



CLIENTS TREATED TO LUNCH

CLUB Ashfield generously threw open its doors to host an inner west group that supports people living with intellectual, cognitive and developmental disabilities.

Clients of Participate Australia, along with their family members and carers, were treated to a very tasty lunch at the club's busy VIBO Bistro.

The club's management not only picked up the tab, it even arranged to pick everyone up and take them to the club.

Participate Australia helps develop people's independence and autonomy as well as assist in getting them more involved in the community.

Pictured are Participate Australia clients Ann (second left) and Callum with Club Ashfield function manager Natalie Rosalie and marketing manager Tijen Sallis.

A GREAT TSUNAMI OF GOOD WILL

It was the day when thousands of Sydneysiders took a moment out from their busy lives to lend a hand, commit to a worthy cause, or just make someone smile.

DoSomething Day 2017 generated a tsunami of good deeds big and small—everything from shouting a stranger a cup of coffee, donating blood or helping a neighbour with a chore through to signing on to volunteer with a charity.

The day is an initiative of NewsLocal newspapers, the charity DoSomething and ClubsNSW, whose member clubs organised a range of events to give back to the

DO SOMETHING! DAY

WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY news local Your local club

community. NewsLocal papers across Sydney and their sister papers in Victoria and Queensland shone a light on community activities throughout the day including cleaning up local beaches, feeding the homeless, planting trees and book swaps.

Editor-in-chief Kathy Lipari said it was wonderful to see people from all over the

country get involved. #DoSomethingDay trended on Twitter across Australia for most of the day. More than 10,000 posts came flooding through from local charities, communities and individuals via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

DoSomething co-founder and managing director Jon Dee said: "It's really positive seeing Australians give back to the community in such a big way."

ClubsNSW CEO Anthony Ball was proud of the efforts made by member clubs for Do Something Day.

"It was an enormous success. Clubs right across the state got involved by holding

charity drives, hosting lunches for volunteer groups, and donating their time to local charities," Mr Ball said.

Celebrities who got on board included radio presenters Ben Fordham and Fitzzy and Wippa and *Sunrise* sports presenter Mark Beretta who kicked off training for his ninth Tour de Cure Charity ride to raise funds to uncover a cure for cancer.

Featherdale Wildlife Park donated pass to families at Ronald McDonald house for every family pass it sold on the day.

► For all the stories and pictures from the day: www.dosomethingday.com.au/newslocal

Thank You Inner West

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