhood families to meet at parks or Project21 (when air-conditioning is a must!), or to join in with the wider DSANT family at events held for World Down Syndrome Day and Down Syndrome Awareness week, as well as the annual Christmas party.

Welcome Packs have been delivered to two Darwin families with children close to 1 year old, and also to a Social worker at RDH. These packs are available to offer families when a new baby is born with Down syndrome. Visits were made to Mimik-ga, providing the opportunity to see some of the families with babies as they joined in with the program there.

Times in hospital can unfortunately be a part of life for some of our children with Down syndrome. When we hear of this, we arrange hospital visits, phone calls and texts to check on families, especially when there are medical issues being dealt with. Remote children with Down syndrome from across the NT, visit Darwin for hospital and therapy services. We arrange visits with them at these times and try to connect these families with other local families who have children with Down syndrome.

In the next year we're looking forward to providing more chances for these families to come together, no matter what age their child is and hoping to provide a specific opportunity for the fathers to spend time together and build supportive relationships.

Jodi Chapman



TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Statement and Report by Jim McDougall, Treasurer of the Down Syndrome Association of the Northern Territory Inc

Finance Report: The financial year 2022/23 delivered a net loss of \$36,946 from a total income of \$1,824,802 and expenditure of \$1,861,748. This reflects a loss of 7% across the year reflecting the increase in employee/vehicle and centre-based costs and the loss of the CAL program funding grant through the Department of Education. Our major program, Platform21, funded through the Federal Government Inclusion Linkages and Capacity (ILC) grant continues to perform within budget and on time.

Project21 returned an increased service funded delivery of 27%. Social enterprises (Cash for Containers and WIMS shop) reflected a slight decrease of operational income at 6%. Our family services (Connect21) delivered a strong balanced year of engagement with families (urban and remote) income sourced from revenue in the 2020/22 period.

Financial Audit: DSANT's annual financial accounts were audited by Nexia Edwards Marshall NT, Chartered Accountants, Level 2/TCG Centre, 80 Mitchell Street, Darwin. I thank Lauren Middlebrook, Prosper Business Services for her work with DSANT's finance team during the reporting year, and in the handover of EOM financial management to Nexia. Below is a Statement of Profit and Loss extracted from the Audit.

Conclusion: This year has been a year of controlled expanding focus to reinstate previous COVID-19 reduced programs; deliver new programs and build further core supports to families and Territorians with Down syndrome through Connect21. DSANT can pay its debts in full as and when then fall due. I commend the Audit Report to the Membership.

Jim McDougall

Treasurer DSANT October 2023

EDUCATION SERVICES

Computer Aided Learning

The Computer Aided Learning (CAL) Program is a specialist program offered in schools to children with Down syndrome. CAL aims to use technology and best-practice Down syndrome education, to supplement the literacy, numeracy and communication goals for students with Down syndrome. CAL teachers meet with students with Down syndrome for 30-minute, one-to-one lessons, once a week. We are currently meeting with 24 students each week across the Darwin and Palmerston region and aim to visit 8 regional, remote and very remote communities each semester. Detailed reports are provided at the end of each semester with celebration of achievements and recommendations for teachers. It continues to be a privilege to work alongside our students throughout the year and we value these consistent relationships across the years.

Thankyou,
Lyndy Berthon, Leya Endo & Rachael Lovett



Down Syndrome School Support Program (DSSSP)

The Down Syndrome School Support Program (DSSSP) is a specialist Down syndrome program funded by the Education Department NT. DSSSP seeks to provide specialist support, training and recommendations to teachers and families as requested, using best practice educational strategies to work with the strengths of students with Down syndrome. This year specialist training and support has been provided to students, teachers, assistant teachers, SE-SO's, health professionals and parents across the Territory from Darwin and Palmerston, to 8 regional, remote and very remote centres across the NT. Additionally, we have delivered two 9 week Total Communication Sing language courses to school staff and parents, attended numerous EAP meetings and provided extra support to students undergoing periods of transition and attended NDIS meetings as requested. It is a privilege to work with our students and the amazing group of people who seek to help them learn and grow. Warm regards, Rachel Kroes, Lyndy Berthon, and Rachael Lovett



POST SCHOOL LEARNING AND NDIS PROGRAMS



Project21

On Fridays nine students as well as support staff are all busy at P21. As well as curriculum work that takes in literacy and communication, Friday is the day we update our calendars, four students have individual sessions on Zoom with Kirsty from Catalyst Therapy in Brisbane and a big group go the gym after class.

