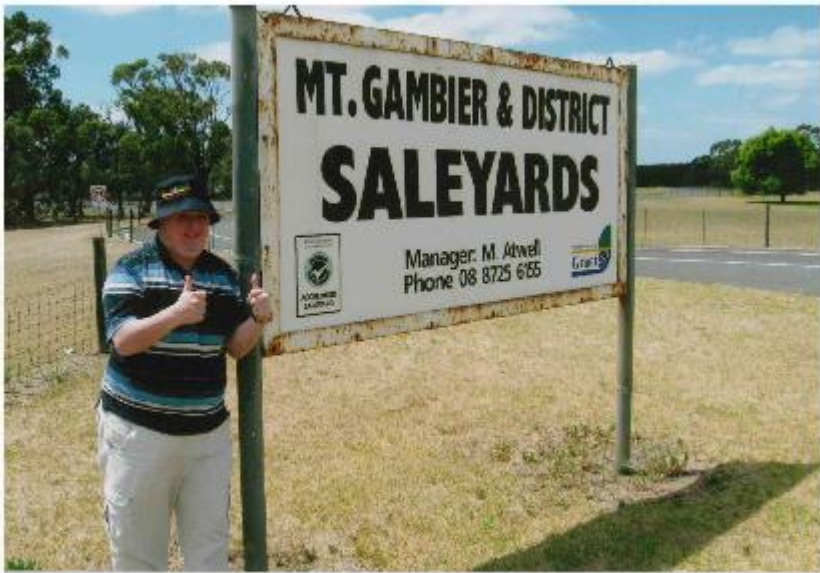




WEEROONA NEWS

“Taking time to care”



Tim on holiday in Mt Gambier –find Tim’s letter to Weeroona inside

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FROM THE MANAGER

Welcome Newsletter Readers.

The summer rains have once again washed the dust from the dry paddocks ... and into Mary Street, unfortunately. I have first hand knowledge of a flooded Mary Street premises and I am glad Weeroona's office is high and mostly dry.

I hope the floods have not impacted on your families in a bad way.

Opportunities through 'Your Life, Your Choice' (YLYC) are now available to people with what is commonly called PSS (Post School Services) funding or Support for School Leavers funding. Advantages do exist with YLYC for those that are comfortable with the 'Self Directed Support' model of service delivery. Weeroona is investigating how self directed support will be offered by this organisation and I will keep you posted as we progress. In the meantime please call us for assistance to achieve your goals with Self Directed Support regardless of where your support may be sourced.

Our Quality Audit is set for Tuesday 26th March. Thank you to those families and staff that have volunteered to assist the Auditors with our review of service delivery against the Queensland Disability Service Standards.

Until next we meet.

Greg Wilson

Public Holidays—2013

Friday	29 March 2013	Good Friday
Saturday	30 March 2013	Easter Saturday
Monday	01 April 2013	Easter Monday
Thursday	25 April 2013	Anzac Day
Friday	17 May 2013	Gympie Show Holiday

WEEROONA'S ADMINISTERING MEDICATION POLICY AND PROCEDURE

All medications that support staff are asked to administer during support have to be recorded on Weeroona's medication forms and authorised by family and a Doctor. Medications include: prescriptions, over the counter vitamins, herbal remedies, panadol & asthma inhalers just to name a few.

No forms = no administration

Recent changes to the policy require that Completed Medication Charts are returned to Weeroona. This is so coordinators can see that Procedure is being followed when support staff administer medication. Thankyou to those families and support staff who have already returned forms.

If you have any questions regarding Medications during support, please contact your Coordinator.

Copies of the revised Policy & Procedure will soon be sent to Support workers & Families where administering medication is part of support.

Looking for something to do ? Here are some ideas.....

Join Gympie Community Gardens at Cooina Aged Care Centre

Phone 07 5483 7441 (Wednesday or Thursdays) or 0408 708 803 for information or look up Gympie Community Gardens on Facebook. Gardeners meet on Thursdays.

Gympie's Woodworks Museums Free Family Fun Open Day. Saturday, 23rd March 10:00am till 4:00pm. The Steam Sawmill will be operating, there will be tool demonstrations, Blacksmithing, crosscut sawing, Chainsaw carving, Forestry related activities and competitions. There will be a sausage sizzle & barista coffee.

