



BUCKETTS WAY Neighbourhood Group Inc.

November 2021 Newsletter



WELCOME TO THE TEAM, CORRINA ROUTH

We're pleased to introduce a new face in our team and our town. We welcome Corrina to BWNG in the role of Ageing and Disability Services (ADS) Team Leader.

Having recently moved to the area from the Central Coast, Corrina brings extensive experience in Disability Services and Aged Care and will be working closely with our administration team to oversee BWNG's Ageing and Disability services and supports. Corrina has already proven to be a valuable addition to our team, and we look forward to working with her.



ADS Team Leader, Corrina Routh.

UPDATE – BWNG'S COVID-19 MANAGEMENT PLAN

As restrictions ease across the state and regional areas open up to visitors from Greater Sydney, we are remaining vigilant to keep our clients, team members and community COVID-safe.

The BWNG staff providing your services continue to follow the most up-to-date advice from the Department of Health, including directions on vaccination and the wearing of masks.

In line with these instructions, all BWNG team members must have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine by 29/11/21.

Additionally, we have recently introduced regular Rapid Antigen Testing of our staff, volunteers and cottage participants. This is a revolutionary screening process that can identify COVID-19 in people who are not yet showing symptoms, in as little as fifteen minutes from a simple nasal swab.

Rapid antigen testing will detect most cases of COVID-19 but is a *screening process* rather than an actual diagnosis. It is not a substitute for a standard (PCR) test from a COVID-19 testing clinic and is not suitable for people exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.

Should any team member return a positive rapid antigen test, or display symptoms of COVID-19 they will self-isolate, and will not return to work until they have returned a negative COVID-19 test from a COVID-19 testing clinic.

Out of area health transport is available to any destination for locals needing to travel for appointments, but you must go directly to the destination, then back.

If you have any queries about your services or would like to know more about BWNG's COVID-19 management plan, please phone our team on 65582454.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S DRAFT AGEING STRATEGY

An Ageing Strategy is a plan developed by governing bodies, from local councils to the federal government, to lay out how they plan to work with people at different life stages to help them remain healthy and independent for as long as possible.

MidCoast Council has developed a Draft Ageing Strategy using the feedback of 700 local seniors who participated in the planning process earlier in the year. The draft strategy is now on public display, for the community to review the strategy and provide feedback, as a final check before the strategy is adopted.

The strategy covers five focus areas of living in the MidCoast local government area:

- Health and wellbeing
- Working and retirement
- Getting around
- Housing choices
- Inclusive communities

To review the strategy and have your say, please visit:

<https://haveyoursay.midcoast.nsw.gov.au/ageing-strategy>

Alternatively, if you would like a printed copy please contact our team on Ph: 6558 2454.

