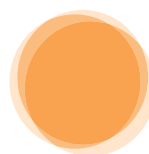




Summer Foundation
Strategic Plan
2021 – 2025

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Why we exist

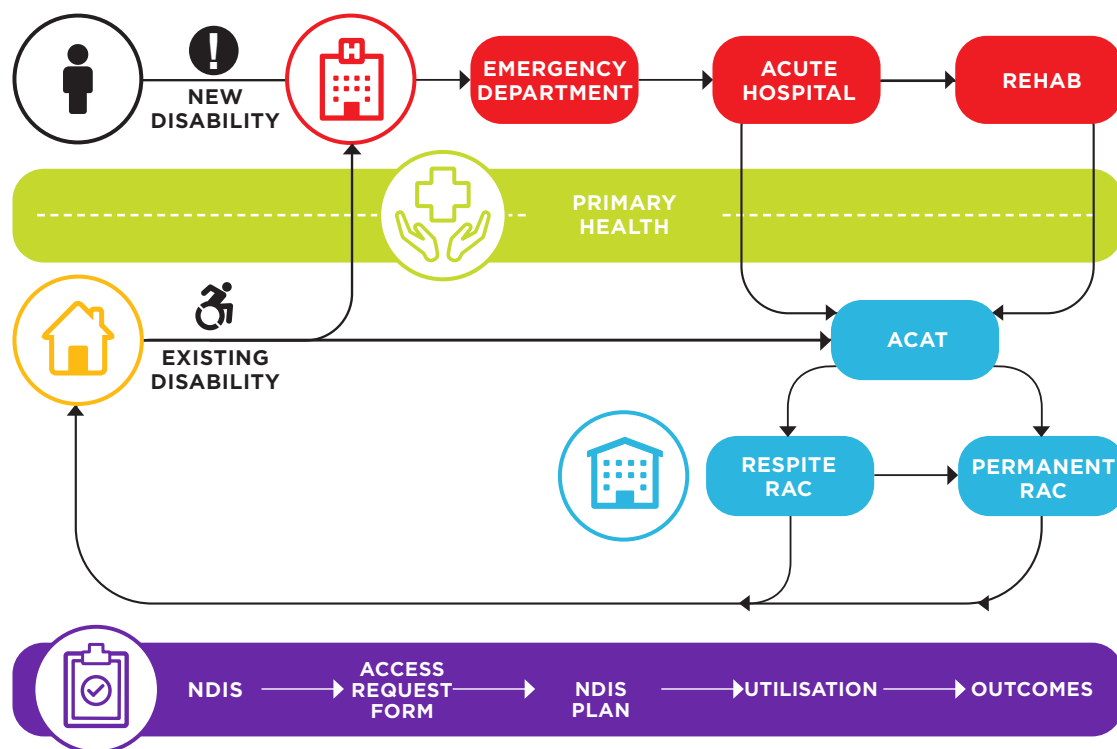
The Summer Foundation exists to permanently stop young people with disability from being forced into residential aged care, ensuring people with disability have access to the support required to be in control of where, how and with whom they live.

The issue

There are approximately *2,000 NDIS participants aged under 65 living in aged care. More than half receive a visit from a friend less than once a year. Almost half are in a partner relationship, and more than 1 in 4 are parents of school age children.

The issue is complex and crosses multiple settings and sectors, including hospitals, housing, disability and primary health. It can only be resolved when the systems, policy settings and markets work together to ensure young people with disability are able to choose where, how and with whom they live – just like people without disability.

The system we seek to influence:



KEY: ● HOSPITALS ● PRIMARY HEALTH ● AGED CARE ● NDIS ● HOUSING

ACAT = AGED CARE ASSESSMENT TEAM

RAC = RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE

NDIS = NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

*AS AT NOVEMBER 2023

How we work

We are changing systems to ensure people with disability and complex support needs live where and with whom they choose, with access to high quality housing and support options that enhance health, wellbeing and participation.

