



WEEROONA

NEWS

August/September/October

2012

Showcasing—

Matthew Heyne

These paintings were done by Matthew Heyne, it is one of several which hangs on Weeroona's walls. Matthew enjoys painting immensely. His thoughts and feelings are reflected in the colours and textures he uses in his paintings.

Next time you are in the office feel free to view some of his other paintings.

"Every artist dips his brush in his own soul and paints his own nature into his pictures." -- Henry Ward Beecher."



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FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome Newsletter Readers,
I would like to welcome two new members to Committee. They are Erin Scotney, podiatrist, Sunshine Podiatry and Mick McCarthy Manager, Bendigo Bank Gympie. The skills and knowledge that Erin and Mick bring to Committee are a valuable asset. I look forward to working with them and I thank them for their commitment to Weeroona.

As you would be aware, Gympie has been in the media recently, touted as a possible site for testing some of the regimes that would underpin a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS). Although a Queensland site is not critical to the success of an NDIS, it would allow people of this region to have first hand knowledge of the possibilities that lie ahead with the introduction of the Scheme. Whether Queensland has a site or not, I urge you to stay abreast of developments and to use your vote whenever possible to promote a Scheme that will serve you as well as possible.

Weeroona is currently involved in bringing to Gympie an NDIS information presentation for all interested persons. When a date and time has been set we will advise.

Our Annual General Meeting is set down for Wednesday 17 October 7.00pm at Jobmatch, 16 O'Connell St. You are invited to come along and to meet the new Committee and to catch up with myself and the staff whilst enjoying a light supper.

I look forward to talking with you.

Regards,

Greg Wilson

Have you checked out Weeroona's
Website: weeroona.org.au.

FAREWELL TO ANDRÉ

Weeroona has had to say farewell to a well loved and respected member of our team. Andre left to pursue her passion for working with children. We wish her all the best in her future endeavours.



Photo of Greg presenting Andre with a Matthew Heyne painting as a farewell gift.

MENS WALKING GROUP—Every Tuesday & Thursday from 8.30am-9.30am

Meet outside the Australian Institute of Country Music at 8.30am

BELLS PLACE extends the hand of friendship to Parents, Carers & People with a disability

YOU ARE INVITED TO COME AND HAVE A COFFEE & CHAT

FRIDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 9.30am –then every 2nd Friday of the month



We provide good company, a warm, friendly, happy, relaxing, environment & morning tea for a gold coin donation.

Regular Special Guests & free relaxing massage

VENUE: Avenues Community Hall, Red Hill Rd

TIME: 9.30am to noon

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The Disability Action Week 2012 Organising Committee invite you to the official opening of

Together We Can

a Community Art Exhibition celebrating the work of Gympie Regional artists

Saturday 15th September from 11am, Gympie Regional Gallery <

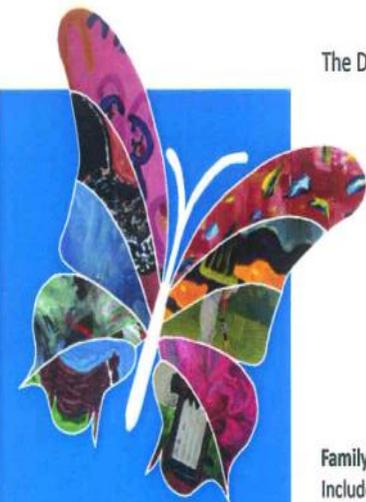
To be officially opened by Ross Barber

Live demonstrations, music and barbeque finishing at 2pm

Other celebrations in conjunction with Disability Action Week 2012 include:

Family Fun Day: Sunday 9th September, 9am at the All Abilities Playground, Lake Alford, Gympie <
Includes entertainment, face painting, games and sport demonstrations. Refreshments available

Live Entertainment: Thursday 13th September, 9am - 3.30pm at <
Gold City Centre Stage, Mary Street, Gympie. Refreshments available



Disability Action Week is celebrated between 9 - 15 September in 2012. As well as the exhibition at the Gympie Regional Gallery, art work will be on display prior to and throughout Disability Action Week at a range of community venues around Gympie.



Exhibition on view in Gallery Three from 11th September - 4th October 2012

39 Nash Street Gympie QLD 4570 • 5481 0733 • www.gympie.qld.gov.au/gallery • Open Tuesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

Database Upgrade

Weeroona is in the process of designing and implementing a database called Prosimis. The program is web based and will greatly speed up the processing of wages and improve reporting and efficiency. Our wages system will be changing as a result of Prosimis. We will keep you informed of changes as they are happening.



DISABILITY SERVICE STANDARD 2—INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

“People with a disability have confidence that their service provider will work with them to plan how to meet their individual needs and achieve their personal goals.”

