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## Inclusion Access Newsletter

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## Team Update

Welcome to our May to June Newsletter for 2023.

We're all excited to welcome a new team member on board. Sam Wright has joined our dedicated team bringing with him a wealth of financial knowledge and experience. We'll be finding out more about Sam in our next issue.



*The Inclusion Access Board is growing. Time for a new photo, we think. Board Members from Left to Right: Brianna Barry, Liz Schneidewin, Coralie Graham, Josh Marshall (Founder), Mike D'arcy and Sharon Boyce.*

We're all looking forward to getting together in person for a board strategy meeting at the end of August. It feels like a long time since we've all been in the same room together. Hopefully we'll get a chance to update our photo while we're at it.

## Hidden Abilities got off to a great start!

After months of planning and anticipation, Hidden Abilities was a fantastic day for the disability community. Performers from Toowoomba and around

Australia joined together for a fantastic day of music, dance, singing, storytelling and plenty of laughter and fun along the way. With world class talent like Tim McCallum, Tom Nash and Dan Acfield as well as many other local talents, the audience, including other performers and volunteers had a wonderful time and saw for themselves how incredibly talented people with disability can be. But there was one star that really 'lifted' the show to new heights...



*One of our amazing volunteers who made it possible for everyone to access the stage for their performance using the smoothly operating lift that transported us all on and off the stage throughout the performance.*

More than 13 wheelchairs were ferried back and forth one at a time to make the show go as smoothly as possible. This lift is a great example of a solution to the question of heritage architecture versus modern accessibility. It may not be the best of both worlds but it's certainly a bridge between the two.



There's too much to tell you in a single newsletter so if you'd like to see what the performance was all about, head to our facebook page to watch a short film: <https://www.facebook.com/inclusionaccess/>

and if you're interested in a copy of any of the photos you can access our shared folder at:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1melvGCW3JEy0MjgjoVEUsYBXI4xME1dF?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1melvGCW3JEy0MjgjoVEUsYBXI4xME1dF?usp=drive_link)

## A Day at Dreamworld

Last month, Inclusion Access was asked to spend the morning at Dreamworld educating their staff on better inclusive practices for those living with disability. Josh and Mike both travelled down to Dreamworld to spend a couple of hours discussing the importance of better attitudes and the understanding of different requirements for those living with disability.



*Josh presenting at Dreamworld*

We are very pleased that Dreamworld is taking disability seriously. It is very refreshing to know that the management of Dreamworld are interested in interacting with those with disability the best that they can. Not only did we have the opportunity to discuss the communication requirements for those with neuro atypical disabilities, but we also discussed the barriers in the built environment for those with both mobility and sensory based disabilities.



*Mike presenting at Dreamworld*

This is only one small change in a very large amount of changes that need to occur in the community, but, we are very excited to make this small change in the hope that those living with disability can better enjoy their time at Dreamworld.

Here at Inclusion Access, we specialise in inclusive practice education and improving community awareness, and therefore allowing absolute equitable integration in society.

**Contact Us**



That's all from us for this instalment. If you have any stories to share with us, we would love to hear from you. Take care, friends.

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