We use 5 levers to bring about change. Generating evidence such as published research and lived experience is a critical tool for this change, along with innovation through the co-design of new solutions and services. We work with government and influence people on the inside. Our advocacy work sees us apply pressure from the outside by harnessing public support. Where necessary, we use a legal lever and support people to fight for their rights.



Evidence: We use lived experience, peer reviewed and public research to inform the development and evaluation of potential solutions, resources and tools



Innovation: We build on the expert knowledge from those with lived experience of the issue to inform, co-design and evaluate new services, solutions, resources and tools



Inside: We define, promote and advocate for best practice policy to influence and inform government policy and agendas



Outside: We publicly campaign to elevate the stories of people with lived experience to build public support and motivate politicians to act



Legal: We support people to fight for their rights and hold the government to account

What is success?

We will regard the issue of young people in aged care as resolved when the systems, policy settings and markets consistently enable people with disability to live where, how and with whom they choose; experiencing choice and control equal to people without disability.

The Federal Government has committed to resolving the issue of young people in aged care. We continue to actively collaborate with all levels of government to provide insights and evidence to support the systems change required to resolve the issue.

The Federal Government has committed to no people under the age of 65 living in aged care by 2025, and we will continue to urge the government to fulfill this commitment.



Strategic priorities

Refinements to our strategy have been made to ensure the work we do is clearly linked to the outcomes we are working towards. Our work is shaped by 5 strategic priorities that together will move us closer to achieving our goal of stopping young people from entering aged care.



Priority 1: Stop the flow in

No younger person (under 65) admitted to aged care.



Priority 2: Leaving RAC

All young people with disability in aged care have made an informed choice on where they want to live and the support they will receive.



Priority 3: Access to quality housing

NDIS participants with complex support needs can readily access a range of home and living supports which mean people can live where and how they wish.



Priority 4: An effective NDIS for our cohort

A re-designed NDIS that works well for participants with complex support needs.



Priority 5: A high impact Summer Foundation

High performing teams that enable the Summer Foundation to maximise impact and reach.

Progress to date

In recognition of the rapidly shifting context in which we operate, our strategy references targets over both a 2 and a 5-year horizon.

STOP THE FLOW IN



2022 - 2023 Snapshot

There have been improvements made to the time that the NDIS takes to approve funding for appropriate home and living supports, resulting in less people with disability getting stuck in hospital or being fast-tracked to aged care. But the door to aged care remains open for people with disability and we continue to lobby for that pathway to be closed.

LEAVING RAC



2022 - 2023 Snapshot

The number of YPIRAC has been in decline; however, this does not mean that the lives of YPIRAC have improved. Evidence shows that the majority of YPIRAC exits are attributable to YPIRAC ageing and/or dying. We are seeking a clear plan from government on how it intends to meet the public commitment of no young person in aged care by 2025.

ACCESS TO QUALITY HOUSING



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Significantly greater effort than expected has been required to support the SDA market. Inefficient, opaque and lengthy NDIS processes have undermined the development of the market. The Summer Foundation continues to provide a coordination of evidence, lived experience and government pressure to improve the stewardship of the SDA market.

AN EFFECTIVE NDIS FOR OUR COHORT



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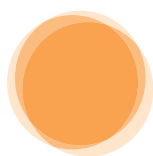
The NDIS has been life-changing for most people with complex needs in Australia over the past decade, but we are now in a period of potential major reform. We await the findings of the first NDIS review and remain cautiously optimistic that NDIS 2.0 will work well for participants with complex support needs.

A HIGH IMPACT SUMMER FOUNDATION



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To achieve our strategic priorities we need an organisation that is performing at its best and has a significant impact. Our most recent staff engagement survey showed that the Summer Foundation is in the top 10% of not-for-profits in Australia for engagement, with 98% of the team saying they were proud to work for the Summer Foundation.



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