



Dear Northcott Supporter

Help us create a home away from home – a place of fun and education for children and young adults with a disability

Roselands Respite Cottage is in need of renovation and refurbishment. The planned improvements will offer our clients greater accessibility, independence and increased space - to provide for the increasing number of clients who need to access respite services.

Roselands Respite Cottage was set up with the support of community groups and generous donors 17 years ago in 1993; to provide respite care and support services to children with a disability and their families in a 24-hour professional care environment.

Today, the cottage provides services to over 50 children and young adults a year, with activities that are especially designed to suit the age groups and the wishes of the young clients who attend, with extended opening hours on weekends. Clients who access Roselands live in eastern, southern and south western Sydney.

The services provided from Roselands Respite Cottage are:

1. **Centre-Based Respite Care** involves caring for children aged six to eighteen years with disabilities to stay in a safe, supervised environment with their peers while their carers take time off to receive a well deserved break. We also provide opportunities for people with disabilities to go on excursions and various outings – whether it is to the beach, movies or shopping.
2. **Community Participation Program** - prepares school leavers and adults with a disability who have moderate to very high support needs for further education or support in accessing the next significant phase of life by assisting them to develop independence and living skills.

I hope you will help us in our efforts to create a facility at Roselands where clients can comfortably learn to be independent, enjoy staying in a place away from home with their friends and take part in the activities that we all take for granted.

To be able to achieve this, we are looking at a cost of \$226,500 to complete the much-needed renovation at Roselands Respite Cottage. Just to give you an idea, some of the repairs and upgrades include:

- Replacing carpet with vinyl in bedrooms - \$1200
- Resealing bathroom floor tiles - \$250
- Widen doorway and hanging a new door in bedroom- \$2000
- Installing adjustable bench in kitchen- \$2500
- Trimming wall to assist with chair manoeuvrability - \$750
- Constructing enclosed area to awning space - \$100,000
- Converting an existing office to storage space - \$2500

A major part of the construction at Roselands Respite Cottage is the enclosure of the outdoor area. This outdoor area is great for our clients to explore outdoor activities and craft work, yet is not weather friendly - being too hot in summer, wet and flooded on rainy days and cold in winter. These are just some of the repairs and upgrades to Roselands Respite Cottage that will occur for the first time since it was acquired in 1993. Our plans for this renovation are not funded by the government and we are relying on the generosity of our supporters and community groups, like you, to complete this well overdue renovation.

“Going to respite can be hard because you’re away from your home, your friends and your normal routine. But my time at respite was truly memorable. I’ve had the opportunity to meet some amazing people and build life-long friendships.” Emily Dash

Roselands has enabled Emily’s family to take a break, while knowing that Emily is properly cared for by 24-hour professional staff.



Roselands Respite Cottage is not only a second home for most of our clients but also a learning environment for children and young adults with a disability. I can't thank you enough for supporting Northcott Disability Services. It's only with supporters like you that we can continue to provide services to people with disabilities and support them in leading a full and independent life. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kerry Stubbs", written in a cursive style.

Kerry Stubbs
Chief Executive Officer

PS: Your kind gesture will give these children greater independence and will also allow them to explore their dreams and hobbies in an improved accessible and comfortable environment.