



## **Sector Update**

### **Portable Long Service!**

The NSW Government has officially launched the Community Services Industry (CSI) Portable Long Service Leave Scheme, a major milestone for our sector. From 1 July 2025, eligible workers in the community services sector (that's us) will be able to accrue long service leave entitlements even if they change employers within the industry. This long-awaited reform recognises the vital contributions of our workforce and supports greater job security and retention across the sector.



### **Recycle Mate: Your Smart Recycling Companion**

Recycle Mate is a free app developed to help Australians understand what can and can't be recycled in their local area. It uses a photo recognition tool and a location-based database to provide specific recycling advice for individual items based on local council rules — it could be for recycling, reuse, or safe disposal.

The app's current database covers over 5,000 items and integrates information from more than 500 local councils, it is growing every day as more communities become involved and more data is added.

With features like barcode scanning and multilingual support in 89 languages, Recycle Mate is an invaluable tool for reducing landfill waste and promoting sustainable practices nationwide - check it out.

**<https://recyclemate.com.au>**

# Celebrating 59 years of Making a Difference



Yes you read that correctly - we have been around for 59 years. We have certainly gone through some name changes but our foundations have always remained strong.



Q Robin 1966  
Challenge Foundation 1984  
Jindalee Enterprises 1986  
The Hastings Foundation 1992  
Willing & Able Foundation 2007



**Foundation Day May 7<sup>th</sup> 2025**

We celebrated with a Team lunch and Employee Awards

**WELCOME ✖  
to the TEAM**

We are excited to welcome Adam, Jo and Nic to the Willing & Able team! Their unique skills and dedication will help us continue to grow our support and further strengthen the services we offer.

**Adam**



**Jo**



**Nic**

