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Fairhaven NDIS kiosk pops up at Erina Fair

4 April 2017

Disability organisation Fairhaven Services will host an NDIS kiosk within its new Vintage Fair pop up shop at Erina Fair shopping centre, recently established through the generosity of centre manager, Lend Lease.

The kiosk will provide an accessible and relaxed environment where people can drop in and ask questions about making the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and getting the best supports and services under their NDIS plan.



"It's the first NDIS kiosk of its kind that has opened at a shopping centre in the Central Coast / Hunter region that we're aware of," Pat Shandil, Community Engagement Co-ordinator said.

"People have found accessing information about the new scheme, and the transition itself to be a little overwhelming. This way we hope to make it easier for anyone to get more information while going about their general shopping routine. There's absolutely no obligation and it's free to talk with us."

Fairhaven Services provides a range of services including accommodation, supported employment and community participation, and can help people to continue to live independently in their own home, develop skills and gain confidence.

Fairhaven Services has been supporting local people living with disability to live rich and satisfying lives for over fifty years. CEO, Monique Cardon, said, "We are taking a leadership role by establishing an NDIS kiosk to engage with people looking to better understand the NDIS. The shop is a wonderful opportunity to showcase Central Coast disability organisations and to talk about the choices available to NDIS participants. If we are unable to provide a particular support that someone needs in order to achieve their goals and aspirations, as a lead agency we can arrange to coordinate the best support through our network."

Find the NDIS kiosk at the Vintage Fair pop up shop, located outside Myer near the Erina Fair Customer Service Desk. It will be staffed by the Fairhaven Services community engagement team on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-1pm.

ABOUT:

Fairhaven Services is a registered charity that has been providing employment, community and residential support for people living with disability on the Central Coast since 1962.

Fairhaven is an approved NDIS provider that offers personalised advice and assistance across a range of supports and services, including; Community Activities and Life Skills, Supported Employment / Transition To Work, Supported Living, Residential Services and NDIS planning.

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Fairhaven Services 'Vintage Fair' comes to Erina Fair!

4 April 2017

Fairhaven Services has opened a new pop up shop at the Central Coast's largest shopping centre, Erina Fair.

The shop is the result of the generosity of centre manager, Lendlease, and the creative genius of Fairhaven's own Social Enterprise Development Manager, Jodie Frost-Foster, who has stocked the large space with upcycled and vintage items in just a few weeks.



"The pop up shop showcases a range of wares designed and created from items donated to our Point Clare precinct", said Ms Frost-Foster.

"Each piece is hand made by people living with disability and volunteers under the creative direction of Judy Delbridge. We produce really cool stuff and offer a unique shopping experience to the community, with the added benefit of diverting unwanted items from landfill. There is something for everyone, including jewellery, bric a brac, our popular range of bespoke pallet furniture, a second hand book corner and an everchanging array of antiques and collectables."

Mitchell Gordon, the store's Sales Supervisor said, "Our aim is to really connect with community and make this a thriving vibrant space. We'll be offering children's story time every Tuesday morning, and centre visitors can hear talks on creative writing and caring for their family heirlooms."

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Stephen Ross, Centre Manager, said Erina Fair is proud to support local not-for-profits, like Fairhaven Services.

"Vintage Fair will be unique to Erina Fair offering customers an interesting selection of recycled and vintage items made by people with a disability and volunteers. The shop will also serve as a community hub to connect people with Fairhaven Services and other not-for-profits through children's story telling, talks and information about the National Disability Insurance Scheme," said Stephen.

The NDIS kiosk will be staffed by the Fairhaven Services community engagement team on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9am-1pm. The pop up shop, located by the customer service desk near Myer, is open seven days a week.

About:

Fairhaven Services has been providing supports and services to people with disabilities on the Central Coast since 1962. **Vintage Fair** is the retail precinct at Fairhaven's Point Clare site, featuring Fare Cravin' café, op shop, second hand book shop, furniture barn, upcycling store and destash shed. We host regular events to better engage with our awesome community in an open and inclusive way. These events also serve to drive awareness of our cause, and play an important role in our continual fundraising efforts.

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