



WEEROONA NEWS

“Taking time to care”



Renovations at the new Weeroona building

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FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome all to our August/September edition of the newsletter.

You may or may not have heard, on the grapevine, that the Weeroona Office is relocating. To make it official, we will be moving to 16 Red Hill Road in the near future.

Our search for suitable and affordable office space has been ongoing for a number of years. The need for new premises became evident as Weeroona grew and the goal of finding suitable and affordable accommodation was included in our current Strategic Plan. Our Committee has been enthusiastic and very supportive in our search for premises and has been active in the locating, negotiation and renovation of the building. The new building affords us an office each and 3 spare offices, meeting room, function room, kitchen, level access, 15 carparks onsite and with some useable vacant land. This facility paves the way for Weeroona to expand and diversify services and to be well positioned to enter an NDIS environment.

We are planning to relocate over Monday 15 & Tuesday 16 September. Over these 2 days we will be available via our mobile phone, 0407 667 377, for urgent cases only, as our phones and computers will be heavily affected during the shift.

An official opening day is planned for Thursday October 2, so that everyone can come along and look through the building and have a bite to eat. I will keep you posted as the time draws nearer.

I would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation during the interruption and I apologise for any inconvenience it may cause.

I look forward to talking with you at the open day.

Regards,
Greg Wilson.

TRAINING FOR SUPPORT WORKERS

Our annual '**Refresher Training**' for Support Workers took place in June and July and was attended by a total of 52 Staff over 4 separate sessions.

Topics this year included:

Administering Medication

Risk Management

Managing Emergencies

Award conditions/Time on Line/Conditions of Employment

Your Life Your Choice/Self Direction/NDIS

Recognising and Managing Stress

Some great discussion took place during the training sessions and we received very positive feedback which we will use to plan our training for 2015.

A big thank you to all Support Staff for your enthusiasm and ongoing commitment to Weeroona and the people we support.

Duty of Care training

Seven support workers participated in a day long workshop exploring the legal and ethical dilemmas and duty of care obligations in supporting people to pursue good lives in the community. Feedback was positive with Support Workers sharing that they gained a lot of knowledge through the insightful and sometimes challenging workshop.



TRAINING FOR OFFICE STAFF

Sandy presented a 2 hour workshop to all office staff on Maintaining a Happy Workplace. Topics covered were Personality Styles, Team Building, What Makes a Happy Workplace, Conflict Resolution and Self Reflection. Feedback from staff was very positive. The two topics most enjoyed were personality types and team building. Pictured are staff enjoying a team building exercise.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2014

26th & 28th Advocacy workshop

29th Beeg Night out—Honey Bee Farm

September 2014

7th Father's Day

13th Disability Action week opening event—Gympie art Gallery

14-20th Disability Action Week

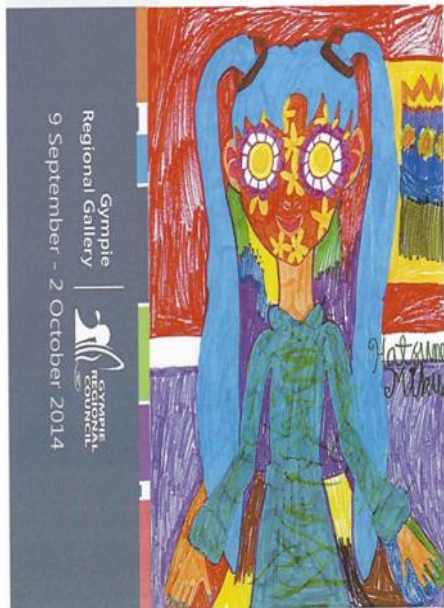
15-16th Weeroona office CLOSED - moving days

October 2014

2nd Weeroona open day 9am to noon

6th Public holiday—Labour Day

14th Carer's Expo 9am to 2pm—Gympie



Gympie Regional Council warmly invites you to the Disability Action Week opening event

Together We Can

Saturday 13 September, 11am
at the Gympie Regional Gallery

Free Entry, live demonstrations, music, BBQ, from 10.30am - 2pm

Art work also on display during September at a range of venues in Mary Street, Gympie

Live Entertainment: Thursday 18th September, 9am - 3.30pm at Gold City Centre Stage, Mary Street, Gympie. Refreshments available

39 Nash Street Gympie
07 54810733 | gallery@gympie.qld.gov.au
Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm | Entry is Free



It's time for a BEEG NIGHT OUT at Honeybee Farm!!!