- ☆ The people we support are encouraged to express their own views & ideas & to participate in decisions about service delivery.
- ☆ Weeroona’s staff respect the rights & choices of individuals & their families.
- ☆ Staff meet with people we support to identify their interests, needs & goals.
- ☆ We encourage & support individuals to make informed decisions & lifestyle choices.
- ☆ Coordinators / Facilitators work collaboratively with individuals & their families, developing support plans to achieve positive & meaningful outcomes.
- ☆ Weeroona encourages individuals & their families to direct their own support.
- ☆ Changing needs & preferences are responded to by our service.
- ☆ Regular reviews are conducted with individuals / families.
- ☆ We encourage feedback & suggestions from people we support.
- ☆ Individuals / families have the right to involve an advocate of their choice to represent their interests at any time.

Date Claimer— Weeroona’s Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 17th October 7.00pm at the Jobmatch

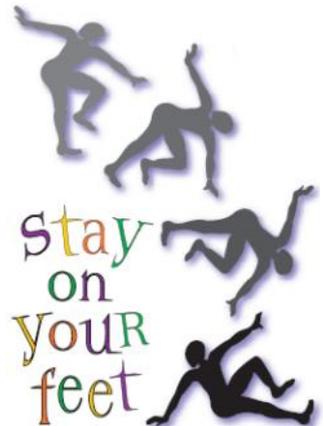
Take Care - don't get hurt!

Injuries through falls can happen in any workplace. The effects of an injury usually carry over into employees personal life.

The best way to prevent slips, trips and falls in the different workplaces support work takes place is to **be aware** of hazards in your work environment at all times, in all places.

To avoid the most common hazards:

- ☆ Look out for uneven floors, holes in the ground;
- ☆ Wear sturdy non slippery footwear;
- ☆ Be aware of wet floors, dry as soon as possible;
- ☆ Take your time, don't hurry;
- ☆ Take care on steps and stairs, especially if without rails;
- ☆ Make sure you can see where you are going;
- ☆ Watch out for obstacles in the pathway
- ☆ Report problem areas.



COURSES

SUPPORT FOR YOU –Building your resilience

With Dr Louise Ford & Sally Williams (Minds & Hearts)

The workshop is for parents of children (0-18years) with Asperger's Syndrome who are interested in learning strategies for surviving and thriving whilst bringing up a child on the spectrum.

WHEN: *Saturday 15 September 2012 9.30am—4.00pm
(Applications to attend close Friday 31 August)*

WHERE: *Gympie Conference Centre, 28 Fraser Rd Gympie*

COST: *FREE*

*If you are interested phone Weeroona for an application form or
phone the Workforce Council on 1800 851 848*

Vehicle Checks - due by December

You have probably received a letter by now regarding the new 'Vehicle Check' required for all vehicles used in support.

This is a part of our ongoing effort to meet safety requirements for staff and people receiving support.

The Vehicle Check form applies to all service user and support worker vehicles used during Weeroona Support.

We ask that a current 'Vehicle Check' be on file with Weeroona by December 2012.

This is most important as vehicles without a current "Vehicle Check" by this date will not be able to be used during support.

Thank you to those people who have already supplied a completed Vehicle Check form, your promptness has been appreciated

If you have any questions about this please contact the Manager or your Coordinator.

COURSES

UNDERSTANDING GRIEF—a Workshop for Women

Hosted by the Gympie Women's Health Centre

WHEN: Part 1 - Friday—7th September 9.30-12.30
Part 2 -Friday—14th September 9.30-12.30

COST: \$10.00 Payable at the first session

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL—PHONE 5483 6588

CHILLAX—Relaxation & Stress Management for Women

Hosted by the Gympie Women's Health Centre (5483 6588)

Experienced teachers guide this group & beginners are very welcome.

WHEN: Every Tuesday 9.30am – 10.30am (no admission if late)

Service User Rights & Responsibilities

RIGHTS:

- ☆ Be treated with dignity and respect.
- ☆ Receive adequate information about the service and the process of delivering the service.
- ☆ Access services which are based on individual / family need and on the capacity of the service to meet that need.
- ☆ Refuse a service and know that this will not prejudice their future access to services.
- ☆ Express their own views and ideas and to participate in decisions about service delivery.
- ☆ Expect that personal information will be treated in confidence and remain private.
- ☆ Access their personal records upon verbal request noted on file or written request.
- ☆ Pursue any complaint about service provision without retribution.
- ☆ Involve an advocate of their choice who can represent their interests at any time.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- ☆ Treat staff with respect and courtesy
- ☆ Treat volunteers with respect and courtesy
- ☆ Provide a safe work environment for staff and volunteers
- ☆ Take responsibility for and adhere to any decisions made with staff about the supports and services provided / received
- ☆ Participate in any mandatory processes of the organisation



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Mon — Thurs 9.00am to 4.00pm

Fri 9.00am to 3.00pm

Closed weekends and Public Holidays



WOULD YOU LIKE TO PUT SOMETHING IN THE NEWSLETTER?

PLEASE LET US KNOW, CONTRIBUTIONS ARE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.



Compliments, Suggestions or Complaints

Please feel free to complete a Service Improvement Request Form located at the desk in reception. Your comments can remain anonymous by placing the form in the suggestions box at the ramp.

