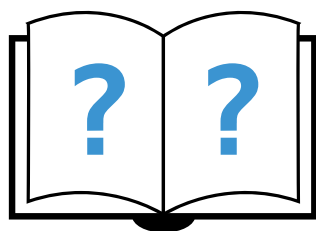


## How to use this booklet



- This document was written by Life Without Barriers in Easy English.  
We use pictures to explain some ideas.

- Some words are written in **blue**.  
We explain what these words mean at the end.



- This book explains some of the things that Life Without Barriers has done over the year.

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- Life Without Barriers helped more than 21,000 people last year.

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- We helped 5,687 people with disability.



- We helped 4,534 children and young people.



- And we helped 9,092 older people

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- We are always looking for new ways to make our services better for you.
- To help our services get better, we wrote a plan so we can help more people in the next five years.
- This plan is called [Strategy 2025](#).



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How we helped people be safe from

COVID-19

- We had a really good team that helped protect our staff and the people we support, from COVID-19.



- This team helped people with disability and their staff get [vaccinations](#) in special places just for people with disability.



- We kept people safe by wearing masks and cleaning and following rules from the Government.



How we supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

- We support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and make sure we do lots of things to help [Reconciliation](#).
- [Reconciliation](#) means listening and learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people and making sure we help them in the right way.
- We had events to celebrate special days, like Reconciliation Week.
- We also made friends with other organisations so we could do more for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Some of the services we provided

We helped a lot of people to live the life they wanted to live, including:



- We helped 600 people with disability in Victoria to get money for their home from the NDIS.



- We helped a young Aboriginal boy have a good holiday with a foster care family, because he couldn't go home in the holidays.



- We helped 1,900 people who left their country because they were in danger, find new homes in Australia.



- We supported a [foster carer](#) who welcomed a 14-year old boy into her home and helped him feel safe and happy.



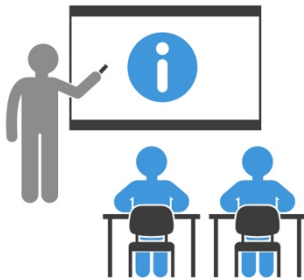
- We helped a young man with disability named Matthew to move into a house with other people he likes and now he makes lots of choices about what he wants to do.



- We helped two older people whose names are Ray and Maureen to stay in their own house rather than move to a nursing home.



- We helped a young woman called Jane with her [mental health](#), and now Jane is happy and has a job she likes.



- We helped train disability support workers in a place called Norfolk Island so they could look after people with a disability on the island.



- We now have special staff who help people with disability make choices about how and where they want to live. This is called the [Disability Housing Unit](#).





- We helped young people who were getting in trouble with the police, with a special program that helps them and their families to talk more and feel happier.



- We set up an Education Team to give extra help to children and young people in care to enjoy learning and going to school.



- We worked with a university to write a special report on how to make sure people with disability have more choices in where they live and who they live with.

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- This report will help us improve the kind of housing we provide to people with disability.
- We want to make sure we give more people with disability a job at Life Without Barriers.
- This year 100 people with a disability got jobs at Life Without Barriers.
- Life Without Barriers and another company called Joblife, worked together to help young people with disability to get jobs.

We work with other organisations too



- The Children in Care Collective is a group of people that try to make sure children and young people are safe when they are in care.



- Alliance20 is a group of disability service providers that work together to make services for people with a disability better.



- We partnered with Cornell University to help children and young people to live happier and healthier lives.

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- We have a group of people called a Board, who make sure we are doing the right thing for you.
- The **Chair** of our Board is Greg Ridder.



- The **Chief Executive** is Claire Robbs

- Life Without Barriers thanks all the people we support, for trusting us to support you.

## What do these words mean?

<b>Foster care</b>	When a child can't be looked after by their parents, they are looked after in someone else's home. This person is called a foster carer. While the child is not at their parent's home, they are in foster care.
<b>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</b>	The first people to ever live in Australia. They have a strong feeling towards the land, water and animals in Australia.
<b>Multisystemic therapy</b>	A way to help young people that works with their school, parents and friends to help them get back to doing the right thing.
<b>Mental Health</b>	How you feel, your emotions, your wellbeing
<b>Chair</b>	The boss of all the board members. The Chair is in charge.
<b>Chief Executive</b>	The boss of all the people who run Life Without Barriers. The Chief Executive is in charge.
<b>Vaccination</b>	A vaccination is a type of medicine that you get when a doctor or nurse gives you a needle in the arm.