

Guide Dogs.

Insights.

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Welcome to the second edition of Insights, Guide Dogs SA/NT's client newsletter. We hope you enjoy hearing about what's happening at Guide Dogs SA/NT and sharing the wonderful stories from within our community.

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Find your community on CatchUp

Keep up to date with our Guide Dogs community over the holiday period on CatchUp - Guide Dogs' accessible online community for social connection, information, and more. You'll find social discussions, resources and news, and opportunities to connect with people with low vision and blindness. Register an account today to join the community: catchup.guidedogs.com.au



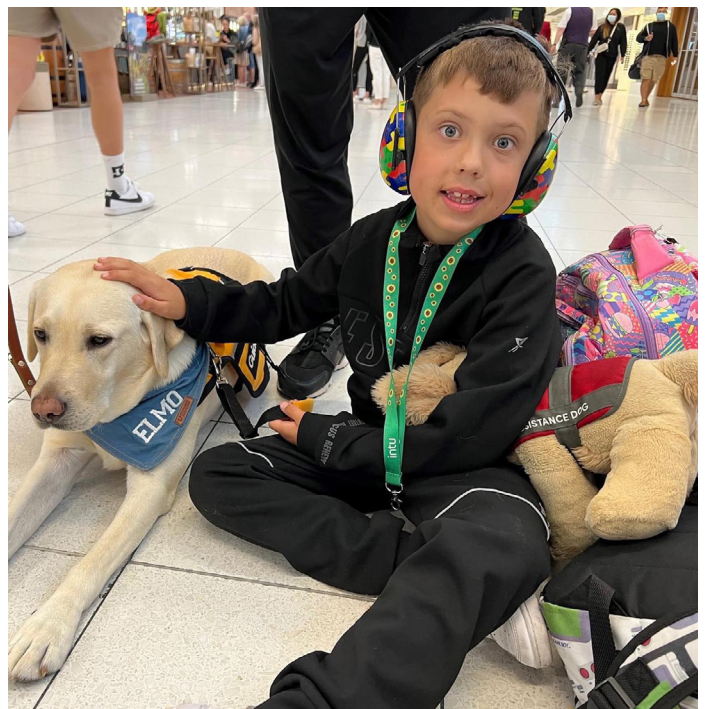
Celebrating International Day of People with a Disability

Who remembers Elmo, Adelaide Airport's first accredited Facility Dog?!

When he's not playing a star role in the docuseries 'Born to Lead,' Elmo works full-time as part of Adelaide Airport's 'Hidden Disabilities' program, to provide comfort to the many people who might need support while traveling. This International Day of People with Disability (#IDoPWD) we wanted to highlight the impact normalising and accommodating for hidden disabilities can have.

On a recent shift, Elmo met Tyler, a young traveller who needed some support coping with the busy and noisy airport environment. Elmo was the perfect dog for the job – his calm nature helped Tyler move through the airport with ease and Elmo didn't say no to the extra pats!

International Day of People with Disability may have passed now, but you can read more about our Dogs, staff and clients who are making a difference on our website here: sant.guidedogs.com.au/news





The Annual Report is here!

The 2021 – 2022 Annual report is here! Our Annual Reports summarise our work in the community over the past financial year. The reports showcase stories from our clients, volunteers, staff and supporters to outline the positive impact we're able to create with your support. To find our annual report and accessible annual report, follow this link: sant.guidedogs.com.au/annual-reports



Join our Consumer Reference Committee.

We are currently seeking expressions of interest to join our Consumer Reference Committee.

Our Consumer Reference Committee is a forum that works on a voluntary basis, where you can share your thoughts on relevant issues and other matters, such as the development of policies and procedures, guidelines, practices and publications. It's also a chance for you to highlight opportunities as well as emerging issues.

If you are interested in applying to join the Consumer Reference Committee or would like further information, please contact Simon or Salina on 1800 757 738. Expression of interest period ends on 31 January 2023.

Click here to apply: bit.ly/CRC2023

Learn about Mya's match with Autism Assistance Dog Royal

For parents Chloe and Ryan, taking their seven-year-old daughter Mya to the park or coffee shop is something they hadn't experienced. Mya lives with autism; she is non-verbal and struggles to understand instructions such as 'stop!', leaving her at great risk of danger. Chloe, Ryan and Mya's lives changed when they were introduced to Assistance Dog, Royal.

"Before Royal, we couldn't safely leave the house with Mya," says Chloe. "Since we've had Royal, we've been able to start re-engaging with our community."

"Mya has even started to look for Royal when she's ready to go somewhere. Because of Royal, Mya has a voice."

At Guide Dogs SA/NT it's amazing stories like this that make us say, "this is why we do, what we do". Find out more about how an Assistance dog may help you or someone you know, visit:

sant.guidedogs.com.au/our-dogs



Meet Stroke Survivor Tim

Did you know that one in four people globally will have a stroke in their lifetime? We would like to share with you Tim's story. After surviving his stroke, Tim was left with vision loss, and no one to help him – until he found Guide Dogs SA/NT.

Learn about Tim's story and his journey to get his independence back in this video: [youtube.com/watch?v=eAgS7JbNO1Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eAgS7JbNO1Q)



Upcoming Events

We look forward to seeing you again in 2023! Please visit our events page on the website to stay up to date with upcoming events: sant.guidedogs.com.au/events

Until then, we wish you joyful holidays and a happy new year!

Guide Dogs SA/NT office Christmas hours

The Guide Dogs SA/NT Morphett Street office will close over the Christmas/New Year period.

The closure will commence from close of business on Friday 23 December 2022 and business will resume on Tuesday 3 January 2023.



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