



## Arrowhead Clubhouse evolves to “future-proof” essential frontline service

### A special announcement from Sunshine Coast Community Services Society and Arrowhead Clubhouse Society

Since its establishment 30 years ago, the Arrowhead Clubhouse has evolved from humble beginnings to an essential resource for our community. With the passionate and generous support of volunteers, staff and numerous funding partners, those living with mental illness on the Sunshine Coast have found a safe and welcoming space to connect, learn and gain increased confidence in tackling the challenges of today’s complex world.

Over this time, dedicated members of Arrowhead Clubhouse Society (ACS) have worked tirelessly to raise money, engage stakeholders and guide the direction of the Clubhouse.

Recently the Board of ACS undertook a careful and comprehensive review of how best to sustain the Clubhouse for the long term, both financially and operationally. Equally important to the Board is the commitment to retain the participant-led approach that is a hallmark of the International Clubhouse model.

As a result of this process, the Board of ACS recommended and subsequently received approval from the membership to adapt the governance of the Clubhouse to better meet its long term need – “future-proofing” this critical resource for our community for years to come. To accomplish this, the Sunshine Coast Community Services Society (SCCSS), was approached to expand its role to full administrative oversight. The Arrowhead Clubhouse Society will be dissolved with many of its volunteers staying engaged through a new “Friends of Arrowhead” group, continuing to support the Clubhouse in a variety of ways.

The SCCSS Board of Directors would like to thank the current and previous members of the Board of ACS for their amazing commitment, dedication and foresight over the past 30 years. SCCSS will remain committed to the values that anchor the success of the Clubhouse. An “Arrowhead Work Plan Committee”, comprised of members and staff will ensure members continue to have a voice in setting goals and priorities for the Clubhouse and share responsibilities for its daily operation.

The Boards of ACS and SCCSS will be working closely together in the coming weeks to affect a smooth transition. While this is an important milestone in the Clubhouse’s evolution, we can assure all that day to day support will continue seamlessly.

*Thank you to the more than 235 Clubhouse members, the volunteers and our community partners for your support. Together, we will ensure that the Arrowhead Clubhouse remains a vital, caring resource for decades to come.*

*Maureen Clayton*

**Board of Arrowhead  
Clubhouse Society**

*Jason Winkler*

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