In January P21 did drama workshops with Kyle Walmsley of Darwin Community Arts. With Kyle's help the class imagined all sorts of situations and had a lot of fun.

In February DSANT members joined the Having a Say conference using Zoom. Students did music trivia, a self-advocacy bingo, chair yoga, and a speed friendship session. It was fun to be part of the event from so far away.

The main curriculum topic in Friday's class has been human rights, making complaints and showing appreciation. Students acted in short plays to showcase the advantages of speaking up assertively rather than being passive or aggressive. Advocates from the Darwin Community Legal Service visited P21 to explain their role to the class. The NDIS stall holders at the All Abilities Expo enjoyed answering questions from the students. And later in the year when DSANT was reviewed by the NDIS students demonstrated their understanding of the Code of Conduct and their rights.

This year Amanda graduated from P21 and Deshan moved to a new fulltime job when he



finished his university course. The class wished them both well at big morning teas with speeches, sign songs and music. P21 often finishes the day with a round of appreciation, everyone thinks about how another member of the class has helped them and says a personal 'thank you'.

Kind regards,

Deb Hall and Rachael Lovett

Transition to Catering21

A pathway for Year 11 and 12 students who are establishing pathways for future independence and gaining experience in Project21 for future social connections. This group are so keen and engaged to learn about food, the preparation and production, and of course the end result enjoyment of eating their creations.

Starting with simple ingredients, the curriculum grows alongside choices by students with templates, workbooks, written work and computer research, all to develop an awareness of healthy choices and teamwork in a kitchen environment.

Thank you to Riccitia, Amy, Liza, Dee and April, the catering staff whose communication skills and patience is so apparent in the kitchen.



Catering21

The regular program for Catering21 has enjoyed a very busy year. Up to twelve students attend for a rotational approach of activities including kitchen maintenance, healthy foods study, recipes including preparation and cooking, and employable skills for catering and hospitality events.



During the year students have cooked and decorated a myriad of sweet treats to sell on our cake stall fundraisers and distribute to our community and supporters. A highlight was the Floral and Fancy High Tea complete with chef/wait staff roles and some entertainment thrown in.

Topics of study include understanding hydration, kitchen cleanliness and labelling/utilising kitchen equipment. Small groups of students shop each week where budgeting and selection of produce is discussed developing awareness of flavour and freshness. In conjunction with the Platform21 program, nine of the Catering21 students have now completed modules within the Certificate III Hospitality course at CDU.

Well done to you all, it is always a fun and interactive day at Catering21.

Kind regards
Leya Endo and Cassandra Gaston
Lecturers Catering21



Social21

Twelve months of Social21 has seen significant gains in the confidence and independence of this group of friends who choose, organise, access and reflect on the myriad of activities throughout the Darwin Community. Selection is broadly split along the lines of sport and recreation, entertainment, rural pursuits and culinary experiences. Each student has their favourite, the key to the program is in the scheduling of each week such that favourite pursuits are hotly negotiated and won.

This year has included multiple mini golf, a couple of bbqs well past the Berrimah Line, inner city exploration and plenty of basketball/walking trails and squash. Inside pursuits include the movie favourites and some health/wellbeing activities.

Social21 acts as a transition program for younger students to mix with a peer group who are role models for developing positive attitudes and social confidence. Thank you to you all for your engagement and encouragement of each other, great friendships formed for life.

Thank you to all the Social21 staff who go above and beyond to promote independence within the program and who drive many trips to always ensure student access and safety.

Zoe Ross
Coordinator Social21



POST SCHOOL LEARNING AND NDIS PROGRAMS



SIGN21

Sign21 spreads across many programs but its heart lies in the regular Saturday gathering where students aspire toward performances with the Sing Song Signers. Delivery this year has been across Zoom sessions and in-classroom sessions. Zoom is an ideal forum for focus on speech and language development where students read to each other, underpinning sign vocabulary and gaining mountains of real time practice and feedback. This was the model for a highly successful videoed performance of Rocky Mountain High which was a gift to a very special benefactor, all the signers found the experience moving.

Building on literacy, sign fluency has been a key focus, using the slow-down tempo facility on the smartboard to work on tracts of lyric. The culmination of this focus was apparent in the five numbers performed at the Casuarina Lions Op Shop Vintage Ball where signers performed with six local and highly talented Darwin performers.

