



# Fairhaven Services

***Ensuring disability is no boundary.***

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## September Disability Week



What a fantastic month! I would like to firstly thank everyone who was involved in preparing for the Trivia Night & the gathering of prizes and vouchers. The event raised just over \$1,500 for Fairhaven Services and we look forward to the continued success of this annual event.

Ensuring people with disability have an opportunity to participate in full time work is our mission and Disability Week provides a chance to promote our message. The past month has been very busy with everyone preparing for our ISO Quality Audits, Disability Services Audit and our HACCP Food Safety Audit having just completed two other Audits in our Training Division, Focus Oze Learning and of course the year-end Financial audit. I thank all my colleagues for the tremendous work you do keeping pace with the range of compliance issues we are faced with in an organization as diverse as we are.

This month's newsletter features a profile of Anthony 'Eddie' Edwards. It is the dedication and commitment of people like Eddie that sustains Fairhaven's profile as a successful community organisation and I would like to thank him for his outstanding service.

Until next time  
Jim Buultjens, CEO Fairhaven Services

I would also like to make mention of Disability Week, which this year, was celebrated from September 18 to 24. This was a great opportunity for our community to recognise Fairhaven Services for its continued effort in going above and beyond for individuals with a disability through the 'Every Australian Counts' campaign for a National Disability Insurance Scheme.

## Our Unsung Hero - Eddie

Anthony Edwards, or Eddie as he is more commonly known, has been working with Fairhaven for almost 15 years and is a well loved staff member.

We asked Eddie about what it's like to work at Fairhaven Services and how the organisation has grown over the past two decades.

**Tell us about your history of working at Fairhaven Services.** I started working with Fairhaven as a truck driver and maintenance person but then moved into the supported employment area within the Pacific CoPack factory at West Gosford.

I am now an Assistant Production Coordinator, which means that I supervise and provide assistance to our supported employees.

**What kind of changes have you seen occur at Fairhaven over the 15 years?**

The most significant change has been to Fairhaven's commercial enterprises such as Pacific CoPack. These have transformed from being just a small concern within Fairhaven Services to viable businesses with Pacific CoPack's services progressing all the time to become increasingly diverse.

The number of volunteers has grown substantially since I started working with Fairhaven, as have the number of supported employees. When I started out, there were only around 50 to 60 employees working with Fairhaven but now there are 147 and this number continues to grow as we take on new workers and student apprentices.

**What have you enjoyed most about working with Fairhaven?** My favourite thing about working with Fairhaven is knowing that I am helping to make a real difference. It is always rewarding to see the end result and to know that I am helping people by equipping them with the skills needed to enter the workforce.



# Trivia Fun!

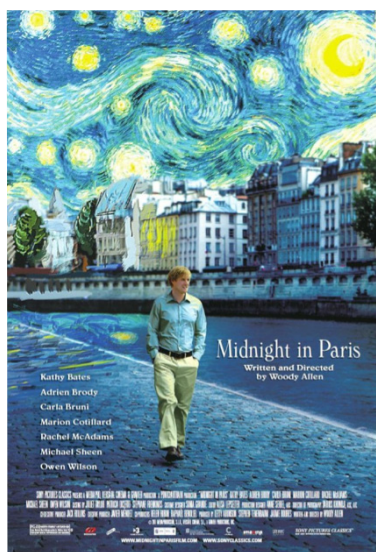
This year's annual Trivia Night, held at Erina Leagues Club on Friday September 9, was a great success, raising \$1,512 to go towards a new oven and outdoor setting for our new training centre - Serendipity at Point Clare.

Great fun was had by all, with 118 Central Coast residents attending this year's event. Without the support and friendship of those who attended, the night would not have been such a success and we thank everyone who came along. It was wonderful to see the community bring out their competitive spirit to support Fairhaven and our mission to improve the quality of life for those living with a disability on the Central Coast.

Much thanks goes to the host of the evening Greg Spaggs and to all our volunteers who worked tirelessly on the night to make this event the success that it was. The trivia was hotly contested, with a table of 10 headed by Gavin and Andra Prout winning the night.

A thank you must also go to the Erina Leagues Club for donating the use of the function room, as well as Sue Chidgey for organising another wonderful event.

## Midnight In Paris - Movie Night



Join us for our next exciting fundraising event. Fairhaven Services invites you to be at the upcoming movie night to see the critically acclaimed Woody Allen film, *Midnight in Paris*.

Rated PG, This film is an enchanting romantic comedy set in Paris about a young man's great love for a city.

**When:** Thursday November 3, 2011

**Where:** Cinema Paradiso at Ettalong

**Time:** 6:30pm for drinks and nibbles

**Movie:** 7:30pm movie commences

**Cost:** \$20 (includes drinks/nibbles, lucky door ticket and movie)

**Please email [sue.chidgey@fairhavenservices.org.au](mailto:sue.chidgey@fairhavenservices.org.au) to book your tickets.**

## Reuse-Xanadu on Facebook



Are you on Facebook? Help spread the word about Reuse-Xanadu and how the Central Coast can benefit from this centre by visiting our

Facebook page at [reuse-xanadu.org.au/facebook.html](http://reuse-xanadu.org.au/facebook.html).

The Reuse-Xanadu Facebook page will keep you up to date with the centre's latest news and products as well as sale dates and much more! Help spread the message about this innovative new reuse centre by sharing our page with all of your Facebook friends and you'll be helping the Central Coast to become a more sustainable region.

**For more information visit [www.reuse-xanadu.org.au](http://www.reuse-xanadu.org.au) or call 4323 3566.**

## Important Dates

### Markets

Ourimbah Lisarow RSL - Saturday 22 October, 10am-2pm.

Pacific Highway, Ourimbah

Point Clare Markets - Saturday, October 29, 9am-2pm

209 Brisbane Water Drive, Point Clare

### Cash Housie Sessions

Ettalong Bowling Club - Every Monday 7.30pm

103 Springwood Rd Ettalong

Ourimbah Lisarow RSL Club - Sundays 11am

Pacific Highway, Ourimbah

East Gosford Progress Hall - Every Friday 7.30pm

10 Henry Parry Dr East Gosford

## Limited spots available!

Hurry spots are running out fast for our Monday and Thursday Serendipity art classes. Located at 209 Brisbane Water Drive Point Clare and for only \$10 per person, participants get to enjoy four relaxing hours of creative fun, with all paint and equipment included.

**To secure your spot, contact Fairhaven Services on 4323 3566 or email [serendipity@fairhavenservices.com.au](mailto:serendipity@fairhavenservices.com.au)**



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