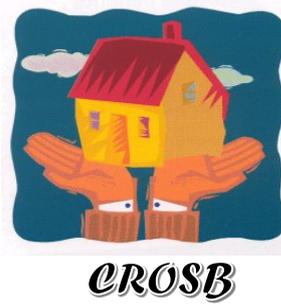


Disability Services Newsletter



February 2017

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NDIS UPDATE

- Linda Hayes from CSA is working with CTC Disability Services to ensure we are ready for the NDIS.
- The first NDIS Workshop "Get Ready for the NDIS" attracted great attendance with almost 50 people collectively attending.
- Workshop #2 - "Developing your Personal NDIS Plan" - will be on 6 & 7 April at the Enterprise Centre.
- South Burnett CTC's Disability Services have successfully registered to provide services as part of the NDIS.
- The Disability Reform Council has released the NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework, a nationally consistent approach to quality and safeguarding for NDIS participants.
- For more information on NDIS visit website www.ndis.gov.au
- Come along to our NDIS Workshops so you are prepared for your plan interview.
- Everyone is welcome

A Word from the Service Manager

Welcome to the Summer edition of CTC's Disability Services Newsletter.

We commenced the year with the first of four NDIS Workshops. Linda Hayes, a Consultant from CSA hosted the evening and shared her vast knowledge of the NDIS with everyone who attended.

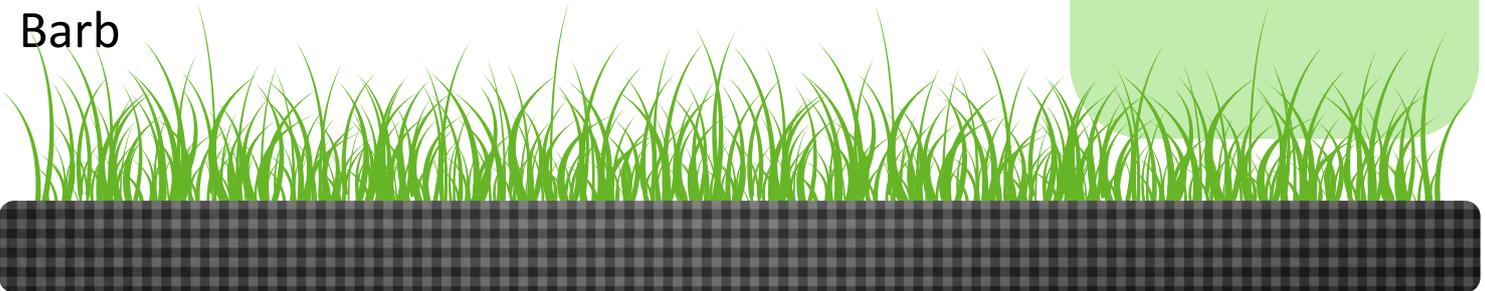
The first workshop gave everyone an overview of the NDIS, services being delivered, the plan interview and your rights as a participant and family member.

We had lots of questions from the attendees and positive feedback such as this one from Danny Mighell—"When someone said NDIS workshop I had a certain amount of fear, anxiety and even a little anger, but I was pleasantly surprised. Finally, we had an educator with knowledge and experience in real NDIS roll out. Every question was answered with real life examples. I highly recommend that everyone who needs to know more about the NDIS attend these workshops".

Our second workshop on 6 & 7 April will assist families to develop the information needed to provide a plan that meets your needs.

We encourage all families to come along. Hope to see you there.

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Our very first CTC Disability Services Bus Tour was a huge success! We had 15 people on the bus who received an information packed day on the numerous sites and services our Disability division covers.

Our first stop was the CROSB Office, then morning tea provided by Gumnut Place at CROSB House. We had a number of support workers at the house to explain what their job involves.

We then had a leisurely drive to Heritage Lodge Nanango and were able to view a vacant unit and hear details from Nina, CTC's CEO, about the journey to construct this Modern Disability Accommodation Facility.

We then moved on to Gumnut Place in Murgon for a delicious lunch and a grand tour before heading home. The day started at 9.30am and we were home by 3pm. We had many compliments along the way, Sophie said "She would not be where she is today without Gumnut Place" and Daniel said "the chicken was better than KFC's".

We were also complimented on the quality, efficiency and content of the tour by the passengers who learnt a lot!



The 2016 Disability Art Show was held on 5 November 2016. CROSB client Jacob Scheele was the MC for the event and another CROSB client Phillip Perrin was lucky enough to win an award for his beautiful artwork, while some of our talented CROSB clients even sold their art work. All the Artwork displayed in the show was of a high standard, beautifully presented and very inspiring. If you haven't been along to the event before put this date claimer in your 2017 calendar.



On 26 November 2016 CROSB did a barbeque at Mitre 10 to raise money for Group Nights in 2017. The intention is to reduce the cost of Group Nights for our clients. Clients and Support Workers volunteered to run the sausage sizzle. A big thanks goes out to everyone who gave up their Saturday morning to help out. It was a successful day and in the end we sold approximately 100 sausages and made approximately \$80. In 2017 CROSB hopes to run more fundraisers like this to help make Group Night more accessible to everyone.