Visit the Regional Art Gallery & check out what's happening in the month of March for their 15 year celebrations. Open from Tuesday-Saturday 10am – 4pm
39 Nash Street GYMPIE

Listen to music at Nelson Reserve every 3rd Saturday of the Month - 11am till 3pm with '**SOUNDCHECK" Pro'JAM' Sessions** www.facebook.com/soundcheckgympie
Phone 07 5481 0760 for more info

Square dancing Girl Guides Hall, 19 Shanks St. 3.15pm New dancers welcome. Cost \$3
Inquiries Dawn 5482 2118

50's and over Club Wednesdays. Senior Citizens Centre, Mellor St. 11am to 3pm to play cards, scrabble, mah-jong & indoor bowls. Inquiries Christine 5482 4215 or just pop in.

LOOKING TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE

We have had feedback from many people involved with Weeroona that it would be beneficial to the people we support if Weeroona organised some fun and interesting activities.

Weeroona is exploring the possibility of putting together an activity once a month.

At this stage we have no funding for this idea so costs would need to be shared amongst participants. Each participant who needs support would have to be accompanied by their own carer/support worker.

Can you please help us by completing this survey and returning it to us by the 20th March 2013?

Please feel free to attach any additional comments/suggestions.

Name:

Where would you like to go on an outing?

Please mark your first three (3) preferences 1, 2, 3

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Picnics | <input type="checkbox"/> | Museums | <input type="checkbox"/> | Australia Zoo |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BBQs | <input type="checkbox"/> | Art Galleries | <input type="checkbox"/> | Underwater World |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Beach | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fun Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> | Out for a meal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RSL | <input type="checkbox"/> | Special Events | <input type="checkbox"/> | Morning Teas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> | Coffee Club | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bush walking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (<i>please specify</i>) | | | | |
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Yes

No

If you would like a regular social group what would you like to do?

Please mark your first three (3) preferences 1, 2, 3.

Board games

Listen to music

Crafts

Cards

Play music

Book Club/Reading

Cooking

Discussion groups

Guest speakers

Other (*Specify*)

What price range could you afford to pay for an outing?

\$ 0 — \$10

\$20 — \$25

\$35 — \$40

\$10 — \$15

\$25 — \$30

\$40 — \$45

\$15 — \$20

\$30 — \$35

\$45 — \$50

Could you afford additional costs e.g. Entry costs? Yes No

What days would suit you?

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

What would be the length of the outing preferred?

Half day

Full Day

Other (*specify*).....

Thank you for your feedback and your time taken to complete this form



Did you see Sasha during the floods?

She made the news and became a local celebrity for her efforts in moving the huge lung fish to a better place.



Drawing Name: towerooong

Project: newsletter

Drawn By: TIM JOYCE

Date: 19.02.2018



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this morning I went to mount Gambien Saleyards and saw a truck come and put on two trailers OK It had five Dogs boxes and I heard the Dogs barking. They use Keldies to work with sheep OK. the sign said Dogs cant go near the Cattle so the Dogs stay in the box OK. Farmers will bring Lots of Cows and ~~and~~ sheep on trucks at 3 or 4 o'clock I will go back then to watch and talk to the truck drivers and take Photos OK. I will give out some information books to sell Sheds and give away some free Keyrings. OK there is a big Cattle and Sheep Sale here tomorrow *It was boiling hot yesterday 38 degrees and cold today 17 degrees

from Tim JOYCE OK

HUMAN SERVICES QUALITY STANDARDS

You will notice the change in name for this section of the newsletter. From 1st February 2013, the Human Services Quality Framework (HSQF) will begin replacing the four different sets of quality standards that currently apply to organisations funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.

The framework will be phased in over the next three years. During the first phase, services funded under disability services and child safety licensed care service providers will transition to the new Human Services Quality Framework. For us this is the Family Support Program, Post School Services, and Adult Lifestyle Support Program.

In phase two, the other Weeroona Services will change over. This transition will be completed by 2015. This is a positive move for Weeroona as we will have a common set of standards across all programs that will be audited.

In future newsletters we will begin to explore each of these 6 new standards. I have listed them below for your information.

Standard 1: Governance and Management

Standard 2: Service Access

Standard 3: Responding to Individual Needs

Standard 4: Safety, Wellbeing and Rights

Standard 5: Feedback, Complaints and Appeals

Standard 6: Human Resources.



HARMONY DAY
Everyone belongs

Celebrate Gympie's multicultural diversity

FREE Concert
Gold City Centre Stage, Mary Street

Saturday 23 March
from 9.30am

 Multicultural Information
Network Service is funded by 



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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.