



AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

DEAR FRIENDS

We have some important news. Pene Hodge has stepped down as General Manager of Bethany Care. We wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Bethany held a special morning tea to thank her for her valuable contributions and leadership where she was presented with a leaving gift from the entire Bethany Community.

From Pene...

It has been my absolute pleasure working with you all. I wish all of Bethany Care's clients, families and staff the very best.

I will miss you all. *Penelope*



CHANGES TO THE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

In response to Pene leaving Bethany, **Idris Akintola** is assuming the role of Acting Service Manager. He is looking forward to the challenge and is passionate about making sure Bethany continues to provide excellent quality care now and in the future.

Teressa Athanasius moves into the role Manager of Services and Supports while **Brian Lynch** continues as Operations Manager.

Further changes include **Obert Ndondodzai** moving into the role of House Coordinator at Yodelay and Maidenhair. He will be the first point of contact for all house enquiries. **Trevor Judd** moves into a new position as Support Coordinator. **Caron Quilliam** has taken a position as our new Administrative Assistant.

We wish everyone success with the exciting challenges opportunities ahead.



WATER BAPTISM — CONGRATULATIONS STEVE & NATHAN

@ HOPE CHURCH

Last Sunday we had the honour of witnessing the baptisms of two wonderful Bethany participants, Steve and Nathan. Bethany and Hope Church joined to rejoice with you to celebrate this beautiful occasion. May you both always remember this day, and may God's joy, love and peace fill you from full to overflowing.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) We can't wait to see God's plans for you both!

Warmest congratulations from all your friends at Bethany.

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MY MUM ROCKS— HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

To celebrate Mother's day Bethany people got creative and made some beautiful cards with an intricate hearts and design. They look fabulous and we're sure many a Mother was delighted to receive them on the big day.

You may think us "special moms" have it pretty rough.
We have no choice. We just manage life when things get really tough.
We've made it though the days we thought we'd never make it through.
We've even impressed our own selves with all that we can do.

We've gained patience beyond measure, love we never dreamed of giving.
We worry about the future but know this "special" life's worth living.
We have bad days and hurt sometimes, but we hold our heads up high.
We feel joy and pride and thankfulness more often than we cry.

For our kids, we aren't just supermoms. No, we do so much more.
We are cheerleaders, nurses, and therapists who don't walk out the door.
We handle rude remarks and unkind stares with dignity and grace.
Even though the pain they bring cannot be erased.

Therapies and treatment routes are a lot for us to digest.
We don't know what the future holds but give our kids our best.
None of us can be replaced, so we don't get many breaks.
It wears us out, but to help our kids, we'll do whatever it takes.

We are selfless, not by choice, you see. Our kids just have more needs.
We're not out to change the world, but want to plant some seeds.
We want our kids accepted. That really is our aim.
When we look at them we just see kids. We hope you'll do the same.

-April Vernon



HELP IS AT HAND—GIVE US A CALL

WE ARE HERE TO HELP



Bethany understands life can be challenging, especially when you are caring for a loved one. Please know help is at hand. If you need help understanding the NDIS, accessing our services or simply want someone to talk to, please call us on 5551 0276.

IMPORTANT POLICY INFORMATION—ABUSE & NEGLECT

It has long been documented that people with a disability have been 'silent victims' of many forms of abuse including neglect and criminal assault by carers. Bethany will actively strive to eliminate abuse and neglect activity from its activities.

Bethany believes each client has the right to be free from physical, sexual, verbal and emotional abuse or neglect.

It is our policy that any human rights breaches must be reported directly to us to allow Management to fully investigate the matter. We are happy to receive any verbal complaints and lodge them for you if this is required.

Bethany is committed to prevent all forms of abuse and neglect. We take all allegation cases extremely seriously and will not hesitate to take appropriate action where necessary, in order to protect clients and their families. If you have cause to come forward with any information, Bethany in accordance with its Privacy and Confidentiality Policy will protect your identity appropriately.

There are a range of options available if you need to raise an issue.

1. If you would like to talk about any of the information and themes presented here please feel free to call Bethany and speak to Brian, Idris or Teressa on 07 5551 0276.
2. Bethany has an external whistle blower protection officer (not directly linked with Bethany) Catherine Moore who you can contact on peo@hopecollege.com.
3. Alternatively you may call the NDIS on 1800 035 544.



MEET THE CARER

GETTING TO KNOW AJIBOLA AKINTOLA

Ajibola has been working with us since 17/12/2021. A popular Support Worker, he is the younger brother of our acting General Manager Idris. Here's a bit about Ajibola....

- What energizes you outside of work? Music
- What's your favourite way to unwind after a busy day? Sleep
- When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? An Actor
- If you could trade places with anyone for a day, who would you choose? Drake
- If you had to pick one age to be permanently, which age would you choose? 25
- What three words would your friends use to describe you? Creative, Energetic, Selfless



About us...

BC OFFICE TEAM

Acting General Manager
Idris Akintola

Acting Manager of
Services & Supports
Teresa Athanasius

Operations Manager
Brian Lynch

Permanent
Accommodation
Coordinator
Obert Ndongdzai

Administration Assistant
Caron Quilliam

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairperson
Pastor Justin Reid

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Amy Leong

Director
Kerry Lovell

Director
Peter Dokmanovic

Director
Helen Karena

WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK



If you have any feedback on what we are doing well or how we can do things better, please contact us. This may include any comments or suggestions about any aspect of Bethany service delivery, for example, policy recommendations. Please contact us to share your views. Your input is important to us.

You can provide your feedback through the following channels:

- by post Bethany Care Limited, Box 35 Varsity Lakes Q 4227
- email enquiries@bethanycare.org
- phone 5551 0276
- website www.bethanycare.org, click on "contact us"

JOIN US AT HOPE CHURCH

Bethany is a ministry of Hope Church and extends a warm invitation to all individuals & families to join in its dynamic services community events.

Please visit

<https://www.facebook.com/hopechurchgc> or

<https://www.instagram.com/hopechurchaustralia> for updates.



SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

- Club BC Tuesday - A fun filled centre based day where anything can happen from a Fiesta themed party to indoor Olympics, homemade baking and a variety of creative projects.
- Club BC Thursday - A day of action and adventure out in the community. Whether it is activities in a park or exploring new places everyone has fun.
- BC Bowling - Every Saturday our BC team of bowlers heads off for a morning of friendly competition. There is room for you on the team.
- BC @ Hope Church - Participants are always welcome to join the Sunday morning church service at Hope Church
- BC Camps - Our annual 4 day camp is held every September. Most campers and carers say it's the highlight of their year.
- Assistance with Self-Care Activities - We have a team of experienced and trained carers who provide one on one support to help you reach your goals whether in your home or in the community
- Supported Independent Living - Bethany Care has two SIL homes, Yodelay for the men and Maidenhair for the women.
- Short Term Accommodation - Our wonderful Hope Cottage is currently under renovation but will be open next July better than ever for short stays. In the meantime our carers can provide support in your home.
- Support Coordination - Do you need assistance with coordinating all your NDIS supports? Bethany Care has an excellent and experienced Support Coordinator who is available to assist you to navigate your way through the NDIS.