

New era for Canberra disability services commences as Hartley Lifecare opens new building

Seven years of planning, community fundraising, and liaison with the ACT Government and local businesses has resulted in a magnificent, new purpose built building that will help improve services and support for people with physical and complex disabilities in the Canberra region.

His Excellency (Mr Michael Bryce AM AE) and John Hargreaves MLA opened the new building in Pearce for Hartley Lifecare today.

“The new building has opened a new era for Hartley Lifecare and the provision of services for people with physical and complex disabilities in the Canberra region,” Mr Eric Thauvette, Executive Director said today.

“It catches up with the expansion of our services over the past few years and provides us with a dedicated base for our assistive technology program and a training facility for staff and others in the community.”

“The benefits of the new facilities will flow on to improve the lives of people with physical disabilities and increase their ability to lead more fulfilling lives and to access education and employment.”

Hartley Lifecare currently provides support for about 100 people with disabilities and their families and aims to provide assistive technology assessments for up to 50 people per year.

The building was made possible through support from the ACT Government which gifted the block of land, local and national foundations and businesses which provided funding and other support and the Golden Brick fundraising campaign.

In particular, support came from Accenture, Snow Foundation, Ian Potter Foundation, Trust Company, and builders, Nikias Diamond Property Developments.

The Assistive Technology program will include a focus on equipping people to gain employment and access education; and Hartley also plans to expand its Disability Awareness programs.

Mr Thauvette said “We are most grateful to those who have supported us to achieve this goal, which has laid the foundation for this new beginning.”

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