

Northcott in Action

Our Impact: Greg



Greg Druett and his artwork 'Land'.

Greg Druett is a talented young man enrolled at Northcott Everyday Life Skills program.

He attends North Rocks Centre and enjoys learning new skills and going on various outings with his friends.

Greg created an artwork inspired by his love of travel and modes of transport.

In this piece entitled 'Land' he used acrylic and ink to convey movement in nature through abstract expression.

Greg's artwork was proudly reproduced, framed and presented at one of our major events in July to thank some of our donors and corporate supporters.

Everyone really appreciated his talent! Thanks Greg!

Thank You!

From our CEO

Big thanks to our supporters and corporates!

I was so pleased to host a luncheon on Wednesday 31 July to thank our enthusiastic supporters and to share highlights from our Vocational Skills program. It was a great networking opportunity and more than 60 people attended. Mrs Donna Purcell, one of our Board Members, shared her experience with the Commonwealth Bank (CBA) inclusion program and its importance. She explained that “people with disability have the same needs as anyone else who doesn’t have a disability. We want to buy a home, we want to be able to have holidays, we want to have a secure future, have a family and look after that family like everybody else does but the key to that is employment. Employment is a critical part of everyone’s life”.

During this great gathering, Sarah Pearce, Area Manager for Western Sydney, and her team also spoke about the Vocational Skills program and the difference it makes in customers’ lives. The audience was amazed by Ben - one of our customers from Casula who said: “I got help with



Kerry Stubbs giving an update on Northcott at the Thank You Supporter Lunch.



Ben presenting to the audience about getting job ready.

things like creating my resume and my cover letter to get me ready to be able to get to an interview, to be able to have a chance at getting a job.” Helen Sara, Northcott Vocational Skills Coordinator said that “when

the customers get a job, walk with a new demeanour, they are holding their head up high, they are smiling”.

Thank you to everyone who attended!

Dedicated volunteers

Gather your workmates and volunteer at one of our events!



Volunteers at the Junior Athletics Carnival.

“I just wanted to say a huge thank you for allowing CBA to be part of the children’s athletics carnival. The feedback from the volunteers hasn’t stopped pouring in. Some are also exchanging stories that the parents shared with them yesterday about the struggles they face every day to provide normality in their children’s lives.”
– Nellie, Communications Manager, CBA

“The whole team had a fantastic day. I will definitely recommend my fellow staff members to volunteer as it is such a rewarding experience.”
– Lauren, Quality Advisor, St George Group



Volunteers at the Senior Athletics Carnival.

Northcott recently held Junior and Senior Athletics Carnivals at Sydney Olympic Park. The carnivals attracted over 350 students from 20 schools. Students travelled from as far away as Kiama and Gosford to

be part of this special day! The students were very excited to be part of the carnivals and they had lots of fun. Northcott staff, corporate volunteers and teachers worked really hard to make the events a big success.

The carnivals were exciting, engaging and created a fun competitive energy for the students, their teachers and families.

In Memoriam

Pieter leaves a legacy in the hearts of many

Leaving a gift to Northcott in a Will is a wonderful way to honour future generations. Northcott received a much appreciated bequest from the Estate of the late Pieter Hubertus Huveneers.

Pieter was born in Utrecht, Netherlands, in 1925. When the German Army invaded Holland in 1940, at the age of 15, he narrowly escaped capture, spending two years hiding and eventually finding shelter with a kind farming family. The harrowing experiences of war developed a lifelong interest in Pieter of helping others.

Completing a graphic design course at the Academy of Arnhem, Holland post-WWII, Pieter's early career in Europe saw him creating design work for the Dutch Flower Show, before moving on to the corporate sector where his creative flair was noticed and picked up by Philips, Schweppes, ICI, Pepsi Cola, British Rail, British Post Office and GE Corporation.



Immigrating to Australia in 1968, Pieter established his firm Huveneers Pty Ltd in Milson's Point, Sydney. In an era where graphic design and corporate identity were beginning to converge, with a staff of just over a dozen employees, and across two decades, Pieter produced more than 70 trademarked brand names and logos for Australian companies such as Cleanaway, Myer, Elgas, Australia Post and Westpac.

Northcott is privileged to have known Pieter since 1999. As a major donor, he was committed

to supporting people with disability on their path of learning and growth.

