

JULY
2026



WELCOME TO OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Celebrating our community, sharing our stories, and creating meaningful moments together.

July is here, bringing exciting updates, inspiring stories, and plenty to look forward to! In this edition, you'll meet members of our amazing team, take a look inside our newly refreshed office, explore our Winter Holiday Program, learn about our participation in NDIS Nexus 42, stay informed with the latest NDIS updates from 1 July, and relive some of our favourite moments from June.

Whether you're looking for upcoming activities, community news, or simply want to see what's been happening at YAY Today, there's something for everyone in this month's edition.

Happy reading! ❤️



A New Face at YAY Today: Ranjana

Ranjana joins us as a Social Worker and brings a Master's degree in Social Work, along with over two years of experience in the disability sector. Ranjana chose this field because she genuinely enjoys connecting with people and supporting them to become the best version of themselves.

Welcome to the team, Ranjana!



Employee of the Month: Denise

Congratulations to Denise, our Employee of the Month for July!

Denise brings warmth, compassion, and professionalism to her role every day. Her calm and caring approach helps participants feel safe, respected, and supported, while her dedication and reliability make a meaningful difference to everyone she works with. We are grateful for the positive contribution she makes to the YAY Today community.



Congratulations, Denise, from the YAY Today team!

Employment Supports

Thinking about finding a job or building new skills?

At YAY Today, we support participants to develop confidence, prepare for employment, and work towards meaningful career goals. Whether you're looking for your first job, returning to work, or exploring new opportunities, our team is here to support you every step of the way.

Interested in learning more? Contact our team to discuss how Employment Supports may help you achieve your goals.

Meet the Team: Get to Know Nicole Stock

Tell us a little bit about yourself.

I'm the Head of Operations at YAY Today and have worked in the disability and community services sector for more than 20 years. Having supported a family member with disability has given me a deep understanding of the importance of compassionate, person-centred support. Outside of work, I love spending time with my family, travelling, exploring the outdoors, and enjoying life with my two very spoiled puppy dogs!



What does your role as Head of Operations involve at YAY Today?

No two days are ever the same! I work closely with our leadership team, Support Coordinators, and staff to ensure we continue delivering high-quality, person-centred services. My focus is supporting our team so that every participant receives the best possible care and experience.

What do you enjoy most about working with our participants and support workers?

I love building relationships, hearing our participants' stories, and celebrating their achievements—no matter how big or small. I'm also inspired every day by the compassion, patience, and dedication of our support workers and the positive impact they make in people's lives.

What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

Family is everything to me, so I love spending time with my daughter and extended family. I also enjoy travelling, exploring new places, going for walks along the beach, and finding time to relax and recharge.

What do you find most rewarding about your role?

Knowing that the work we do genuinely changes people's lives. Whether it's helping a participant become more independent or supporting a family through a challenging time, those moments remind me why I chose this career. I also love mentoring our team and seeing them grow in confidence and skills.

What do you hope every participant and family experiences when they receive support from YAY Today?

I hope every participant and family feels heard, respected, and genuinely cared for. At YAY Today, we build relationships based on trust, compassion, and respect, always putting our participants' goals first so they feel valued, empowered, and supported.

If you could describe YAY Today in three words, what would they be?

Compassionate. Empowering. Welcoming.

Highlights from June

June marked an exciting new chapter at YAY Today. Alongside our memorable Adventure Day at Sovereign Hill, we were thrilled to welcome participants back to our office after the completion of renovations. The refreshed space has brought renewed energy to our programs, providing a comfortable and welcoming environment where participants can connect, learn, and enjoy meaningful experiences together. We look forward to creating many more great memories in our renewed home.



**Interested in joining our classes and activities?
Get in touch to book your spot.**

YAY Today at NDIS Nexus 42

YAY Today was proud to be represented at NDIS Nexus 42 by our Director, Priscilla Maia, and Head of Operations, Nicole Stock. The event brought together leaders from across the disability sector to discuss innovation, quality, and the future of disability support.

As a panellist, Priscilla shared the importance of having strong systems and processes in place to deliver high-quality, person-centred services.

"When providers have the right foundations in place, it creates better outcomes for participants, supports teams to thrive, and helps raise the standard across our sector." –

Priscilla Maia

Nicole reflected on the event as an opportunity to explore new ideas and strengthen the way providers support people with complex needs.