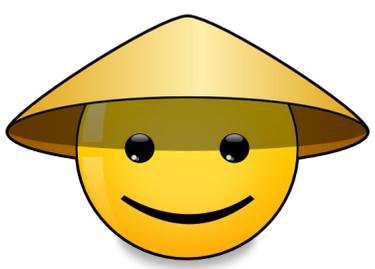


Just a friendly reminder that if you want your Support Worker to do activities with you such as going to the movies or speedway then you will be required to pay for them as well.

2017 Gumnut End of Year Celebration



All Gumnut Place staff from time to time are required to assist the kitchen in hanging out the tea towels and aprons. Please make sure you bring a hat with you to work to ensure that if you have to do this task you have sun protection.



Meet Brittany, the new Admin Assistant at Gumnut



Congratulations to Angela on her graduation from TAFE



Meet Tara, the new cleaner at Gumnut

Over Christmas Graham took some well-earned time off and upon his return was confronted with a garden overgrown with weeds. He worked tirelessly the first week he was back to get the garden beds back to their usual condition and ready to plant again. This year we will plant potatoes, carrots, spinach, lettuce and onions every few weeks for use in the kitchen.



Upcoming

EVENTS

- CROSB Pizza and Planning Night—21 February 2017 (see attached Flyer)
- NDIS Workshop #2—6 & 7 April 2017 (see attached Flyer)
- South Burnett Speedway—18 March 2017
- Goomeri Pumpkin Festival—28 May 2017 (Gumnut Place will have a stall)
- SB Wine and Food in the Park— 11 March 2017 (Gumnut Place will have a stall) - 11– 8pm at Memorial Park Kingaroy.



Salvation Army launches 1300 hotline help consumers find electricity savings

The Salvation Army has successfully launched its “Switched on Communities” education program that aims to help people under financial pressure find savings on their electricity bills.

The Salvation Army was a successful recipient of the Switched on Communities Grant fund being managed by the Queensland Council of Social Services.

As part of the roll out of electricity education, the Salvation Army have launched an electricity saving advice hotline on 1300 221 993.

The telephone line is open to any electricity consumer who is looking for free and independent advice on how to save money on their electricity bills.

This includes advice on how to switch electricity retailers, how to compare electricity plans, financial hardship options and rebates, and how to understand electricity bills to find savings.

In addition to the telephone line the Salvation Army is rolling out information sessions to their case workers and for community members across south east Queensland.

The Switched on Communities Grant program is part of the Queensland Government’s Energy Save campaign, which aims to help south east Queenslanders save money by shopping around for the best electricity deal.

We value your



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Gumnut Bus - 0400 045 105

22 Gore Street, Murgon

Email: gumnut@sbctc.com.au

Head Office - (07) 4162 9000

If you're not happy with CTC's response to feedback contact -

Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

Phone (free call): 1800 177 120

Phone: 3224 7179

Email: complain@communities.qld.gov.au

Complaints Referral and Resolution Services

Phone (free call) : 1800 880 052

Phone: 13 14 50

Email: crrs@workfocus.com



CROSB GROUP

Night Events

CALENDAR

We need you to help us plan the Group Night activities for 2017!

Come along to P & P Night



Planning and Pizza

21 February 2017

6pm to 8pm

South Burnett Enterprise Centre, 6 Cornish Street, Kingaroy

Cost - \$15

RSVP – 17 February 2017 to amyk@sbctc.com.au or

call 4162 9081

Are you ready for the NDIS?



South Burnett CTC Disability Services supports you and our community to be ready for the July 2018 NDIS commencement in the South Burnett.

FAMILY WORKSHOP # 2 “DEVELOPING YOUR PERSONAL NDIS PLAN”

SOUTH BURNETT ENTERPRISE CENTRE
6 CORNISH STREET KINGAROY

**DATE/TIME THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2017 FROM 5.00 PM TO 7.00PM
OR
DATE/TIME - FRIDAY 7 APRIL FROM 9.00AM TO 11.00AM**

In the last workshop, Linda introduced the scope of services and assistance available through the NDIS.

This is the feedback we received from Danny, who attended the 1st workshop: *“When someone said NDIS workshop I had a certain amount of fear, anxiety and even a little anger, but I was pleasantly surprised. Finally, we had an educator with knowledge and experience in real NDIS roll out. Every question was answered with real life examples. I highly recommend that everyone who needs to know more about the NDIS attend these workshops”.*

In our 2nd workshop we will be looking at scope of service and assistance in more detail:

- identifying which would be *reasonable and necessary* in a plan
- what evidence will be needed to support this and
- starting a diary to better understand detailed formal support needs versus general family love!

Thank you for your fantastic support in January and we hope to see you and your friends in April!

For more information, contact CROSB on 4162 9081 or Gumnut Place on 4168 1852