



PRESS RELEASE

HPA Incorporated (Helping People Achieve) announces appointment of Kerry Whiting as New CEO

The appointment of Kerry Whiting as CEO provides HPA with a continuation of strong leadership into the immediate future for this prominent Territorian disability organisation.

Kerry brings over 40 years of experience to the position, having worked previously in the sectors of Local Government, Northern Territory Government and Education predominantly as Chief Financial Officer or Director Corporates Services. Kerry is a long-term Territorian and with his wife Rae have raised their three children in the Darwin & Palmerston areas since 1997.

It's expected that Kerry will lead HPA with the transformational change the organisation requires to continue being a key Disability Enterprise for the Palmerston and Darwin Communities under the requirements of the National Disability Insurance Scheme.

HPA President Barry Thomas commented;

"We're confident that Kerry can lead HPA into the future. Kerry was chosen from a strong field of candidates and as a long-standing Territorian has a good understanding of government, commercial and not for profit arrangements which HPA must navigate and balance on a daily basis".

Kerry commenced responsibility of the company on the 26th July 2023.

HPA Incorporated has a mission to assist people with disabilities to create a fulfilling everyday life and achieve their full potential. HPA is a long-term provider helping Territorians since 1963. HPA has a staff of 82 as well as 89 supported employees, and services another 31 NDIS participants.

HPA operates a woodwork, steel and aluminium workshop producing a large range of high-quality items from pallets and lattice panels right through to grandstand seating. HPA conduct a small industrial textile business producing conference items, uniforms, home décor and souvenirs for clients utilising plain dyed fabric and genuine aboriginal artwork. HPA also offer a range of supported accommodation premises, with supported independent living (SIL) and outreach services.

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An Innovative and Dynamic Employer providing opportunity to Territorians with disabilities since 1963

A day program is also provided offering choice, diversity and active participation for participants to reach their personal goals through a multitude of activities such as active sports, arts and craft, cooking, music, life skills and health and well-being.

HPA through a key partnership with Veolia help our local Councils reduce landfill in the Darwin and Palmerston areas. HPA operates the Shoal Bay Trash & Treasure again with the aim of reducing the amount of material entering landfill with recycled materials being separated from general waste. HPA have recently introduced a grounds maintenance service providing lawn mowing and garden care and an administration service offering support and training for administration related tasks, like photocopying, scanning and general office duties.

The rapid rate at which the Australian disability sector is changing suggests our supported employment services will continue to grow with greater diversity and new ventures to enable more people with a disability to enjoy the sense of achievement and belonging that comes with meaningful employment and training. We look forward to Kerry leading the HPA team on this journey together.

Barry Thomas
President of HPA Incorporated

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