National Disability Services

Membership Recognition Awards 2018 Program

# Message from the Chief Executive Officer

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2018 NDS Membership Recognition Awards.

Launched in 2012, the awards acknowledge the loyalty, support and contributions of Organisational Members that have reached the following significant milestones:

* 20 years of continued membership
* 30 years of continued membership
* 40 years of continued membership
* 50 years of continued membership

Members in these categories will be awarded a Membership Recognition Plaque to commemorate the long standing partnership NDS has had with each organisation. This partnership has contributed to the growing strength and influence of the disability sector and reflects the joint commitment to providing quality services and life opportunities for people with disability.

On behalf of NDS, I thank all award recipients for their loyalty and continued support.

Chris Tanti, CEO

# 50 years of Membership

## Flourish Australia

Flourish Australia is a not-for-profit organisation providing support programs, employment, accommodation and hope for about 5,000 people with a lived experience of a mental health issue in New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria. Advocating community-based assistance, it is a leading mental health support provider that has been in operation for more than 60 years. Over 52% of Flourish Australia’s staff have a lived experience of a mental health issue.

Flourish was formerly known as RichmondPRA; the result of two well-known and respected organisations—Richmond Fellowship of NSW and Psychiatric Rehabilitation Australia (PRA)—merging in mid-2012 in order to provide more choice and services.

# 40 years of Membership

## Epilepsy ACT

Epilepsy ACT is a not-for-profit, self-help community service organisation formed in 1982 to provide services for people with epilepsy, their families and the community.

Today Epilepsy ACT provides support, reassurance, advocacy, referral and information to people with epilepsy and promotes understanding of epilepsy through education and increased community awareness.

# 30 years of Membership

Community Connections Australia

Montrose Therapy and Respite Services

Valley Industries

Waverley Helpmates

# 20 years of Membership

Carers NT Limited

Community Connections

Community Living Australia

Interchange Loddon-Mallee Region Inc.

Knoxbrooke Incorporated

# NDS Membership

NDS promotes the full social and economic participation of people with disability by supporting high-quality, innovative and sustainable disability services. NDS members range in size from small support groups to large multi-service organisations and collectively, operate several thousand services for Australians with all types of disability. Membership with NDS provides disability service organisations with a strong voice, enabling the sector to collectively initiate change, influence outcomes and deliver the funding needed to ensure the best possible quality of life for people with disability.

[www.nds.org.au](http://www.nds.org.au)

Details of previous award recipients are available at [www.nds.org.au/about/our-awards](http://www.nds.org.au/about/our-awards)