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Identitywa Staff Newsletter
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 **Identitywa**
Sharing the journey



Australian Government
Department of Health

COVID-19 Directions made by the Chief Health Officer

You will have all received an email from me alerting you to the announcement by the Chief Health Officer about the latest COVID-19 directions under the Public Health Act 2016 to funded providers.

As mentioned, these Directions directly impact Identitywa support workers and our Allied Health staff's ability to enter specific facilities without being vaccinated. The Directions provide that workers will need to present evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination status or approved exemption to enter specific facilities.

This is a reminder that from 1 October 2021 to 1 January 2022, a staged schedule for implementing the new requirements will commence with Tier 1 health facilities, which include emergency departments and COVID-19 clinics.

Marina Re



How do I get my vaccination certificate?

The COVID-19 digital certificate is automatically generated after the second dose of an approved vaccine. Our workers can access their digital certificate via the [Express Plus Medicare](#) smartphone app by linking their Medicare to their MyGov account. Once you've done that, download the app because that means the evidence is there on your phone, enabling you to provide evidence of vaccination quickly, particularly helpful if you are faced with a medical emergency.

The certificate can also be found online by logging into Medicare via MyGov, and going to "immunisation history". Medicare accounts must be linked to MyGov before the vaccine certificate can be accessed.

For those unable to find the certificate online or via the app, an immunisation history statement can be requested from your vaccine provider or the [Australian Immunisation Register](#).

The certificate will still be available for those who have opted out of My Health Record, as the Australian Immunisation Register is a separate database.



The Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability

Royal Commission Issues Paper - Promoting Inclusion has been released. Click [here](#) to read.

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Important reminder!

Have you had your
COVID-19 vaccination?
If the answer is NO,
we strongly recommend
you do please.

If the answer is YES,
please let HR know
so we can ensure our
records are accurate.

E: hr@identitywa.com.au

Thank You

Please see the back page
of this newsletter for a list
of vaccination hubs now
open to both residential
and in home and
community aged care/
disability workers.

VALE JANINE AND KIM

Both ladies will be
sadly missed by their
housemates, families and
support workers



It was Cupcakes all-around at the last Leadership meeting
as our CEO, Marina Re, marked her 10th anniversary with
Identitywa. Congratulations from all at Identitywa, Marina!

Career Pathways and Professional Development Opportunities 2021

The opportunity to study while in employment has
been highly valued by Identitywa staff and many of our
employees have benefited from this.

We are very pleased to announce that Identitywa will be offering
disability specific qualifications to employees at the end of this year.
The course on offer will be:

Certificate 3 in Individual Support Enrolment in November 2021

As we have a limited number of places on offer, a selection process
will apply. To be eligible for the program, you need:

- To be employed with Identitywa on a permanent contract, this also includes Flexi Staff.
- Passed your three month probationary period.

If you are interested, please speak to your Team Leader or contact
Angela Bamford on 62467514 | angela.bamford@identitywa.com.au



NDIS Quality
and Safeguards
Commission

Stage 2 Audit completed

We have finalised the Stage 2 audit for Identitywa's NDIS registration.

A 'big thank you' to our Admin team members, Sonya, Cheche, Lyn, Dorothy and Gauri for their work and special thanks to Kathy's teams at Vermont, Meldrum A & B for being so accommodating while a live streaming with auditors was happening.

Thanks also to Malcolm, Raj and Nathan for being on standby for IT support.

A massive team effort and great commitment to quality improvement. Well done all.

Britta Meyer
Executive Manager Workforce and Development



Well done on the win, Rozanne!!!

We could not go past your set up, fantastic use of a small space. Great stuff.

Regards, Naomi Sirianni, Business Development Manager



Sharing the journey

We had a great day at the Source Kids Disability Expo at the Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre. Our very enthusiastic team shared all the important information about support services for children and teenagers. And...we won the award for the Best Table!

WA Disability Support Awards 2021

People we support, nominees and their families attended the Awards once again this year. By all accounts it was a great night. So proud of all our Identitywa finalists!



▲ Ryley pictured with his House Senior, John, and his wife Katerina, and Team Leader, Michael Wolfenden.



▲ Nominee and House Senior, Danni, with her husband Adrian.



▲ Rikki, who nominated her support worker, pictured with Executive Manager, Britta Meyer.



▲ Natalie with her husband, Michael, and her support team.