Donations over the period have enabled new students to receive uniforms and purchases of resources to assist in class, including a new library system for all the songs performed by the choir over the years.

I thank Amy and April as key signing staff, and Judith, Tahnee, Lucy, Felicity and Kathy as intrepid volunteers for bringing their own signing and support skills to the classroom. It is a joy to work with you all on this program that is so close to my heart. And finally, thank you to the students who attend, come rain or

shine, ready and willing to learn their craft, they are my inspiration.

Kind regards,
Rachel Kroes - Choirmaster Sign21

Wellbeing21

The activities of Wellbeing21 are as diverse as the students and participants choices for engagement. It can be anything from individual social pursuits to large group circuit gym sessions. This year has a firm focus on building resilience and rebuilding confidence from the effects of isolation and sedentary living post COVID.

Building routines from scratch requires new motivators and a huge part of this has been the partnership with Vitality Health. The staff at VH are truly vibrant, their enthusiasm for engagement and fitness is limitless. The staff have also embraced training and learning about the physical challenges and strengths when working with people with Down syndrome and, through their leaders Hillary and Mel, have attended Project21 for awareness training as well as liaising on progress and differentiated programs.

For other clients, Wellbeing can be a drive out into the community, a gentle time for conversation and friendship, a small group learning about body health and identity, or larger activities for the annual plethora of social events and cultural arts. And wellness spreads to the daily small interactions of texts full of emojis and words of encouragement for a good day ahead. A full year of nuanced support with the long-term benefits of health, body and mindfulness very much in the fabric of individual programs.

Thank you to all staff who attend regular training in this important area of development and who provide the support and engagement at each level of the program delivery.

Zoe Ross
Coordinator Wellbeing21



SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

Cash for Containers Social Enterprise

The year has flown past for C4C (Cash for Containers). There is no linear pattern to recycling and the depot has, on two occasions, been overflowing with product. I thank the amazing team at Envirobank for their solid support to enable product to move through to the recycling depot. I also thank the team at Darwin Container Service for their donation and work in organising delivery of large donations including using heavy machinery and loaders to safely deliver product for recycling.

The depot suffered the inevitable storm damage during the cyclone season, it is always a challenge, but the team rallied and no major losses this year. Depot machinery and equipment has increased in line with a greater customer base, C4C are now embedded in the local community as a service that actively promotes recycling whether that be at community events, in businesses or from residential homes.

A major focus this reporting period has been the upgrade to systems at the depot location and a fully upgraded training program for health and safety at work, depot design and vehicle maintenance. Employees and work experience students have gained practice and knowledge in changing tyres, using tools for maintenance and two students are currently pursuing forklift driving licences.

I acknowledge and thank the many donors, whether it be through recycling products, through services, through donations of funding, which enables C4C to run throughout the year.

Darryl Farquharson
Coordinator Cash for Containers
Social Enterprise



WIMS (Walking In My Shoes) Social Enterprise

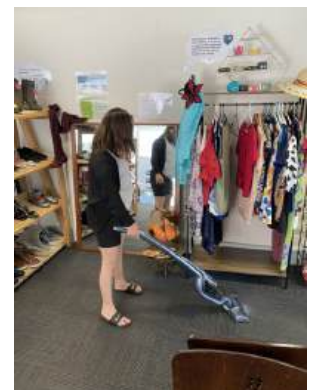
A steady year for all at WIMS with the shop open for customers four days a week after being closed for many months during the previous year owing to COVID-19.

Students attending WIMS are all familiar with their routines which include shop design and presentation, customer service, using and cashing up the till and the opening/closing routines of a business. In addition their training includes practice on the computers for research and lots of money handling activities to support maths and finance comprehension.

A highlight of each shift is the oversight and design of the shop window which changes regularly according to the season or just on a whim when new stock arrives, and a refresh is needed. Staff and students excel in creativity when it comes to window dressing and enjoy receiving the positive comments from customers as displays draws them in to find out what WIMS is all about.

Thank you to the amazing students who are always positive and interactive in their skills development, and a huge thank you to the customers and supporters of WIMS for their never-ending donations of amazing shoes, jewellery and women/men's clothing. We couldn't do it without you.

