



WEEROONA NEWS

“Taking time to care”



Greg with Jo (Jobmatch), Tess (Avenues), Robin (Co-Director) and Leonie (Bravo) helping to show their support for the short Film ‘The Interviewer’ at the Heart of Gold Film Festival.



WHAT’S INSIDE:

- Pg 2 Manager’s report & Public Holiday Dates
- Pg 3 Facebook information & welcome back to Susie
- Pg 4 Funding availability & Community Events
- Pg 5 Workshops, Seminars & Training Opportunities
- Pg 6 Baby Bridges
- Pg 7 Human Services Quality Standards & Special Olympics Update
- Pg 8 Contact Details



FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome Newsletter Readers

Our transition to electronic time sheets has gone very well. Staff have embraced the new system and there have been very few problems to date. Families and staff are keeping coordinators up-to-date with changes in supports and this helps us achieve a trouble free pay day. I would like to thank both staff and families for making the implementation and the process a success.

I would like to draw your attention to the Department of Communities website, www.communities.qld.gov.au. Click on the 'Disability' tab and then select 'Key Projects' option. Down the left hand side scroll down the options to 'Your Life Your Choice' (YLYC). This will take you to the YLYC page. Here you can access a large amount of information about self directing your funding package. In particular there is a link to the handbook for people with a disability, their families and support networks. It examines in depth the decision and process to self directed support via a host provider.

You can also contact Disability Services free of charge on 137468 (13QGOV). Please remember that regardless of where you choose to purchase your services, Weeroona is available to assist you with information about YLYC.

I was thoroughly rewarded in making the effort to attend the Friday night session of the 'Heart of Gold' Film Festival. The short film 'The Interviewer' was exceptional and for me was about the realisation of a persons abilities. The characters and the acting were convincing and the whole film was a credit to all at Bus Stop Films. (Bus Stop films is a pioneering organisation which has a focus on creating inclusion within the film industry.) I hope you got the chance to catch it during the festival.

Ciao for now.

**** Next Public Holiday ****

Monday

7th October 2013

Labour Day



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.

Social Media Consent Form:

Are you happy for your photo to be used in Weeroona’s publications, website and/or Facebook? If so, it would be much appreciated if you could complete the Consent Form and drop it in when you

Contributions to the Newsletter or Facebook page wanted:

If you have something you’d like to share let us know. It could be a review of somewhere you’ve been, a particularly good joke or an achievement you’re proud of. Photo’s with a short description or story would be great and can be dropped in to Weeroona or emailed to admin@weeroona.org.au We’re also interested in knowing what you’d like to see within the newsletter and Facebook. Suggestions are always welcome.

WELCOME BACK SUSIE

We would like to welcome back Susie, who has returned to her duties after a period of long service leave. Further good news is that Tammy is continuing with Weeroona coordinating Qld Community Care and Baby Bridges.



A photo of the Baby Bridges Programme in action, please turn to page 6 to find out more.



Funding for Community Aids, Equipment & Assistive Technologies available for eligible people

The Community Aids, Equipment & Assistive Technologies Initiative (CAEATI) provides financial help with the cost of Aids, equipment and assistive technologies for eligible people with a disability.

Categories for funding are:

Communication support (up to a maximum of \$4,500 per person)

Communication support includes items that assist people to connect and exchange information with their communities of choice, such as Speech generating devices or PODD communication books

Community mobility (up to a maximum of \$4,500 per person)

Community mobility includes items that improve physical access in the community such as Power assist wheels

Active participation (up to a maximum of \$1,000 per person)

Active participation includes items to support a person in recreational and civic activities such as Outdoor recreational wheelchairs & Sports wheelchairs

Contact Disability Services Maroochydore at 5352 7200 to confirm your eligibility and to find out how to get started.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND THINGS TO DO

⇒ **Car boot sale**

Where: Amamoor Railway Station When: 7am to noon Sat 10th August

Contact: Julie 54884135 for more info

⇒ **Sleep out at Mary St to raise funds for homelessness**

Where: Mary St When: 2nd August 9pm to 5am,

Contact: Emma 5482 8959 or Carli 5482 6188



Come in and sponsor our wonderful Administration Officer, Kerry who will be sleeping out.

