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Nambucca Valley disAbility Services Integrates with Ability Options

***In preparation for National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)
Mid North Coast rollout from 1st July 2017***

Leading Disability Service Provider Ability Options announced that Nambucca Valley disAbility Services (NVdS) has integrated with their organisation.

CEO of Ability Options Fred Van Steel announced the integration following a meeting with the NVdS board and management.

Maureen Rahman, CEO of Nambucca Valley disAbility Services said “The integration with Ability Options will allow NVdS to tap into Ability Options’ proven experience in the NDIS trial sites in the Hunter and Nepean Blue Mountains”

“As the Mid North Coast prepares for the Rollout of the NDIS from 1st July 2017, we will work alongside Ability Options to ensure Nambucca Valley disAbility Services and our Clients are NDIS ready. This includes working closely with our Clients and Families on their individual requirements and needs.”

The National Disability Insurance Scheme will roll out in the Mid North Coast from July 2017. The Mid North Coast district covers the local government areas of Bellingen, Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Nambucca and Port Macquarie-Hastings.

The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) expects 5,800 people in the Mid North Coast to be accessing their supports through the scheme by 30 June 2019. This figure includes an estimated 2,700 eligible participants who will be accessing new funding for the first time.

The NDIS gives people with disability, their families and carers a chance to advocate for supports that are aligned with their individual goals.

Mr Fred Van Steel, CEO of Ability Options said “Our extensive experience of working within the NDIS trial sites, where we support over 700 participants, has highlighted the need for smaller providers to adapt their businesses practices to conform to the new model of funding.”

“We will work closely with NVdS to ensure the transition to the NDIS is as seamless as possible”

“Nambucca Valley disAbility Services is an outstanding organisation who have been offering disability supports to local people and their families for 27 years. We are honoured to have them join our Ability Options Community “

Nambucca Valley disAbility Services will continue operating as its own separate entity, supporting local people and their families.

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About Ability Options

Ability Options have been supporting people with disability who need assistance to achieve their aspirations and inclusion in the community for 40 years. Ability Options are an experienced provider assisting participants with tailored services through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and have been leaders in the NSW Hunter Trial site since 2013 and in the Nepean Blue Mountains since 2015.

With more than 900 employees, Ability Options provide a variety of services from 25 sites across NSW, supporting people in the home and in the community, in education, with allied health, supported and independent living. We assist people to find the job that's right for them, through the Australian Government's jobactive scheme as well as the Disability Employment Scheme (DES).

Ability Options is a strong supporter of the NDIS and are behind its full implementation. We stand firm behind its principles of increasing independence, choice and control, improving social and economic participation and making a real and profound difference in people's lives.

For further information visit - abilityoptions.org.au

About Nambucca Valley disAbility Services

Nambucca Valley disAbility Services Inc. (previously known as Valleys to Plateau) has been providing support to people with disability in the Nambucca Valley since 1989. NVdS are proud of their connections and networks in the local community, which helps connect Clients to local organisations, services and businesses. Their services encourage and support people to make informed choices about how they wish to achieve their dreams and aspirations in life.

For further information visit - nambuccavalleydisabilityservices.com.au

What is the NDIS?

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) provides individual support for people living with disability, their families and carers.

The NDIS means people can work on different goals throughout their life to assist them to be independent by providing eligible people a flexible, whole-of-life approach to the support needed to pursue their goals and aspirations and participate in daily life.

For further information visit - ndis.gov.au