

# Disability service 'hurt' by families' lack of care claims

Local disability service provider Achieve Australia says it was hurt by allegations made at Ryde City Council last month by families with relatives living at Crowle Home in Meadowbank.

The parents told Council that Achieve was trying to force severely intellectually disabled Crowle clients into group community homes where they claimed they would "die in six months" due to a lack of the type and quality of care they currently received at Crowle.

One family member felt her relative was receiving a diminishing standard of care at Crowle Home, which Achieve

wanted to redevelop for mixed client/residential apartments.

Achieve Australia CEO Anne Bryce said families and staff are hurt by the allegations made to Council, which appeared in the Christmas edition of TWT.

Ms Bryce said Achieve Australia staff were particularly hurt by one family member's claim that their relative would "die in six months" under Achieve Australia's care in community based accommodation.

"The statement is plain wrong and hurtful," Anne Bryce said.

"Our experience is the world's experience, people living in the community have better outcomes than people living in residential care, including longevity."

The policy of moving intellectually disabled people from institutions such as Crowle into supervised group community homes has bipartisan support at a NSW government level and is mandatory.

Ms Bryce said Achieve Australia staff were also hurt by claims they were providing a diminishing standard of care for one current resident at Crowle known as "Patrick".

"Every night there are two 'awake' staff and one on a sleep-over," Ms Bryce said in regard to Patrick's case.

"The staff ratio has actually increased because there are fewer residents, currently just 23 on the 1.6 hectare site."

Recent research by TWT has found that the standard of supervised care including staff-to-client ratio levels in Achieve Australia group homes meets and exceeds standards and levels at Crowle.

Achieve Australia said it hoped to have an opportunity to have its say as part of any investigation into its services by Ryde City Council.



Achieve Australia CEO Anne Bryce at Achieve Australia's headquarters in North Ryde with patron, Bennelong MP John Alexander. TWT on-the-spot PHOTO

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## Cookbook that traces our history

Ryde City Library is selling copies of a book which traces the culinary and multicultural history of Ryde titled, 'Sweet and Savoury Family Favourites'.

City of Ryde Library Manager Jill Webb described the book.

Ms Webb said local people from diverse cultural backgrounds were asked to send in their favourite recipes, accompanied by the stories of special people and places in their lives associated with their recipes.

and a love of tradition," she said.

"The recipes evoked mothers and fathers, grandparents, nannas, favourite aunts and sisters and the stories they tell demonstrate that we live in a

Irish, Italian, Maltese, Sri Lankan, Swiss, Thai, Ukrainian and Vietnamese speaking communities.

There are also quite a few Aussie recipes, with one for damper dating as far back as

## Vale John Lincoln (1916 - 2011) Founding father of a uni

One of the founding fathers of Macquarie University passed away over the Christmas period.

John Lincoln AM (pictured) chaired the lobby group which established Macquarie University in North Ryde and he served as a member of the university's council from its inception in 1964 until 2009.

He was Deputy Chancellor from 1976 until 2000 and Emeritus Deputy Chancellor from 2000.

A lifelong advocate of social justice, John Lincoln established the John and Joan Lincoln Society bequest programs at the university as well as a scholarship for indigenous students.

Born in Tasmania in 1916, he grew up in Burwood and joined Burwood Scouts at age 12.

An active member of the Scouting movement for most of his life, Mr Lincoln pursued a legal career and served as an Intelligence Corps officer during World War Two in Greece, North Africa, India and the Pacific.

In 1946 his skill as an intelligence officer and his civilian experience in law, led to his appointment as Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate in Singapore where he had the duty of organising the execution of convicted Japanese War criminals from Changi Prison.

Chambers in the CBD where he represented ex-servicemen and tenants exploited by landlords.

He worked as a barrister for the next 18 years before being appointed as a District Court of NSW judge from 1968 to 1986 as well as an Acting Justice of the



when he was granted life membership of the society.

Two years later he was awarded an AM.

He married Joan in 1952 and is survived by his children Philip and Christina as well as grandchildren Heidi, Nicholas, Jennifer, Caitlin