We are inviting our workers to put up their hand to join our *COVID Specialist Support Team*

Please email your expression
of interest to Clinical Nurse, Kerry Deakin
Kerry.Deakin@identitywa.com.au.

You will receive:

- Expert training, including infection control, use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
- Support and mentoring from our Allied Clinical Team
- A 'Covid' pay rate at Level 10 DSW



John's Jolly Car Wash

That is the name of the new business John has recently launched south of Perth.

He is keen to get some customers as soon as he can so we are sharing this exciting news.

If anyone is interested, please contact our office and we will send him your details.

E admin@identitywa.com.au

Good changes for



Catholic Super

Dear Identitywa worker

After 50 years of supporting members, Catholic Super is happy to share some great news and good changes. Catholic Super may look a little different, but their name, service, and commitment to achieving strong long term investment performance for their members remains the same.



Lower investment fees

Catholic Super investment fees went down by up to 20% on 1 July 2021. That can make a big difference to your super in the long run.



Investment performance

Catholic Super's investment options ended the 2020-21 financial year on a high note. The default Growth Plus* MySuper option returned 5.64% for the previous quarter (to 30 June 2021). That takes the one-year return to 19.90%.

Members in the default Balanced Growth** MySuper option are looking at an annual return of 16.81%.

But the standout performer has been the Australian Shares option, which returned north of 27% for the previous 12 months (to 30 June 2021). That equals investment returns of approximately \$27,000 on a super balance of \$100,000 #.



Daily unit pricing

Daily unit pricing was something that Catholic Super members requested, and it has now, and oversight on your super investment.



Catholic Super aces the performance test

We're also pleased to report that Catholic Super recently passed the new Performance Test of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA), which benchmarks superannuation funds and publicly names underperformers.



Contact us

If you would like to learn more about Catholic Super and these good changes, please visit csf.com.au or contact Leanne Nunn by email lnunn@csf.com.au or by phone on 0419 168 155.

* Formerly Aggressive

** Formerly Balanced

Less fees and other charges



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Living Life



Kevin really enjoyed hearing the history of the Perth Mint and seeing the largest gold coin in the world, plus seeing the gold pouring. A great outing for anyone to enjoy!



We think Andrew is definitely enjoying playing his guitar 😊



Stephen made the most of a beautiful, sunny day by visiting his local beach.



Michael bying a few things for his new home at Finnan-2 which he has happily settled into.



Eileen and Simon really enjoyed their Sunday afternoon ride on the RAC Self Driving Bus in South Perth. Good fun!



Trevor and his support worker, Ian, joined volunteer group, Cycling Without Age, who take people for rides along the coast in Trishaw bikes.



Mark making friends with the locals at the West Australian Reptile Park.



Fun at the Royal Show for Bettina and Tess.



The local Book Fair provided lots to do for housemates from Fisher.

HR Corner

Please contact the HR Team on 9474 3303 | HR@identitywa.com.au for more information.

Current positions on offer

Please see detailed information on our website about the jobs we are currently advertising - www.identitywa.com.au or click [here](#).



Don't forget, we would love you to share our latest vacancies through your friends/network.

DEDICATED COVID VACCINATION HUBS

Please see below the list of Commonwealth vaccine provider dedicated vaccination hubs for aged care and disability workers. These vaccination hubs are now open to both residential and in home and community aged care/disability workers.

VAS Provider led or in conjunction with DSP	Primary Cohort	Hub/Name	Address	Suburb	State	Date Opening	Date Closing	Days/Open Hours	Capacity	Walk-in Accepted Yes/No	Booking Information/ Comments
HCA			355 Scarborough Beach Rd, Osborne Park, 6017	Osborne Park	WA	Open			148		HCA Provider Support Team 1300 542 444
Sonic	Aged Care & Disability	Osborne Park	1 King Edward Road	Osborne Park	WA	2/08/2021	Ongoing	Monday 9am - 1pm Wednesday 12-4pm Thursday 9am - 1pm	288	No	
Sonic	Aged Care & Disability	Malaga	Unit 2, 9 Bonner Drive	Malaga	WA	2/08/2021	Ongoing	7:30-3:30 - Mon - Fri	120	No	(08) 9248 6088 malaga@sonichealthplus.com.au



Another helpful link via Hotdoc - [Click here](#)

If you would like to share a story please send it and any photos via email to Michelle.ebbs@identitywa.com.au or call 9474 3303.

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