

	<p>Welcome to the Assisted Community Living (ACL) newsletter</p>
	<p>Our newsletter is new. We will be sharing news about our members, clients, staff and volunteers.</p>
	<p>Assisted Community Living is 53 years old and proud of its history.</p>

About us	
  <p data-bbox="644 443 735 495">Assisted Community Living Ltd. ACL Foundation Ltd. Established 22 August 1966</p>	<p data-bbox="922 264 1366 456">ACL is split into two businesses: ACL Disability Services and Assisted Community Living Ltd</p>
  <p data-bbox="592 757 703 831">Assisted Community Living Ltd. ACL Foundation Ltd. Established 22 August 1966</p>	<p data-bbox="922 566 1366 808">ACL Foundation Limited takes care of the organisation's assets and helps with fundraising activities.</p>
	<p data-bbox="898 880 1390 1072">ACL Disability Services helps adults with learning disabilities in group homes and independently.</p>
	<p data-bbox="930 1167 1350 1256">ACLDS also runs the Gig Buddies Sydney project.</p>
	<p data-bbox="922 1456 1366 1648">Gig Buddies Sydney helps people with learning disabilities go to social events and activities.</p>

About us (continued)	
	<p>The organisation aims to keep providing a great service to clients and improve social inclusion with our support services and the Gig Buddies Sydney project.</p>
	<p>The organisation works in line with the NDIS Quality and Safeguarding rules including the Code of Conduct and the NDIS Practice Standards.</p>
	<p>External Auditing/Verification - we are compliant with Quality and Safeguarding standards as per external review.</p>
	<p>Client privacy is important. Client information is only available to ACL staff and medical staff if needed.</p>
 <p>ACL wants everyone to feel able to make a complaint or a suggestion. We want to improve our service and we can only do this with your help. Please use this form to tell us what you think.</p> 	<p>If you have a complaint, you can fill in a form on the ACL website; https://www.assistcom.org/complaint (you don't need to give your name)</p>

Royal Commission



Last year the federal government established a Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability.



Our organisation is watching updates from the industry's peak body National Disability Services (NDS, not NDIS).



ACLDS has reviewed its procedures, processes and training.



The ACLL board and staff are committed to upholding and respecting the rights of people with a disability.



This includes the right to;

1. dignity and respect,
2. to live free from abuse, neglect, violence and exploitation, and
3. to participation and full inclusion in the community.

COVID-19	
	<p>Everyone in the world has been affected by COVID-19</p>
	<p>We have all adapted to the reduction in face to face activities in the interest of safety.</p>
	<p>The Gig Buddies Sydney team and ACLDS staff have changed their programs for COVID-19.</p>
	<p>They have had group chats on Facebook, virtual games, online activities, group home activities, outdoor and other activities like art classes and walking.</p>

Summary



The future for ACL Disability Services and the Gig Buddies project remains positive with growth in line with our mission: *“To empower people with disability to live the life they choose”.*



COVID-19 has been a challenge. But this financial year has been another successful year for ACLL.



We thank all our stakeholders for their continued support.