



CBS Inc. NEWS



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Community Bridging Services (CBS) Inc. is a proud South Australian not-for-profit organisation

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New Chapter for an Adelaide Icon

Abby McKay

After 6 years' experience in the Aurora on Pirie building, Community Concierge SA (CCSA) is now providing services to the iconic building on 25 Grenfell St, Adelaide. JLL has welcomed this proven and successful social enterprise business into the building having commenced on Monday 16 April 2018.

CCSA is a unique business initiative that was established in 2011 by CBS Inc. The team offers their own brand of professional, stylish and comprehensive mix of concierge and security services that help promote a positive atmosphere for the business community within the building.

The concierge team provides a high level of experienced service standing by the motto "Because nothing is too much trouble".

All Concierge staff are fully qualified, licensed professionals having completed training in Concierge Services, First Aid and Security, and see concierge as a career.

CCSA will offer the following negotiated services:

- greeting tenants and being the first point of contact for any query
- meeting and greeting visitors to the building and giving directions to businesses and events in the building
- facilitating bookings in various rooms
- being the first point of call to all trade people, signing in, checking induction certificates and assisting the building manager
- ensuring the proper use and control of the goods lift
- security of the building including car park, fire exits, and recreational facilities
- security swipe card programming, control and distribution

- building an email database of tenants to enable a fast service for directions for visitors
- hourly security checks to make sure fire exits are accessible
- helping promote various businesses within the building
- hazard management
- assisting the chief fire warden with duties when required
- taxi Bookings
- drop off and pickup point for dry cleaning services
- urgent courier mail holding service
- identifying and reporting any cleaning issues in the building's common areas
- responding to reports of issues in common areas and referring to appropriate personnel.

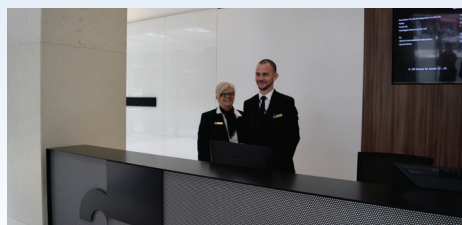
CCSA works with businesses to negotiate to meet the needs of the business, and gives the reassurance that CCSA is an Australian business driven by a mission to provide professional high quality support and opportunities to other Australians who happen to have a disability. CCSA is competitively priced and profits go towards other supports to Australians looking for long term employment.

To discuss CCSA services further please contact: Abby McKay or Visva Nathan 8224 2900

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CCSA staff are excited to be providing their successful brand of Concierge to the South Australian community and within the JLL building.

CBS Inc. & CCSA founder and Executive Director Freddie Brincat OAM said "When CCSA was first established I was in negotiations with Urban Construct and I knew we had perfect candidates trained in both concierge services via TAFE SA and security certification who had the professional strengths needed to be the perfect match to meet their needs. Over time CCSA is proving to be a truly specialised local solution providing respectful services to clients who are the focus at all times – it's an innovative local solution and a point of difference to our customers."



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CBS Inc. Study Tour Mai Nguyen

The 2018 Arts Disability International Conference in Singapore was the first Conference of its kind in the Asia Pacific Region and CBS Inc. is proud to have been able to support it by sending representatives to attend. There were impressive pioneering artists who, through their tireless efforts, are building a society which is more enabling and inclusive to all people, including people who experience disability.

Featured at the event was South Australian Disability Theatre's No Strings Attached in which Alirio Zavarce, the Artistic Director, entertained his audience with a very enlivening and engaging presentation at the Arts Disability Conference. He took everyone on a personal journey through his life and the evolution of his work with No Strings Attached. He spoke about the design of NSA theatre pieces including "Sons and Mothers", "Godzilla" and the most recent work "I Forgot to Remember to Forget" which is an experimental theatre piece that investigates the experience of memory.

Attendees also had the fortune of being able to visit Enabling Village, a community space which combines retail outlets, technology, training and lifestyle for people with disability. Enabling Village is based on holistic design for community members with disability. Some of the highlights of the accessible design in The Village included an ATM with provisions to include people with vision impairment, a supermarket with Universal Design trolleys, a café that was used both as an opportunity for employment for community members with disability and



an environment to relax, learn art and to showcase and sell art from their members. Whilst at The Village I bought a tea flask and a t-shirt and couldn't help but think how wonderful it would be if all societies were this inclusive in their environment and approach to people with a disability.

Some key things that stood out for me from the trip were the importance of understanding the value of work from people with disability, and how important allowing time and space for all individuals is, especially for artists. Some people work better when given the right amount of time, especially in this day and age, where productivity means working faster, doing more things and being more efficient. But is the quality still there?

I believe that progress is working towards a more inclusive world where each of us, regardless of ability or life experiences, has the opportunity to learn from one another and to working together to make the world a better place for everyone. This trip to Singapore really crystallised this belief for me and I look forward to making the world a better place for everyone.

Myanmar visit

Ash Ellement-Hampson & Kate Gray

Last month CBS Inc. hosted a group of educators from Myanmar whose work focuses on children living with a disability in the education setting.

