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SILVER CHAIN HACCERS VICTORS AT SENIOR OLYMPICS

During September 2015, a team of clients from Silver Chain's South Hedland Social Centre – the Hedland HACCers – travelled to Broome to participate in the annual senior's Olympic Games.

The senior's Olympic Games enables individuals from the Pilbara and Kimberley regions to take part in safe and meaningful activities within their community. It also aims to improve their quality of life by connecting participants with their community.

The Games, which have been running for more than twenty years, are open to people in the Pilbara and Kimberley region who are receiving support via the Home and Community Care (HACC) Program.

Events included a range of senior friendly games and activities that anyone can take part in, whatever their level of skill and experience such as bowls, beanbag and tennis ball toss, quoits and sticky ball.

The Hedland HACCers were the defending champions and this year they were once again victorious, winning all five of the competitions.

Hedland HACCers Team Captain, Beryl Adamson, said she would just like to congratulate everyone in the Broome and Hedland teams; they all did a fantastic job and everyone had a great time.

The HACCers were training weekly in the lead up to the Games and raised more than \$6,000 to help ensure their team could once again take part.

"I would like to thank everyone who helped make the senior's Olympic Games possible, especially all of our sponsors including the local RSL, Country Women's Association, Indee Station, Fortescue Metals Group and Chevron," Beryl said.

"It is through their generosity and the ongoing support of the local community that enables this event to continue."

The Social Centre provides social interaction and respite for carers by giving clients an opportunity to interact with others in a comfortable environment while participating in a range of interactive and interesting activities.

For more information about Silver Chain services, contact our Contact Centre, which operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week on (08) 9242 0242 (or country callers on 1300 650 803).

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About Silver Chain Group

In September 2011, Silver Chain in Western Australia and RDNS in South Australia, two like-minded not-for-profit organisations, merged to become one of the largest in-home health and care providers in Australia. With over 2,940 staff, 400 volunteers, the Group assists over 83,000 people to remain living in their homes and community every year.

The Silver Chain Group's purpose is to build community capacity to optimise health and wellbeing. This is the core of which we are as an organisation and will help shape the future of in-home community care across Australia. For more information, please see www.silverchain.org.au.