

LIVING CONNECTED NEWSLETTER

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IRT Program Completed

Living Connected has just finished running 3 x 2hour digital training sessions in 20 IRT facilities in the Illawarra, Kiama, Shoalhaven and Southern Sydney. We now look forward to concentrating on our regular program.

Thankfully, we completed the last 2 sessions with IRT residents on June 25, the Friday before we went into lockdown. We met some wonderful seniors residing in IRT facilities, including folk at Towradgi Village, one of the smallest, pictured left.

On the right, you see that we were helped by some of our Young Mentors in the April school holidays at IRT Diment Tower: a win-win experience for both learners and mentors. A big thankyou to our team who helped run almost 60 extra sessions in the last 3 months.



Team Changes

Mid-year means that some of our student helpers graduate and leave us. Here we say farewell to Ridwone, a regular helper at our Unanderra Dropin, off to do a PhD in Queensland. We now take on new interns Harley and Rose and several new UOWx volunteers. Thanks to Naz for the selfie effort.



Getting back to normal

We look forward to spending more time on our regular program of Dropin sessions and home visits. These continue to be popular, helping people with their individual challenges using phones, tablets, laptops and the internet. We hold three weekly Dropins in the Illawarra and monthly sessions further afield at Albion Park Rail, Nowra, Culburra and Bundanoon. We will soon be starting up Dropins sessions at Lake Conjola and further south in the Eurobodalla. All sessions are free of charge.

We Do Magic Awards

Living Connected was successful at the recent awards presented by the Community Industry Group, an amazing organisation that brings together all the wonderful people who run community programs in the Illawarra. We were privileged to win the "Terrific Team Effort" category for our Young Mentors program and were a finalist in the "Reinvention and Rejuvenation" and "Friends in Need" categories. Helen and Sue are here with Omar from iAccelerate and Nicky from CIG.