Educators from schools in Yangon gathered alongside members of the Myanmar Down Syndrome Association and Flinders University Associate Professor Caroline Ellison to shadow our Jobnet staff at CBS Inc. through their day of liaising with employers and participants. One educator spent the day working at 'Café Options in The Port', a social enterprise supporting people with a disability and/or disadvantage find employment and serving up delicious Vietnamese style food. Café Options in The Port is an initiative of Diamond House.

Conversation focused around the educators from Myanmar wanting to move forward in the inclusive movement and expand from not only providing entry to accessible schools but also assisting individuals transition into education and employment settings. There was a special interest in communication, community inclusion, and the reduction of isolation for people with a disability.

CBS Inc. staff Kate Gray and Ash Ellement-Hampson attended the Myanmar farewell dinner where they thanked the educators for allowing us to host them and received many thanks in return. There was a home cooked banquet put on by the Myanmar educators alongside a special song of thanks written by the educators themselves, sung in both Burmese and English to express their gratitude.

Both CBS Inc. and the Myanmar Fellows will hold this experience dearly and hope to work together again in the future (Hello a trip to Myanmar for CBS Inc.).

'Eye to Eye' Exhibition

CBS Inc. recently held its third annual art exhibition in partnership with the Hahndorf Academy from March 30- April 29 with the opening held on Wednesday 4 April. We were honoured to have Melinda Rankin, Director of Murray Bridge Regional Gallery open the exhibition along with speeches from Rachel McElwee, Director Hahndorf Academy and CBS Inc. Executive Director, Freddie Brincat OAM. Curated by arts facilitator Hans Kreiner 'Eye to Eye' featured vibrant paintings by talented artists living with disability. The art works were full of colour, symbolic representations and broad abstractions with distinctive personal styles. The artists have won several art awards over the years. A number of paintings were sold at the opening with proceeds going to the artists.

In the adjoining gallery was 'Travels of an Explorer' by Bryan Tingey, a dynamic body of work by Bryan with paintings and mixed media that play on words and speech.

The CBS Inc. SALA exhibition is opening soon at Eastwood Community Centre.





Meet our Jobseekers



Dean

Dean resides at Seacliff Park and would ideally like to find employment in the child care industry. Dean is currently completing Cert III in Early Childhood Care and Education. Dean has previous experience in retail and production work.

Dean is energetic, motivated and interacts well with others.

If you would like to offer Dean an employment opportunity contact: Lisa Flowers (08) 8321 9700 lisa.flowers@cbsinc.org.au

Out and About with school2work

Colin Shepherd

CBS Inc. is proudly continuing school2work Supports, providing individualised experiences that target specific employment and life skills. One of the activities completed weekly is called 'Out and About'. To date the participants have chosen to visit a number of interesting locations, some of which have included Nova and FiveAA radio stations, a tour of the new Royal Adelaide Hospital, the Adelaide Festival Centre and the South Australian Museum.

One school2work participant said "I felt like you really believed in me, from our first interview with John through to my meeting with Gabby and Colin, you all gave me the confidence boost I needed to look forward to the opportunities ahead."

The team behind school2work Supports look forward to future 'Out and About' sessions!

If you, or anyone you know, would like to know more about our school2work Supports, please phone 8224 2900 or email ndis@cbsinc.org.au.



Claudia

Claudia is from Murray Bridge and is seeking employment in Aged or Disability Care. Claudia has recently completed a Certificate III in Individual Support (Aged Care, HAC, Disability) in the hope of finding employment in this field.

Claudia is cheerful, caring and motivated. She is well suited to a role in individual support. Claudia keeps herself busy volunteering several days a week in a local café and has a proven work history.

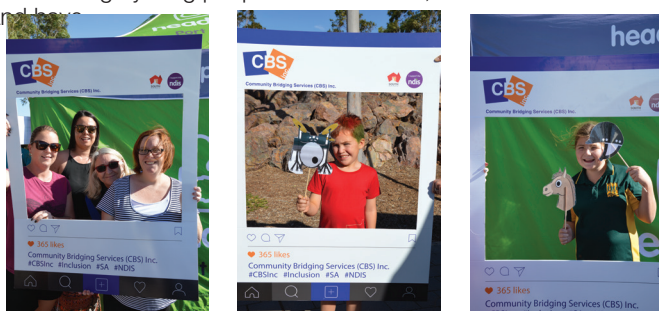
If you would like to offer Claudia an employment opportunity please contact: Fi Daniel (08) 85326133, Fiona.Daniel@cbsinc.org.au

Youth week celebrations.

Stacey Cox

On Friday 13 April the CBS Inc. Port Augusta team joined in to celebrate and support Youth Week 2018, an initiative to encourage young people to share ideas, celebrate their contribution to the community and have their voices heard.

CBS Inc. held an event at the local skate park with a photo booth and young people enjoyed the Instagram frame and dressing up with props from different occupations. The idea was a huge success with everyone and the team all surviving the gale force winds!!



Open for Business

CBS Inc. is proud to announce that we will be opening new offices in Stirling and Woodville in Mid-May 2018 to deliver Disability Employment Services (DES) under our Jobnet Employment Program.

Due to our consistent Star Rating we have been able to extend our contracts to include a greater reach in the East and West of Adelaide.

We look forward to welcoming you at:

Oak Plaza, Shop 2/11 Mount Barker Road, Stirling and

Diamond Clubhouse, 19 Kilkenny Road Woodville Park.



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