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National Disability Services (NDS) represents service providers across the Northern Territory and Australia, working to deliver high-quality services for people with disabilities.

## RESIDENT SERVICES

# A STRONG VOICE FOR DISABILITY SERVICE PROVIDERS

NDS is a peak, non-government body for disability service organisations and the only organisation that represents the full spectrum of disability service providers across Australia. Members range in size from small support groups to large multi-service organisations. 'NDS is often confused with NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme), which is an Australian Government agency that funds support to help eligible people with a disability,' NDS NT Manager Susan Burns says. 'NDS provides members with a strong voice, enabling the sector to initiate change collectively, influence outcomes and deliver the funding needed to ensure the best possible quality of life for people with disabilities.' NDS members operate several thousand services for people with all types of disabilities. The NDS membership program has four categories, offering different benefits to suit the needs of organisations working in the disability sector. The categories are Organisational Members, Organisational Associates, Industry Supporters and Research Affiliates. 'We are well established in the Northern Territory, with more than 70 NT member-based organisations,' Susan says. 'From major hubs to some of the most remote and isolated regions of our Territory, these organisations provide a range of services and support including allied health, supported living, employment and recreation, to name a few. Our members' priorities are a key

focus for NDS NT, including advocating for remote and very remote service delivery, and appropriate and accessible housing, plus organising industry forums throughout the year to keep members informed.' Since 2011, the NT Department of Health and NDS NT have also presented the Northern Territory Disability Services and Inclusion Awards. The awards promote the value of a career in the disability workforce and celebrate the positive contributions of the Northern Territory community in creating opportunities for people with a disability. All NDS members get timely access to the latest information, analysis and expert advice. They have more of an ability to influence change, and can meet, exchange information and share experiences with other providers as well as gain access to practical resources to support their organisation. 'We're looking forward to continuing to support service providers across the Territory and Australia,' Susan says. 'During these challenging times, it's even more important that we all work together, providing innovative solutions, information and support. NDS NT would like to share these photos of some of our members and the amazing work they do for Territorians of all abilities.' For further information contact NDS NT, Ground Floor, 1 Dashwood Place, Darwin. Ph: 89302 888 [ndsnt@nds.org.au](mailto:ndsnt@nds.org.au) [www.nds.org.au](http://www.nds.org.au)



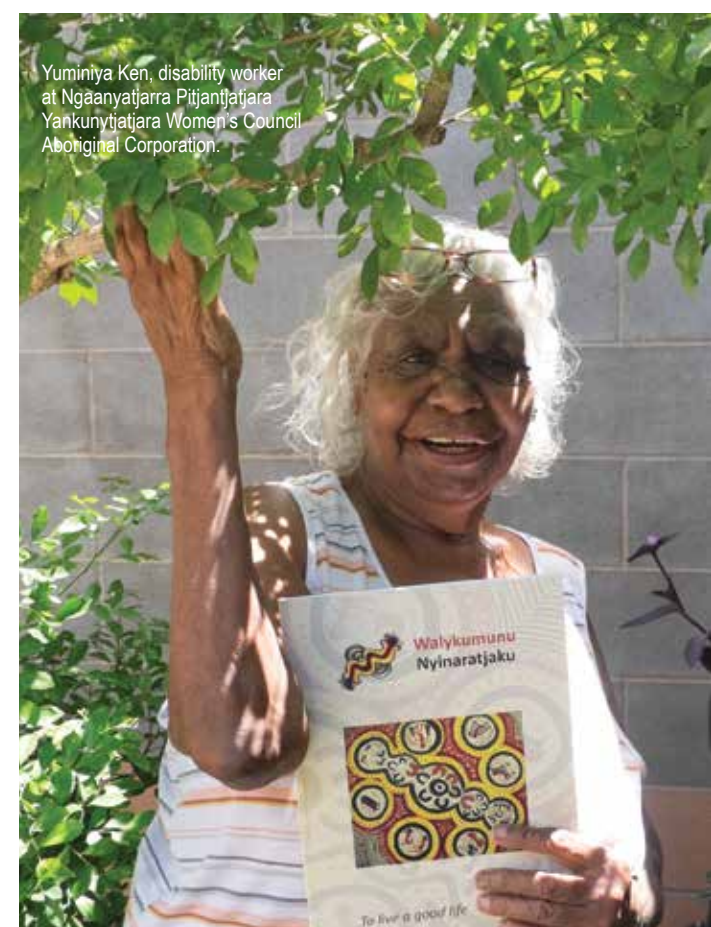
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