

## Learning from each other

Dr Louise Gosbell has been learning a lot from talking to lots of people from different places.

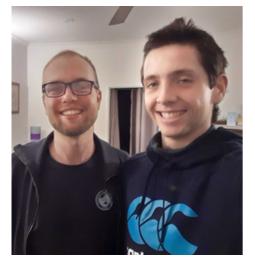
She loves her job so much and she wants to learn more.

She would love to hear from you!

#### Share your ideas:

- What would help you feel welcome?
- What makes you feel left out?

You can email Louise at ministryleader@ourplacecc.org.au



Jerrah and Fergus - sleepover @ WHS

Jerrah having dinner with friends from Alive@5 (nearby neighbours)

## **Q&A** with Jerrah Patston

Jerrah has moved into the first Hope house in Springwood. We asked him some questions. Here are his answers!

#### What's been fun?

- I like living my own life and enjoying the place.
- Having overnight support workers. We have a good night together.

### What's been challenging?

- The routine is changing
- I'm missing Mum and Dad
- To have moved in without a friend living with me
- The new build not happening yet

#### How has your church blessed you?

- Getting to talk to people and getting to know them
- Having my buddy sit next to me.
- Serving the community in so many ways like setting up the tables and chairs, doing supper, being part of a music team, being on welcoming.







## Thank you Rod

- Rod is going to focus on work for Hope Christian Homes and finish up with Our Place.
- Rod has worked as a high school teacher, minister, college lecturer and principal. He wants to to see all students learn well and achieve their goals.
- Today, Rod is a support worker with people who have a disability.

## Free resources

Dr Louise Gosbell made checklists for churches that want to include people with disability.

They are free and for sharing!

You can download them <a href="here:">here:</a>
<a href="https://ourplacecc.org.au/resources/">https://ourplacecc.org.au/resources/</a>

## Thank you for your gifts

Hope Christian Homes had a fundraising afternoon tea on March 11.

Thank you to all who came and prayed and gave. Thank you Trish Doyle, MP for the Blue Mountains, for your kind words and support.

# 3 tips on welcoming people with autism

Be friendly. Greet them with a smile, ask their name and what they do through the week. Introduce them to others. Invite them for a meal or afternoon tea. Ask them what they like to eat or drink, their favourite activity or game.

**Give them a safe space** to share their skills. They are created and loved by God, and benefit from being in relationship and having something to offer others.