Dance, sing, enjoy a sausage sizzle and have a great time meeting old friends and making new ones at the new Honeybee Farm at Kandanga

Open to all people with a disability who are over 18 years of age – carers very welcome

The fun starts at 5.30pm and ends at 8.30pm on Friday 29th August - entrance is \$5 which includes a sausage sizzle

Where?? Honeybee Farm at 20 Hasthorpe Road, Kandanga

For more details phone Phil on 0418 758 456 or 5484 3550



Spotlight on Weeroona's Services:

Your Life Your Choice - Self Directed Supports

Weeroona is an approved Host Provider for 'Your Life Your Choice', offering Self-Directed Support arrangements for people who have their own funding from the Department of Communities-Disability Services.

A Weeroona Facilitator is available to assist the funded person, their family/representative to develop a model of self-direction that meets the specific needs and priorities of the person in receipt of funding.

It is about individual flexibility and choice!

You are most welcome to have a chat with Doris Knackmuss on 5482 2451 about this or take a look at ylc@weeroona.org.au for more information.

Brochures are available at Weeroona as well.

Weeroona's Office will be closed Monday the 15th of September and Tuesday the 16th of September 2014 as we will be relocating to Red Hill Road. We are sorry for the inconvenience, Please contact the mobile number 0407 667 377 if the matter is urgent.



BABY BRIDGES

The next Baby Bridges program will start in October. There are still places available. If you have a child under school age with a developmental delay or disability (a formal diagnosis is not necessary) Please contact Tammy for more information Ph:5482 2451



Free Advocacy Skills Training Workshops for family carers

Learn how to become an effective advocate for yourself and others.

Carers Queensland Inc. believes the interests of a vulnerable person are best served when there is a well resourced and supported family member in place.

You are invited to take part in our two day Advocacy Skills Training Workshop

Dates: Tuesday 26 August and Thursday 28 August 2014

Time: 9.15am arrival for 9.30am start. Concludes at 2.30pm.

Light lunch included

**Venue: Gympie Community Church Hall,
Cnr Myall/Pine Streets
Gympie**

This is non accredited training consisting of 3 modules over the two days.

These workshops offer the opportunity to build your existing advocacy skills, enhance confidence, capacity, skills and resilience in representing your needs.

These workshops will be presented by Carers Queensland's facilitators.

Please phone Tammy from Weeroona to book a place 5482 2451

HUMAN SERVICES QUALITY STANDARDS

Standard 1: Governance and Management

This standard sets out guidelines for Weeroona to ensure that our governance and management systems maximise the outcomes for those using the service. The following needs to occur:



- The Committee Members need to possess and maintain knowledge, skills and experience required to fulfil their roles
- Our vision, purpose, values, objectives and strategies should reflect up-to-date practices
- All our management systems need to be clearly defined and documented
- Our management system maintains privacy and confidentiality for all users
- People are encouraged to participate in our governance and management processes at all levels of the organisation.

ART WORK WANTED

Disability Action Week

14th to 20th September 2014



The Disability Action Week 2014 Organising Committee would like to invite you to participate in a Community Art Exhibition celebrating the work of Gympie Region's established and emerging artists with a disability.

A major art exhibition will be held at the Gympie Regional Gallery from 9th September to 2nd October 2014. As well artwork will be on display during September at various venues in Mary Street, Gympie.

The Exhibition is open to a variety of art and craft works and a catalogue of all Works exhibited will be printed once final numbers are confirmed. Works may be for sale but only if the exhibitor wishes. Individual or group pieces may be submitted.

There is no limit to the number of works that can be submitted however the Organising Committee reserves the right to determine final exhibition piece numbers. There is no charge to those wishing to exhibit works. Entry to all exhibition venues is also free. Confirmation of your intention to exhibit works must be made to Roxanne on 0403 778 039 by 29th August 2014, giving name, contact details and number of works you wish to exhibit.

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Please use the front entry at the top of the ramp to enter the building.

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon— Thurs 9.00am to 4.00pm

Fri 9.00am to 3.00pm

Closed weekends and Public Holidays

Would you like your work published?

No promises, but we may put it in the newsletter.

PLEASE LET US KNOW, CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

Compliments, Concerns or Complaints

Please feel free to complete a Compliments and Concerns Form or a Complaints Form, both are located at the desk in reception. Your comments can be anonymous by placing the completed form in the suggestions box at the ramp.



Weeroona is on Facebook!

'Like us' on Facebook to keep up with what is happening day to day; for ideas of things to do & to keep informed about upcoming events, training and news items.