"One of the biggest takeaways was that great disability support is built on relationships. Carefully matching participants with the right support workers, investing in staff development, and working collaboratively with families and professionals all lead to better outcomes." – **Nicole Stock**

The event reinforced YAY Today's commitment to continuous learning, innovation, and delivering safe, person-centred supports. The insights gained will help us continue improving our services, strengthening our team, and ensuring every participant receives support that reflects their goals, strengths, and aspirations.

We believe the future of disability support is about creating meaningful outcomes, promoting independence, and empowering every participant to live the life they choose.



Office Updates

We're excited to share that our office upgrade is now **complete!**

After weeks of planning and hard work, we've created a modern, welcoming space that better reflects who we are and supports the way we work together.

Our refreshed office has been designed to provide a more comfortable and collaborative environment for our team, helping us continue delivering the high-quality, person-centred support our participants deserve.

A big thank you to everyone who helped bring this project to life, and to our participants, families, and support workers for your patience and understanding throughout the project.

We look forward to welcoming you into our refreshed space!

Behind the Scenes



Our Refreshed Office



Important NDIS Update – From 1 July 2026

From 1 July 2026, the NDIS has introduced its annual updates to the **Pricing Arrangements and Price Limits**. These updates include changes to the maximum prices that can be charged for some NDIS supports and services.

What does this mean for you?

For most participants, **your supports will continue as usual**, and you don't need to do anything.

If any of the pricing updates affect your current supports or Service Agreement, **our team will contact you to discuss any changes and answer your questions**. We will always work with you to ensure you continue receiving the support you need.

At YAY Today, we're committed to providing high-quality, person-centred support and making any changes as smooth as possible.

If you have any questions about these updates or your NDIS plan, please don't hesitate to contact our team. We're always happy to help. 

Need more information?

If you have any questions about these updates or your NDIS plan, please contact the YAY Today team on [1300 006 929](tel:1300006929) or support@yaytoday.com.au. We'll be happy to assist you.

Dates to Remember



NAIDOC Week **5–12 July**

A week to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, and achievements across Australia.



National Tree Day **26 July**

A day to celebrate nature and encourage everyone to care for the environment and our local communities.



Disability Pride Month

Celebrating inclusion, diversity, and the strengths and achievements of people living with disability.



International Day of Friendship **30 July**

Celebrating friendship, kindness, and the positive connections that bring people together.

Winter Holiday Program

Our Holiday Program is back, and we can't wait to welcome participants for two weeks of fun, creativity, learning, and connection.

The program is packed with a great mix of activities, including sports, cooking, art, wellness, barista classes, karaoke, creative workshops, and special outings in the community.



WEEK 1

Monday, 29 June

Completed

Tuesday, 30 June

Completed

Wednesday, 1 July

Barista Class: 10:00am – 1:30pm

Cooking Class: 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Thursday, 2 July

Zumba & Rhythm: 10:00am – 1:00pm

Wellness Class: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Friday, 3 July

Cookies Creations at YAY

10:00am – 1:00pm

Saturday, 4 July

Girls Day at YAY

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Sunday, 5 July

Firelight Festival Night Out

5:00pm – 8:00pm

WEEK 2

Monday, 6 July

Make Your Own Candle Workshop

10:00am – 1:00pm

Tuesday, 7 July

Cooking Class: 10:00am – 1:30pm

Art Class: 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Wednesday, 8 July

Barista Class: 10:00am – 1:30pm

Cooking Class: 1:30pm – 4:30pm

Thursday, 9 July

Pizza Makers at YAY 10:00am – 1:00pm

Wellness Class: 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Friday, 10 July

Farm Adventure

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Saturday, 11 July

Karaoke Party

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Ready to join us? Contact us to book your place!
0466 986 540 or rostering@yaytoday.com.au

July Saturday Program

Saturday 4 July – Girls Day at YAY

A fun day just for the girls! Enjoy getting your nails done, sharing yummy snacks, having laughs and chats with friends, and spending a relaxing afternoon together in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Saturday 11 July – Karaoke Party

Get ready for a fun-filled day of music, singing, laughter, and tasty snacks! A great opportunity to build confidence, enjoy your favourite songs, socialise with friends, and have an amazing time together.

Saturday 18 July – Bark Salon Exhibition at The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia

Explore First Nations bark painting and storytelling through a beautiful free exhibition at NGV Australia.

Saturday 25 July – Climbing Experience

Get ready for a fun and exciting climbing adventure! Challenge yourself, build confidence, stay active, and learn new climbing skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Day Program July 2026					
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We look forward to seeing you at our July activities!