



WA NDIS My Way

The Journey So Far...

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NDIS and WA



- Commonwealth / State negotiations initially resulted in NDIS “launches” across five jurisdictions – starting 1 July 2013
- Western Australia is the only state that has not signed up for full scheme NDIS, but there is every indication that the state will join the scheme

WA State Government is committed to:

- Consistency with NDIS national principles
- An NDIS delivered through a local governance and administrative arrangement - a State government authority responsible to a State Minister.



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Why has WA not yet signed up?

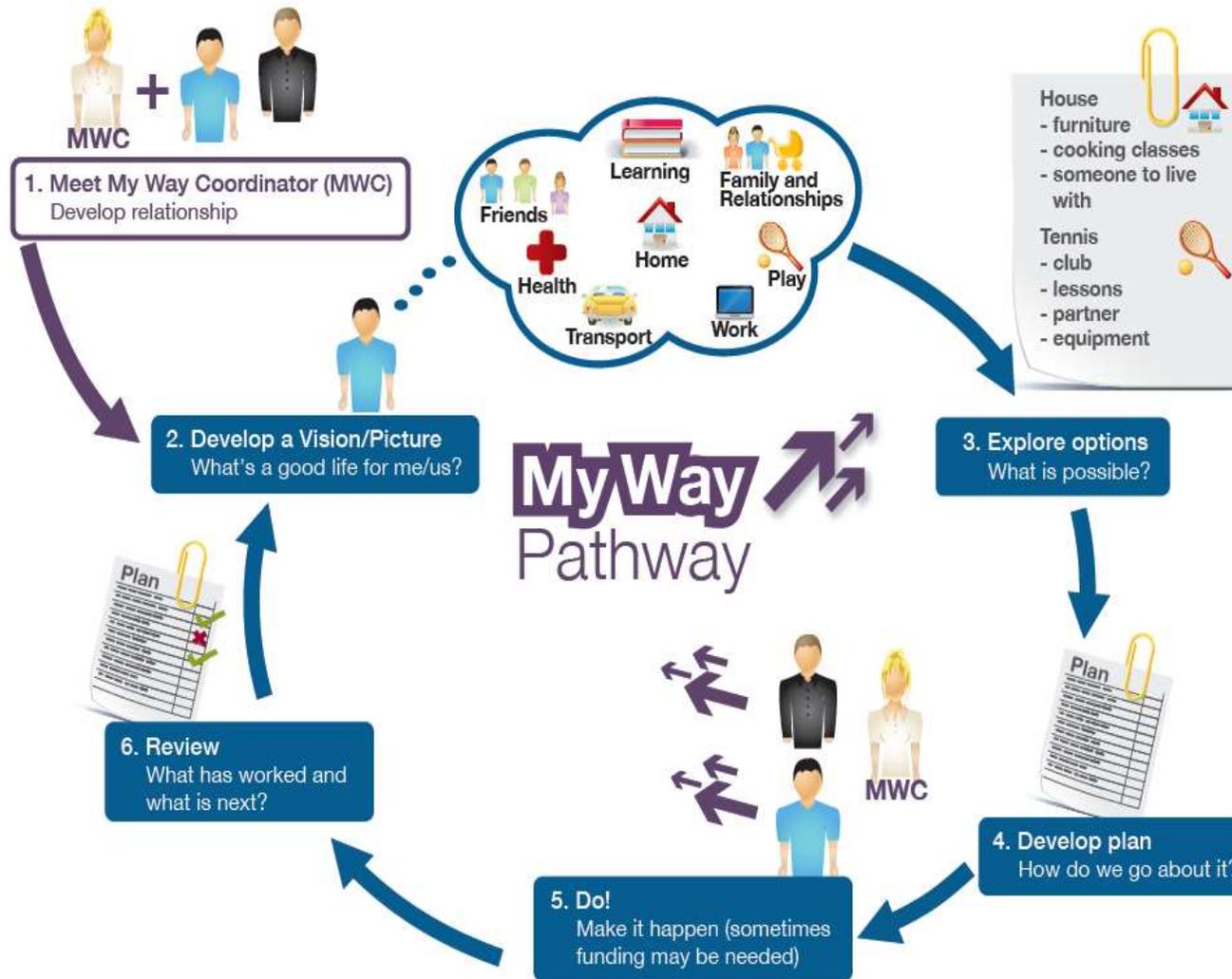
- State Government determined to retain and build on the strengths of the current system:
 - LAC model (established in 1988)
 - Focus on informal / community supports rather than funding
 - A relationship-based support system
 - Long experience of responsive service delivery in rural and remote areas
 - Committed to local governance and local decision making
 - Individualisation of funding in place since 1990s
 - Over 80% of services delivered through the sector
- The Western Australian system was not broken, but it was underfunded



My Way – the background



- Recognised need for changes to disability (and mental health) services systems nationally and internationally
- Policies and reports highlighted need for change e.g. 2011 Productivity Commission report, Delivering Community Services in Partnership Policy (WA)
- My Way project = commenced development in February 2012 as a 3-year project in 4 defined geographical locations across WA
- Purpose = to trial the implementation of the various reform agendas, with intent that this would inform future implementation across WA
- Builds on strengths of WA 's Local Area Coordination program (1988)
- Strong focus on local decision making, increased choice and control, connection with local community, partnership with the sector





Key questions



- **How would I like my life to be?**
- **Who am I and what is my life like now?**
- **What would I like to build on?**
- **How can this happen?**



WA NDIS trial arrangements



- 5 August 2013 – Commonwealth and WA State Governments reached an agreement for a two year trial of the NDIS using **two** different models across **three** sites.

Western Australia's NDIS My Way model:

- Run by the Disability Services Commission on behalf of the State Government in:
 - Lower South West (commenced July 2014)
 - Cockburn / Kwinana (commenced July 2015)

The Commonwealth's NDIS model:

- Run by the National Disability Insurance Agency on behalf of the Commonwealth Government in:
 - Perth Hills (commenced July 2014)



WA NDIS My Way model



- Integral role for Local Area Coordinators (My Way Coordinators) in eligibility, needs assessment, planning and funding, building strong ongoing relationships
- Ensuring genuine choice and control for individuals and families
- Strong focus on informal networks and community-based supports and linkages with community and mainstream services
- Local decision making and local accountability
- Respectful relationships with disability and mental health sector organisations
- Commitment to values and principles through a consistent approach to induction, training, supervision and management
- Within a pricing system based on true cost of services



The two trials



- Commitment to the principles of the NDIS
- Consistent approaches to eligibility and the determination of reasonable and necessary supports
- Agreement to continuity of support
- A guarantee of portability provisions (for people moving between trial areas)
- State-based quality assurance system
- Funding contribution from both Commonwealth and State



Where are we now?



- Fifth quarterly report and Actuarial review published (see website)
- Almost 2000 people in the WA NDIS My Way trial
- Average plan cost is approx \$30, 000
- 90% of plan outcomes are being achieved
- 26% of people opting for self-management
- 11% of plans require no funding
- Very high level of consumer satisfaction
- Low number of complaints or appeals



What happens after the trial?



- Both WA NDIS trial site models are being independently evaluated (overseen by the WA Joint Steering Committee)
- A number of advisory, consultative and review mechanisms are in place to monitor the progress of the trial at a local level
- Qualitative and quantitative evaluation which will help inform the future of disability services in WA
- State Government committed to the principles of a NDIS within a WA context.
- Ongoing commitment to the level of funding, supports and services for people currently in the trial areas.



More information

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