Happy shopping
Riccitia Atzori
Trainer and Coordinator WIMS



COMMUNITY SERVICES



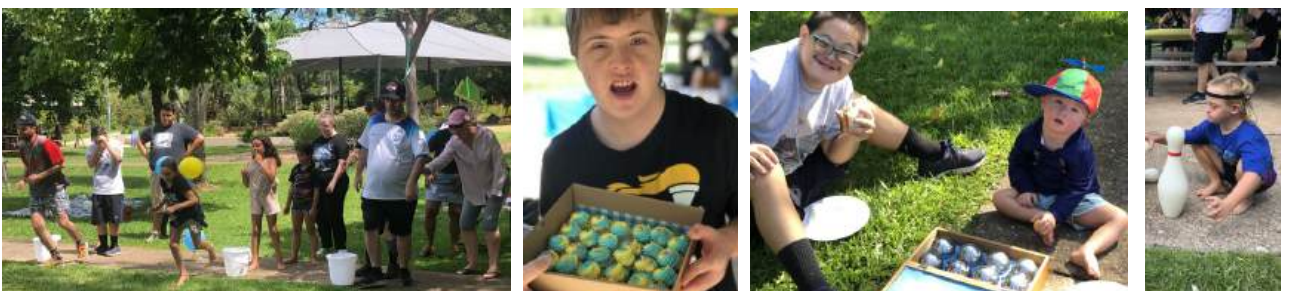
Nightcliff Lions Garden Project - September 2022



CDU Christmas Ball- December 2022



Special Children's Christmas Party Performance - December 2022



World Down Syndrome Day in the park - March 2023



Casuarina Lions Club Op Shop Vintage Ball - April 2023

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF SUPPORT

DSANT continues to thrive through consistent engagement and partnership with a wide range of stakeholders and philanthropic supporters. This support is gratefully received, not only in financial grants and donations, but also in advice, mentorship and connections with government, corporate and business sectors.

Our membership continues to inspire us; families, schools, clubs and individuals generously offer DSANT help, often above and beyond the requirement of recognised partnership, always with encouragement and appreciation for the activities we deliver. We acknowledge and thank the following people and organisations for their generosity and hands-on assistance across the DSANT services.

APM – LAC Service	Halfpennys Lawyers
Athletics with Disabilities NT Athletics	Health and Community Services Complaints Commission
Australian Association of Special Educators	HPA
Autism NT	Integrated disAbility Action
Baywash Laundry and Dry Cleaner	ISACNT
Berthon Family	Linfox
Besser Kitchen & Brew Bar	National Disability Services
Casuarina Lions Club	Next Tier Enterprise Pty David Moore
Charles Darwin University	Nightcliff Community Bank Bendigo Branch
Christmas in Darwin Association	Nightcliff Lions
City of Darwin	NT Online Stores
City of Palmerston	Northern Sky Accounting and Advisory
Clubhouse Territory	Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission
Commonwealth Bank Darwin Community Donations Program	NTCOSS
Community Benefit Fund	Northern Territory Government
Country Women's Association	NDIA
Darwin Container Service	NDIS NT Office
Darwin Festival	NDIS ILC
Deckchair Theatre	Office of Disability
Department of Business and Infrastructure	Palmerston Secondary College
Department of Health NT	Paul Dewar
Department of Education NT	Prosper and Accounting and Business Services
Department of the Chief Minister	Royal Darwin Hospital
Darwin Community Arts	Royal Wolf Shipping Containers
Darwin Community Legal Services	Simpson Construction Foundation ATF
Dianne Borella Consultancy	Simpson Family Foundation
Disability Services Consulting	Somerville Community Services
Down Syndrome International	Stephen Mackrow
Environbank	Stoddy's Mechanical Repairs
Every Australian Counts	VaLID
Flinders University	Wanguri Primary School
	Zip Print

In closing, we thank our membership for your support and enthusiasm in promoting the Down syndrome community across the Northern Territory. We strive to uphold the rights of individuals living with Down syndrome ensuring, in the process, the needs and wants of individuals and their families are met.

Thank you to the Northern Territory Government grant for the supply of a new Multi-Functional Device



*“You don’t have to see
the whole staircase,
just take the first step”*

Martin Luther King Jr



Project 21 **Connect21**

Skills 21



Social 21

Dance 21

Access 21

CATERING 21

WIMS
Walking In My Shoes

Sign 21

WELLBEING 21

Create 21