



FOCUS SUPPORTED LIVING FOUNDATION

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Hi All

I would like to thank all members of Focus ACT's staff and board who assisted at last weekend's Open Garden at Werriwa, Bungendore.

It was a very successful event and the final outcome is that we have raised approximately \$4,500 for the Focus Supported Living Foundation which I'm thrilled about. This would not have been possible without a lot of help from a lot of people and I am especially grateful that you were prepared to commit your precious your time over the weekend, in quite trying conditions weather-wise, to assist in ensuring the event's success.

I would also like to thank Megan Chappell who has also helped enormously by promoting the event to the Focus community in the lead up to the event.

We've had very positive feedback from people who attended. It goes without saying that everyone was impressed with the beautiful gardens at Werriwa, and the added attractions of the 'in-garden' activities provided a bonus that is often not part of Open Gardens Australia events.

I had a number of people ask about the Foundation and its work so it was also good to be able to get the word about Focus ACT and the FSLF and the work done to assist people with intellectual disability, out to a broad range of people.

At the end of the day on Sunday, an elderly gentleman asked me who all the people were who were working on the various stalls selling raffle tickets, cooking sausages etc. I explained that they were volunteers who were staff or board members of Focus ACT, plus family and friends of mine or the garden owners, Deb & Steve Conroy. His response was:

"You are all so friendly, helpful and happy. What a wonderful thing for you all to do".

It's comments like that, that make it all worthwhile!!

Thank you again for your help – we couldn't have done it without you.

Regards

Lynda McIntosh
Chair
Focus Supported Living Foundation