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre

A team member from the Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centre will be in the Gympie area to assist carers with information and options about respite.

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month

Where: Jessie Witham Memorial Centre– 1 Church St Gympie

Time: 10.00 am to 3:00 pm

To make an appointment or for more info contact
Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre
Call 1800 052 222 or Email marinfo@suncare.org.au



Gympie Womens Health Centre with Therapist Kathi Passmore is holding an exciting day of creative

healing & expression through Art Therapy.

Kathi will be guiding women to begin the creation of a "Healing Journal". This is an amazing process, as it is a compact, mobile, and very special way to heal your pain, make sense of your life and express your feelings creatively.

WHEN: Friday, 30th of August

WHERE: Gympie Regional Art Gallery, 39 Nash Street

TIME: 10.00am—2.30pm **COST:** \$15.00 (incl. lunch)

PLEASE NOTE: Places are strictly limited and must be booked and paid by 23rd of August.

Feeling Anxious?

You are not alone

Anxiety Support Group

9am-10am Mondays starting July 8th.
Cooloola Human Services Network,
Shop 2/22 Barter St Gympie.

Facilitated by Choice Support Service.
For enquiries or to register your
interest,
call Choice on 5482 1805.

Queensland Government
Queensland Health

CHOICE
SUPPORT SERVICE INC.
Journey of Wellness

Funding assisted by Queensland Health.



BABY BRIDGES™

Exciting News!!! - Baby Bridges is coming to Gympie!

What is Baby Bridges?

Baby Bridges is a unique and innovative Early Intervention program developed by Horizon Foundation that provides an opportunity for respite, and also an opportunity to provide a learning environment for both carers & their children.

The key focus of Baby Bridges is to provide respite for carers of children with a disability aged 0-5 years. Whilst respite is the key focus, the secondary aim is to use this respite time effectively by providing carers with information, training and support in order to increase their capacity to care for their child now, and in the future.

In its early intervention program, Baby Bridges aims to:

- ☆ Enhance social and emotional development;
- ☆ Embrace therapeutic interventions
- ☆ Provide specialist support, information and training for carers;
- ☆ Maintain a collaborative partnership with carers, families, therapists, educational staff, community and government organisations;
- ☆ Build informal support networks among carers that attend Baby Bridges; and
- ☆ Provide an extremely efficient and low cost service delivery model per capita.
- ☆ Build relationships with the medical sector in order to provide data that assists with diagnosis, specialist therapies and create a collaborative approach from the moment of diagnosis be that at birth or in the child's early years.

Please contact Weeroona for more information or to register for Baby Bridges

HUMAN SERVICES QUALITY STANDARDS

Standard 3: Responding to Individual Need

This standard brings together Disability Service Standards:

2: Individual Needs

Privacy, Dignity and Confidentiality

6: Valued Status



IN SHORT:

This is about making sure that each individual and their uniqueness is acknowledged, considered and included in the planning process and that the person receiving the service participates in that planning and decision making process.

It is about promoting a belief in the abilities of the person to fulfil valued roles in the community by promoting skills development and lifelong learning.

AND

It is about providing a service which meets the needs, goals and aspirations of the participant of the service.



Special Olympics
Australia

The Special Olympics Asia Pacific Games are coming. The Games will be the largest competition for people with an

Intellectual disability ever held on Australian soil, with 2000 competitors from over 32 countries competing across nine sports.

Weeroona would like to congratulate;

Phillip, Andrew, Amanda & Rebecca King, Geoff and Michelle Cotter, Tracey Mc Paul, Stephen O' May, Kim Langton, Sam Grant, Sara Burke, Peter Sweeney and Matthew Upshall

A word from one of the proud parents :

'Special Olympics has helped each member in my family to not only become better athletes, but better people as well. Each of them is now full of confidence and they know they can achieve great things even though they have a disability,' by Merle King.

Good Luck to everyone.



WEEROONA ASSOCIATION INC.

63 Duke Street, (PO Box 172), Gympie Qld 4570

Ph.: 5482 2451 Fax: 5482 2020

A/H: 0407 667 377

Email: info@weeroona.org.au

Web: www.weeroona.org.au

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.