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Friendship - The Best Medicine for People with Disabilities

At The Housing Connections' Annual General Meeting held recently, local hero Nick Logan was presented with the organisation's highest accolade – Life Membership for dedication and commitment to the organisation and their clients.

The Housing Connection (THC) provides essential support services to adults with an intellectual disability in many suburbs throughout the North Shore.

THC puts the needs of the individual first, tailoring services that include; supported accommodation, drop-in support, 24 hour support homes, transition to work, financial management and development of social networks to build confidence, self advocacy and self esteem.

THC ensures clients have the opportunity to make their own decisions, develop skills, have a valued role in the community and the opportunity to participate as full and equal members.

Steve Bailey, THC's recently appointed General Manager praised the support and kindness that Logan and his staff extends to Clients saying, 'this is more than an outstanding example of a business supporting a charity in their local community. It is one of sincere friendship, trust and caring. It is one which brings tremendous happiness and fulfilment to many,' he said.

The relationship between THC and Nick Logan Pharmacist Advice in Artarmon developed through the clients who would visit the pharmacy to have their prescriptions filled. Today, when THC introduces a new client to the neighbourhood, their first stop is to meet the team at Nick Logan Pharmacist Advice.

'We've been fortunate to have always had a kind and empathetic staff who welcome THC Clients,' said Logan. 'The pharmacy is not only a professional service for Clients but a place where they feel comfortable among trusted friends and it's a place they know they can come to if they need a hand,' he said.

Anne Louise Hickey, THC's Client Services manager, acknowledged the relationship between the Clients and the pharmacy saying, 'it's members of the community that reach out to our Clients and make them welcome that makes all the difference to their lives and we are extremely proud of the very special relationship THC and our Clients share with Nick and his staff.'

Logan was deeply humbled by the award and paid tribute to the work of THC. 'I am absolutely amazed at their ability to integrate people into the community. You have to have a very special soul to do the work they do. I've never come across a more dedicated, determined and compassionate group of human beings. They are inspirational,' he said.

'We feel privileged to be involved and honoured because I feel like my life has been brightly coloured because of the relationship we share. The THC clients add to the fabric of our society - we see them as trusted friends and feel proud that they are part of our lives,' Logan said.

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