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Celebrating International Day of People with a Disability Fun and games at Braeside Hospital on 1 December

From wheelchair sports, volleyball, basketball and bowling to various activities; entertainment, prizes, a barbecue lunch and display stalls. Just some of events at Braeside Hospital as part of the Braeside Games to celebrate International Day of People with a Disability.

**Friday 1 December
10am to 2pm
Braeside Hospital
340 Prairievale Road, Prairiewood.**

The Mayor of Fairfield Councillor Nick Lalich will open the day's activities, targeting present and past patients, their family and staff at Braeside Hospital.

Entertainment will be provided by The Bandits, Julie Perashco and Salsa Dancing. Display stalls include Yada, the Olympic Torch, Stroke Association Of NSW, Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service, Prairiewood Leisure Centre, Guide Dogs NSW/ACT and Able Rehabilitation.

The Braeside Games is made possible by the generous support from Giotto Gelato Wetherill Park, Fred's Fruit Market Edensor Park, Krispy Kreme Liverpool, Bakers Delight Stockland Mall Wetherill Park, Franklins Bonnyrigg, Logoline, Penline, Elka Imports, Carryrite Bags, Intouch Health Care, Whitehouse Pty Ltd, The Carbine Collection, Sydney Funeral Services, Big W Stockland Mall Wetherill Park, Michel's Patisserie Stockland Mall Wetherill Park, and Brad Bruen of Papandrea Quality Meats.

This is one of a number of events across the country leading up to International Day of People with a Disability (3 December) to promote the achievements of people with disability and to create awareness of disability issues and the benefits gained from creating a fully inclusive society.

Hope Healthcare Chief Executive Officer Mark Newton said according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics one in five Australians has a reported disability and Hope Healthcare was actively involved in helping people with disabilities. "Two of Braeside Hospital's specialised services, rehabilitation and mental health care for older people, deal directly with disabling conditions and set out to treat and facilitate recovery, to enable people to live a full and independent a lifestyle as possible. We are very happy to host this event to assist creating awareness and promoting an understanding of disability issues."

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