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Family and Participant eNewsletter

A new chapter in inclusive housing in Spearwood

Identitywa is excited to share that the final block has now been cleared in our 16 home Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) project and construction of the last two homes in Spearwood is underway.

This marks an important moment in our long-term partnership with Jarra, which began in early 2024. Together, we're committed to creating welcoming, inclusive communities where people with disability can live more independently and with dignity.

These new homes are being built by three highly respected Western Australian builders, OMNI Projects, Princi and Plunkett.

Each builder brings extensive experience to ensure the homes are thoughtfully designed, high-quality and tailored to the needs of the people who will live in them.

Identitywa CEO Marina Re and Jarra Director Stefan Piruk have both spoken about how this partnership has helped turn a shared vision into real homes for people supported by Identitywa.

Marina highlighted that the project is about much more than construction, it's about creating places that offer choice, comfort and a sense of belonging for people with disability.

'Everyone wants to live in a home that suits their needs and supports their goals. These homes are not just buildings, they represent choice and control, belonging and quality of life,' Marina said. 'We look forward to welcoming around 48 people into their new homes.'

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For Michael and his family, this project represents a significant milestone. Michael has been supported by Identitywa for more than 40 years, and his brother David reflected on how far inclusive housing has come.

'From the shared homes of the 1980s to the purpose built SDA homes being created today, the difference is extraordinary. This new home will give Michael the dignity, comfort and support he deserves in his later years, something we could never have imagined when he first left home in 1985.'

The homes are located in Belmont, Eden Hill, Girrawheen, Palmyra, Queens Park, Wembley, Yokine and Spearwood. Features include master-sized bedrooms with ensuites, spacious shared areas, assistive technology and security features. Sensory-friendly design has been included to support individual needs. Construction is expected to finish in 2027.



Photo caption: Michael has been supported by Identitywa since 1985

We continue to build homes across the metro area that are ready to move into now through to 2027. If you would like to talk about current or upcoming housing options, please get in touch E: enquiries@identitywa.com.au P: 9474 3303 or W: www.identitywa.com.au



Identitywa 50 years - Celebrating our journey | Empowering our future

In 2027 we will celebrate a significant milestone year, 50 years of supporting people with disability. Planning for our 50 year celebrations are well underway and our 50 year brand will be launched very soon!

Key events and initiatives will include:

- Opening celebration, dinner dance and celebratory mass
- Collaborative art project - featuring contributions from participants
- Commemorative eBook - highlighting 50 stories of people, moments, milestones

Calling for volunteers!

Whether you're an organiser, artist, art lover, storyteller, history buff, singer, musician, dancer, enthusiastic supporter, you're welcome to be part of the fun!

Please register your interest with Sue: 50thAnniversary@identitywa.com.au

Helping people thrive with a Better Living Grant

Did you know the Better Living Grants (BLGs) are available to support participants to build independence, stay connected and explore new opportunities?

Providing up to \$5000, the BLGs from Identitywa are for funding meaningful projects or items that enhance the quality of life, boost community engagement and foster personal growth for people living with disability.

It might be a laptop or iPad to stay in touch with loved ones, equipment to build independence at home, a course to develop new skills, or support to pursue a personal goal. If it's not covered by the NDIS but would make a real difference, these grants could help.

Ryley was one of the successful recipients of the grants in 2025 and it was used to purchase a rolling stand for his iPad which is on a 360 degree swivel. It has helped him to thrive and made a positive difference to his life.

The idea to apply for a grant was initiated by Ryley's family based on his needs and goals, which were to improve connection and communication with his parents who live in the southwest, while increasing his independence. So together with his support team the family applied for a grant.

Now his life has improved as he can chat freely with his parents at any time of the day and it's as if they are right in front of him.

Ryley said he likes to talk to his parents from the privacy of his bedroom. The rolling stand has enabled him to achieve this as there's no need for someone to hold the iPad up for him.

In addition to communicating with his family via MS Teams and staying connected, Ryley keeps up with what's happening in the world and watches YouTube, plays games, takes photos and listens to music.

This gives him more independence and choice to engage in what interests him, while developing new skills.

Team Leader Sagar recommends adding BLGs to the team meeting agenda and encouraging teams to work with participants and families, to understand what participants could benefit from.

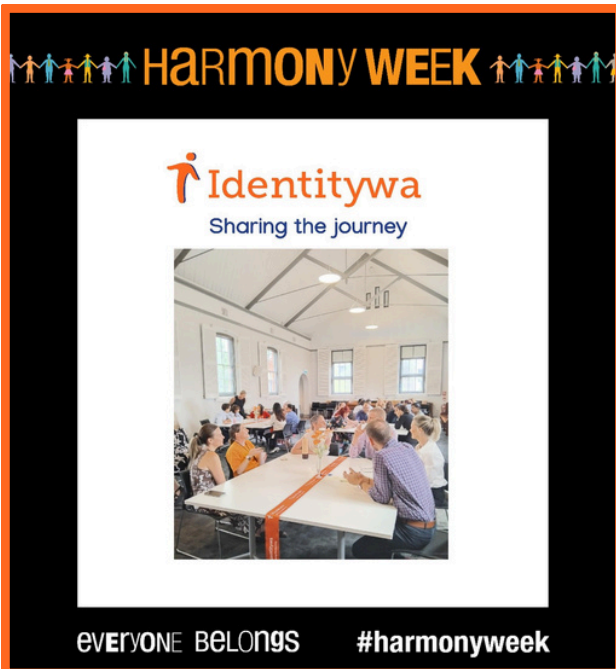
Eligible participants who have been with Identitywa for 12 months or more can apply for funding to support a range of activities, including:

- Technology or equipment to support independence
- Learning and development opportunities
- Community participation
- Conferences or workshops.

Successful applicants will be notified in writing. Don't miss the chance to turn your dreams into reality. For more details and to apply, please email: events@identitywa.com.au

Better living grant applications open in June 2026





Harmony Week | Everyone belongs

This Harmony Week we celebrated the rich cultural diversity that strengthens our community and the support we provide to people with disability.

Our team members include people from over 50 countries bringing a wide range of experiences, languages and perspectives. This diversity helps us better understand each person we support.

To mark the week, our teams gathered to share stories, reflect on what inclusion means and celebrate the importance of belonging. From meaningful conversations to a shared lunch featuring dishes from our cultures, it was a chance to connect, learn and appreciate one another.

This year's theme, *Everyone belongs*, reflects what we strive for - creating environments where people feel respected, valued and supported to live the life they choose. Thank you to everyone who took part and shared their experiences.

Easter

Easter Mass

Saturday 11 April @ 11:30am Infant Jesus Parish
47 Wellington Road Morley



Planning for your child's future – at Developmental Disability WA (DDWA)

What If I Die Tomorrow? WORKSHOP

Thursday 30 April 2026 5:30pm - 8:30pm

@ City West Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St West Perth

Cost: \$15 DDWA members | \$30 non-members

Refreshments will be provided.

This workshop is designed for parents, carers, families and guardians of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Questions or need help registering?

Contact Leticia or Teresa at (08) 9420 7203

or email ddwa@ddwa.org.au.

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