

Weeroona

Taking Time to Care



Weeroona participating in the Locals Supporting Locals Campaign.

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FROM THE MANAGER

Hi Newsletter Readers,
'How can we, together, move beyond 'What is' to 'What is possible?'

Weeroona would really appreciate your help on Saturday 30 May to consider this question and guide the organisation into the future.

The calling question will set the theme for the day and I look forward to hearing the ideas of people who are connected with Weeroona as well as the ideas from the broader community.

Weeroona has engaged a Facilitator for the day to ensure that all voices are heard so I hope you can come along and let us know your thoughts.

The Civic Centre is accessible and central, with excellent parking. Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

I realise that support and sometimes transport can be an issue so I ask that you please contact the office so that Weeroona can assist with these issues.

See you there.

Greg.

**SATURDAY 30 MAY
GYMPIE CIVIC CENTRE
10AM – 4PM**

'How can we, together, move beyond 'What is' to 'What is possible?'

A gathering to imagine, discuss and shape what is possible for people living with a disability in our community.

Weeroona has been a part of the Gympie community for over 20 years, and we want to continue to actively work towards what is possible in the lives of people living with disabilities.

We warmly invite you, and every member of the community, to take part in a conversation that will help us to plan our future and be a part of positive change.

You don't need to have a connection with Weeroona or with a person with a disability. You just need to care about your community and its future.

Who knows what we might discover together?

The gathering will be friendly, relaxed and we will be providing lunch.

(To make sure we have enough, please RSVP by Monday, May 25). To RSVP call 5482 2451 or email info@weeroona.org.au

Support Worker Refresher Training 2015 - 3rd , 9th & 11th June 2015

It's that time of year again, and Weeroona is conducting Refresher Training in June 2015 as part of our commitment to the ongoing training of Support Staff. It's wonderful being able to provide this year's training here at Red Hill Rd, and we are pleased to be able to offer two workshops as a part of our training this time:

"Understanding Epilepsy" provided by Epilepsy QLD and

"Communication" provided by Cerebral Palsy League QLD

The following topics will also be covered:

National Disability Insurance Scheme - NDIS

Workplace Health and Safety – Home Safety Checks

Siblings of people with a disability

****Reminder that this training is mandatory for Support Workers, therefore if you have not yet booked in, please do so ASAP.**

Talk to your Coordinator if you have shifts that need to be rearranged.

Wheelchair Dancing Gympie

Classes for All Abilities

When:

1st & 3rd Saturdays: 10 am to 12 noon

Classes include:

- Wheelchair Skills
- Beginner Dance
- Leading to Intermediate Dance
- Combi Dance

Where:

Hamilton Hall (Gympie High School)

Cootharaba Rd, Gympie.

Accessible parking and wheelchair access.



For more info phone:

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1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION PARENT COURSE

Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2 to 12 years old

A 3 session program for Parents and Carers at the Early Years Family HUB

2 O'Connell Street, Gympie

Dates: 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd June

Time: 6pm to 8.30pm

FREE

Register for this course by contacting Andre at the HUB on 5482 9012

Learn: To engage your children's cooperation by positively noticing & encouraging them

To set clear expectations & help children develop frustration tolerance

Human Service Quality Standards

QUALITY STANDARD 6 : Human Resources.

Organisations have human resource management systems, including recruitment, induction and supervisory processes, that result in quality service provision.

To meet this standard Weeroona has:

- Transparent and accountable recruitment and selection processes.
- Induction and training provided to new staff on Weeroona policies, procedures and processes
- One on one training for Staff with individuals and families to ensure their skills and knowledge is tailored to the individuals with whom they work
- Refresher training yearly and as required to meet the changing needs of families/ individuals and legislation.
- Ongoing contact with Staff and families so that any issues or concerns can be addressed as soon as practicable.
- Sound and effective Work Health and Safety systems and practices in place to protect both Staff and individuals from risk of harm
- Effective processes in place so that Concerns and Complaints can be dealt with

Department of Education, Training & Employment Apps

The department has created a range of free apps for use and download by the community.



[SPEAK app](#)

SPEAK (Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge) provides lots of fun, free activities, ideas and information for parents, carers and educators to support and nurture language development in children from 0-6 years of age.



[Out and About app](#)

Give your child a flying start in literacy by helping them practise their sight words when they are 'out and about'. This app is aimed at Prep to Grade 2 students to help them master the first 100 sight words.



BABY BRIDGES

Term 2 Baby Bridges has started. As you can see from the picture below the children have been having lots of fun while the adults talk funding, early intervention, respite and lots more...

You are invited....

On 29th May, Tricia Clark, Autism Advisor from Brisbane is visiting Baby Bridges. Tricia is based at Autism Qld and will be sharing her knowledge of Autism as well as informing us about the "Helping Children with Autism " Funding. We are opening up this session to other parents who have a child/ren with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of Autism/ASD. Please contact Tammy for more information or to RSVP- **Ph 5482 2451**

We are still accepting referrals for the Term 3 Baby Bridges Program which will commence in July. A formal diagnosis is not needed to attend Baby Bridges.



Weeroona Staff Learnings.



In preparation for the changes that are happening in the Disability Sector staff at Weeroona have been out and about , attending information sessions and training.

Below is a list of some of the events we have attended;

- ☆ Individualising the Block—5th March 2015
 - ☆ My Future My Life—10th March 2015
 - ☆ Jobs Australia Essentials for Community Sector Employees— 12 March
 - ☆ Sensitive Mobile Autonomous Responsive Technologies Workshop—19th March 2015
 - ☆ NDS QLD Conference—30th & 31st March 2015
 - ☆ Understanding the Financial Implications of the NDIS - 20th April 2015
 - ☆ Griffith University— What Does Good Support Look Like— 20th April 2015
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Meeting Room

Room 1 (5.9 x 3.6m)
Large table (seats 10)
Air conditioned
White board and other office equip available



Room Hire Information

Function Room

Room 2 (9m x 6.5m)
5 fold up tables
50 stackable chairs
Air conditioned.
Kitchen available



UPCOMING EVENTS

30th May— Weeroona’s Conversation Day “What is possible for people living with a disability in our community?” Civic Centre 10am—4pm

31st May— Goomeri Pumpkin Festival

2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd June –1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION PARENT COURSE

8th June - Queen’s birthday public holiday

**“Life is short, live it. Love is rare, grab it. Anger is bad, dump it.
Fear is awful, face it. Memories are sweet, cherish it.”**

– *Unknown*

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

You are welcome to submit ideas & contributions to the newsletter.

If you have something in mind, contact Trish or Kerry.

Compliments, Concerns or Complaints

We welcome all feedback, it helps us improve our service. If you have something to say, let us know by having a chat or completing a Compliments and Concerns Form or a Complaints Form, both are located at the desk in reception.