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## disabilitycare Australia



### One scheme. One focus on individuals. One commitment to lifelong support.

From 1 July, Australia's current support system for people living with disability is being progressively replaced with DisabilityCare Australia. This new scheme will help provide a better quality of life for Australians with a significant and permanent disability, and for their families and carers too.

#### What's new about DisabilityCare Australia?

DisabilityCare Australia is a new way of funding personalised support for people with disability. As well as looking at a person's immediate needs, it will take a lifelong approach and enable people with disability to have choice and control over their supports. It will focus on early intervention, recognising that timely support can minimise the impact of a disability on individuals, families and carers. Assistance will be provided at the right time, rather than only once people reach crisis.

#### Who is eligible?

DisabilityCare Australia will help people who have a significant and permanent disability and who need assistance with everyday activities. This includes people whose disabilities are attributed to intellectual, cognitive, neurological, sensory, or physical impairment, or a psychiatric condition.

#### Will I lose my current support?

No. Your current arrangements will stay in place until you have met DisabilityCare Australia to discuss your needs.

#### Will it affect my Disability Support Pension?

No. Your Disability Support Pension will not be affected.

#### When does it all begin?

DisabilityCare Australia is being rolled out in stages because it is a big change to the current system.

#### Locations that start from July 2013

Barwon region of Victoria.....	People aged 0-64
Hunter region of NSW.....	People aged 0-64
South Australia.....	Children aged 0-14
Tasmania.....	Young people aged 15-24
<b>Locations that start from July 2014</b>	
ACT.....	People aged 0-64
Barkly region of NT.....	People aged 0-64
<b>From July 2016</b> , DisabilityCare Australia will continue to extend to more locations and age groups around Australia, including Queensland.	

For more information, visit [australia.gov.au/disabilitycare](http://australia.gov.au/disabilitycare) or call 1800 800 110

For people with hearing or speech loss  
TTY: 1800 555 677  
Speak and Listen: 1800 555 727

### One big difference to lots of lives.

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The Maras Group building on the corner of Union St and Ebenezer Place lights up blue at night. Picture: Naomi Jellicoe

## A bright blue light at night

Tim Williams

A NEW East End office building lights up bright blue at night as well as featuring an enormous mural.

The blue LEDs on the six-storey Maras Group building were switched on last Friday, managing director Steve Maras said.

"It doesn't cost much to do things which are going to create landmarks," he said. "It's a building that has two interesting design elements, the biggest mural in Adelaide on its back and a 365-day a year light show on the side."

Burger Theory will be the ground floor tenant below five levels of office suites, three of which have been leased.

As reported by *The Advertiser*, the mural by local artist Matt Stuckey covers

135sq m over the upper three levels of the building's eastern facade.

Called *Produce, Progress*, its repeating diamond pattern references decorative elements — reliefs, tiles, window frames and grates — from the buildings of the former Adelaide Fruit and Produce Exchange market.

Mr Maras told the *City Messenger* planning rules should encourage murals wherever possible on new buildings. Murals should be part of a building's design from the start so as to stand the test of time, he said.

Stuckey said painting murals on older buildings as a way of "remedying poor architecture" could be "very satisfying to a muralist", but agreed with Mr Maras it was better they were planned as "integral component(s) of a new development".

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