

## MEDIA RELEASE

Karrinyup Rotary members were proud to attend the renaming ceremony for RDA Carine - Dandjoo Koorliny. The Dandjoo Koorliny Walking Together Social Impact Project is designed and led by Aboriginal leaders to help us all walk together towards the future. Karrinyup Rotary has supported RDA Carine for eighteen years and was integral in converting their need for an all-weather facility into a proposal that could be submitted for approval and funding. The facility, which opened in 2019, is now beautifully decorated by local indigenous artists.

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The Dandjoo Koorliny Walking Together Social Impact Project and Festival is designed and led by Aboriginal leaders to help us all walk together towards the future. The renaming of the all-weather area was led by the RDA Committee together with the [Wadjak Northside Community Centre](#) elders, Len Yarran and Oriole Green OAM. A smoking ceremony was followed by a spirit dance before the new name was officially declared.

Riding for the Disabled Association of Western Australia – Carine Group Inc. combines the transformative power and the therapeutic effects of horse riding. This is achieved by the provision of equestrian activities that expand the horizons, develop the abilities, and enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities and special needs.

[RDA Carine](#) has been working in the community for over 45 years, supporting children and adults living with disabilities. They are dedicated to providing Equine Therapy and Hippotherapy (ancient Greek term that literally means ‘treatment with horse’) assisted activities that help people with disabilities and special needs achieve goals that develop their abilities and enrich their lives. The organisation is volunteer based, with 153 registered volunteers on its database. In addition, there are over 160 clients registered at the centre. Riders’ ages range from 4 to 70 with a wide range of disabilities which include Spina Bifida, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy Multiple Sclerosis, vision impairments, intellectual disabilities, Down Syndrome and Autism.

The Rotary Club of Karrinyup has been privileged to support the RDA Carine for eighteen years. Led by builder Ross, together with engineer Stuart, the club was integral in providing the leadership, advice, consultancy and technical expertise to convert RDA's need for an all-weather facility into a proposal that could be submitted for both approval and funding. The facility was opened in 2019. Now beautifully decorated by local indigenous artists it we are truly moving forward together. ENDS

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[https://karrinyuprotary.org.au/community-news-item/45425/renaming-ceremony-dandjoo-koorliny/?type\\_fr=17](https://karrinyuprotary.org.au/community-news-item/45425/renaming-ceremony-dandjoo-koorliny/?type_fr=17)

Photos included:

- Preparing for the smoking ceremony
- Aboriginal Artwork at Dandjoo Koorliny
- Rotary Plaque
- Rotary group with Head Coach Sarah at the renaming ceremony

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