

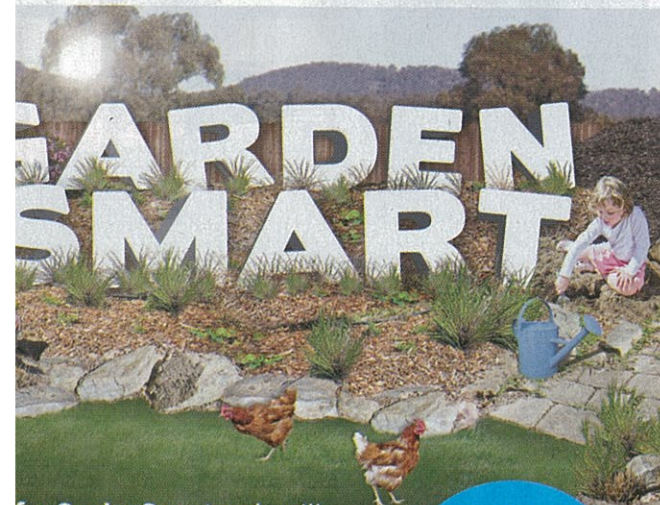
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John Hargreaves MLA, Hartley Lifecare's Helen Falla, His Excellency Mr Michael Bryce and Dino Nikias of Nikias Diamond, unveil a commemorative plaque at the opening of the new building for the disability support service provider last week.

## New era for Hartley Lifecare

**L**ocal disability support service provider Hartley Lifecare has officially opened the doors to its new home in Pearce.

The new, purpose-built building will help improve support services for people with physical and complex disabilities in Canberra, and includes a space for the organisation's assistive technology program and a training space for staff.

The building was made possible by a donation of land from the ACT Government and a range of foundations and businesses that lent their support, including builders Nikias Diamond Property Developments, Accenture, the Snow Foundation, the Ian Potter Foundation, Trust Company and many others.

Hartley Lifecare has been operating for almost 50 years and currently supports about 100

people with disabilities and their families, also providing assistive technology assessments for up to 50 people every year.

The organisation's assistive technology program is unique in the ACT and aims to provide clients with disabilities greater independence through electronic technologies, aids and equipment.

Hartley Lifecare executive director Eric Thauvette said the opening of the Pearce facility ushers in a new era for the organisation, which used to be administered from a small, four-bedroom house in Deakin.

'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 training facilities for staff,' he said.

## ACT student wins essay competition

A Calwell High School student has won the national 'Make Cyberspace a Better Place - a Kids Helpline and Optus Initiative' competition. In her winning essay, student Kim Pham highlighted why children don't report cyber-bullying and sexting issues to their parents. Out of hundreds of entries nationwide, Kim's entry stood out as it reflected the key objectives of Kids Helpline that there is always someone to speak to if you are being affected by cyber-bullying or sexting. Kim won five iPads for her school and a new iPhone and iPad for herself.