He leaves a legacy in the hearts of many.

If you'd like to leave a lasting gift in your Will, contact Nicole Forrest-Green on 02 9890-0113 or at nicole.green@northcott.com.au

Corporate Support

Giving is part of the culture at Westpac

For the past two years the team at Westpac Parramatta has chosen Northcott as their 'Charity of Choice'. Recently we spoke with Tricia McNevin and Alexandra Gledhill, who are overseeing the Westpac Community Program to talk about how they make workplace giving look fun and easy.

"Each month our people plan and coordinate fundraising activities such as mufti-days, BBQs, competitions, raffles and pop-up stalls that celebrate and leverage significant days like Valentine's Day for example."

Westpac also runs a Matching Gifts Program that sees them matching their employees' generous donations, dollar for dollar – a powerful way of showing support to their peoples hand-picked Charity of Choice.

This program is a source of pride for employees. Alexandra says "volunteering and donating to Northcott is a great way to connect with a purpose and reflect on our culture of service in the local community".

When asked what drew Westpac to support Northcott and what fuels their generosity, Alexandra explains that "we share the same values: community, courage,

achieving the best for our customers and local community". A personal connection also helped. "We have a team member, Shane Niblock, who has benefited from Northcott's services, which also encourages our team members to donate".

For the past three years Westpac Group Parramatta has volunteered at Northcott's Interschool Athletic and Swimming carnivals. Alexandra remarked "we were able to connect with the customers, which really drove the enthusiasm to have Northcott as our Charity of Choice". She highlights that "we get to hear where our funds are going and how they are helping Northcott, which is very rewarding to our team". Northcott provides

regular case stories and updates which help to keep the team engaged.

Face to face interaction from team members, customers and advocates like Ben Keyte, who shared what it meant to him to be part of the Northcott family at one of their team's 'Super Huddle' sessions, are key to building and nurturing the association between Northcott and Westpac.

Earlier this year, the team got their hands dirty helping at North Parramatta at the Life Skills Garden working bee and launch. "It was so great to meet the program team and customers and help build the sensory garden that Westpac helped to fund."



Westpac employees taking part in their office fundraising activities.

Find out more: contact Holly Borbely on 1300 378 243 or email holly.borbely@northcott.com.au

Supporter spotlight

Making a difference together: Tim Murphy gave up getting fancy presents and asked his friends to donate to Northcott instead!

Tim Murphy is one of Northcott's generous regular givers and a community fundraising hero!

Five years ago to celebrate his 50th birthday, Tim asked his family and friends to donate to Northcott instead of giving him gifts. This year, to celebrate his 55th birthday, he repeated this wonderful idea and asked family and friends to dig deep in their wallets to support our work with people with disability.

"I was born in Forbes in rural NSW to a farming family and spent my teenage years in a boarding school in Sydney. Our parents instilled in us to give to others and take the time to hear their stories," Tim said.

If you would like to know how you can host a community event, please contact Annette Sneyd on 1300 378 243 or email us at annette.sneyd@northcott.com.au

"Giving to Northcott makes me happy and is a true present. I see others in my community less fortunate than myself and enjoy giving whatever assistance I can to improve their lives in some way.

"The Fundraising Team at Northcott is exceptional and very attentive to donors and supporters. I have felt like part of the team, before, during and after organising my events!"



Tim Murphy



Parramatta Community Fun Day 2019.

Upcoming event

Northcott's Cricket Gala Dinner will take place on Thursday 7 November 2019 at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG).

Northcott is delighted to welcome Terry Shields Toyota again as sponsor of our pre-dinner drinks as part of their larger 2019 corporate partnership. "Partnering with Northcott has been an amazing opportunity to support and get involved in the needs of our local community. Through our partnership we hope to make a difference in the lives of children and adults living with disability," said Elissa Glenn, Marketing Manager at Terry Shields Toyota.

If you would like to be part of this great event, you can book your seat or make sponsorship enquiries by contacting Janette Semaan on 1300 378 243 or email janette.semaan@northcott.com.au



Guests taking in the view at pre-dinner drinks on the rooftop of the SCG.



Guests taking in the night's entertainment at a previous Gala Dinner.



We love hearing your thoughts about Northcott and the work we do. Please get in touch today with our friendly Fundraising team!

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