

# What does the Fox say?

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## Tanya Fox — CEO

In line with NSW Health Dept recommendations anyone who has travelled to COVID-19 Hot Spots is excluded from 1. visiting or working in any Brighter Access facilities or workplaces, 2. having face-to-face contact with any Brighter Access participants or staff, for 14 days. Due to the rapid escalation of Hot Spots being identified we are guided by the NSW Health recommendations <a href="https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/disability-support.aspx">https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/disability-support.aspx</a> We are applying the above restrictions to self-isolate and get tested immediately and monitor for symptoms. Our actions will help to slow the spread. *Tanya* 

## COVID-19 Snapshot NSW

18 new cases in past 24 hours 203 active cases 3,547 confirmed cases to date

#### **Nationwide**

16,303 total confirmed cases to date 189 lives lost 330 cases hospitalised

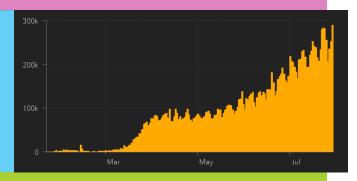


## Lisa Fulton—General Manager Operations

Did you know that Brighter Access delivers Community Access to participants across most of our locations? Community Access is the opportunity for people with disability to work towards achieving their goals and dreams, and programs focus on education, training and support that increases Individual skills, self-confidence, self-esteem and hope. Accessing the community not only develops new skills but interacting socially with others also decrease loneliness, isolation and promotes social acceptance. Activities that participants may engage in include swimming, horse riding, arts and craft, cooking, shopping and much more. We want to hear from you - How are you supporting your participants during Community Access to reach goals and achieve new skills? Please send your good news story to your line manager. *Pictured: Cheryl helps Deb learn how to sew.* 

## Joe Holahan—General Manager Quality & Projects

A few weeks ago I showed some data from John Hopkins University in the USA regarding the spread of COVID-19. At that time the daily average cases worldwide was creeping above 100,000 new cases per day. Please see updated graph. We are a LONG way from being out of the woods!



## Brad Hilton—General Manager Corporate Services

July is the start of a new Financial Year! Has your or your family's financial situation changed? Did you know that working in the Not for Profit (NFP) industry could save you money? Salary packaging for Not for Profit employees is one of the biggest benefits that come with the job. It's an agreement between you and your employer which allows you to increase your income by paying for certain expenses using pre-tax dollars. Tax is usually taken from your salary before you spend it. Whilst salary packaging doesn't change the amount of salary you're paid, it allows you to pay for selected expenses before you're taxed. Expenses you would've paid anyway, after-tax. As every staff members situation is different, it is important that they discuss their circumstances with a trained professional. Brighter Access currently refer staff to Salary Packaging Australia (SPA). Their trained professionals will assist you to assess your individual circumstances and whether Salary Packaging can benefit you. Should you wish to investigate your Salary Packaging options further you can contact Salary Packaging Australia on 1300 786 664 or enquiries@salpacaus.com.au and advise them that you work for Brighter Access.