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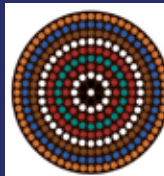
# Welcome

Hello my name is Bruce. I'm very excited about my role as the Project Officer for ATSIDNQ.

I'm keen to touch base with all of you and especially talk about how we provide a network service for people with a disability, carers and supporters that will:

- Grow the Network
- Share stories and information
- Assist you to have your say through a 'collective voice'

Please feel free to call me on the 1800 number to yarn as I'm keen to meet you all.



**ATSIDNQ**

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander  
Disability Network of Queensland

**Phone: 1800 718 969**

**Web: [www.atsidnq.com.au](http://www.atsidnq.com.au)**

**Email: [info@atsidnq.com.au](mailto:info@atsidnq.com.au)**

If you know someone who would like to become a member, tell them to contact us!

## Get Connected



Join other Network members in our closed group Facebook page. Members can jump online, introduce themselves and share information with other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disabilities in Queensland.

To join our member group:

1. Login to your own Facebook account
2. Type ATSIDNQ Members Page in search
3. Click the magnifying glass to start search
4. Click on the group ATSIDNQ Members Page
5. On the page select 'Join Group'
6. Wait a few days for admin to approve



# VOICE TREATY TRUTH

**07 - 14 JULY 2019**

*Let's work together  
for a shared future.*

# National Disability Strategy Beyond 2020

Do you want to have a say in the National Disability Strategy beyond 2020? Share your thoughts on the questions below:

1. How could your life as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person with a disability (or the life of a family member with disability) be improved?

2. Have you had any experiences with the NDIS? Tell us about it both good and bad.

Call Bruce on 1800 718 969 or email [info@atsidnq.com.au](mailto:info@atsidnq.com.au)

## Royal Commission into abuse of people with disability

Ronald Sackville AO QC has been appointed the Chair of the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability. He will be assisted by:

- Barbara Bennett PSM
- Rhonda Galbally AC
- Andrea Mason OAM
- Alistair McEwin
- John Ryan AM

The Terms of Reference, detailed in the [Letters Patent](#), indicate that Commission should inquire into what should be done to:

- prevent, and better protect, people with disability from experiencing violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation
- achieve best practice in reporting, investigating and responding to violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation
- promote a more inclusive society that supports the independence of people with disability and their right to live free from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation

It will cover all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation of people with disability, in all settings and context.

The Commission is to report by 29 April 2022.

The Federal Budget allocated almost \$528 million for the conduct of the Royal Commission over five years, with \$149 million to be used for counselling and other supports to assist people with disability to participate.

A website will be established shortly.



## UPCOMING ATSIDNQ YARNING GROUPS AND EVENTS - ALL WELCOME



### Yarning Groups

We would love to see you there!

#### Hervey Bay

DATE: Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Venue: Galangoor Duwalami Primary  
Healthcare Service  
7-11 Central Avenue  
Hervey Bay  
Wheelchair accessible

Time: 10.00am-12.00pm

#### Maryborough

DATE: Wednesday 24th April 2019

Venue: Galangoor Duwalami Primary  
Healthcare Service  
Unit 1, 87-89 Bazaar Street  
Maryborough  
Wheelchair accessible

Time: 10.00am-12.00pm

### ATSIDNQ Community Engagement

Hey Members,

Over the next few months, I'll be heading out to some of the regions as part of the ATSIDNQ Community Engagement.

I would really like to visit your community and speak about setting up 'yarning groups' for you to have a 'voice' and say about the needs of people with disability, their families, carers and supports.

If you would like me to visit you to talk about ATSIDNQ and the 'yarning groups', please call me on 1800 718 969 to discuss further.

Yarn to you soon, Bruce.



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The National Disability Insurance Scheme is a new way to support Australians with disability. That means new opportunities, and some new things to learn.

If you'd like some personal support while you're getting used to the NDIS, we can help. Join the NDIS at these free, informal sessions for practical support, finding and working with service providers, and using the online portal.

It's also an opportunity to ask questions about accessing the NDIS, the planning process, and using your funding.

DATE	VENUE DETAILS	TIME	SESSION
Tuesday, 2 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office Shop 8, 190 Goondoon St Gladstone, QLD 4680	9.30am - 12.30pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Wednesday, 3 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office Level 2, 39 East St Rockhampton, QLD 4700	9.00am - 12.00pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Wednesday, 3 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office 56a Theresa St Emerald, QLD 4720	10.00am - 12.00pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Friday, 5 April 2019	PCYC 164 MacMillan St Ayr, QLD 4807	9.00am - 4.00pm AEST	Feros Fridays - Meet with a Local Area Coordinator No appointments necessary
Friday, 5 April 2019	Feros Care Office 5/74 Wood St Mackay, QLD 4740	9.00am - 4.00pm AEST	Feros Fridays - Meet with a Local Area Coordinator No appointments necessary
Friday, 5 April 2019	Feros Care Office Suite 2,520 Flinders St Townsville, QLD 4810	9.00am - 4.00pm AEST	Feros Fridays - Meet with a Local Area Coordinator No appointments necessary

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Friday, 5 April 2019	Mt Morgan Community Support Centre 1 Cornes St Mount Morgan, QLD 4702	9.30am - 11.30pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Monday, 8 April 2019	Feros Care Office 5/74 Wood St Mackay, QLD 4740	9.00am - 4.00pm AEST	Feros Fridays - Meet with a Local Area Coordinator No appointments necessary
Tuesday, 9 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office Shop 8, 190 Goondoon St Gladstone, QLD 4680	9.30am - 12.30pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Wednesday, 10 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office Level 2, 39 East St Rockhampton, QLD 4700	9.00am - 12.00pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Wednesday, 10 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office 56a Theresa St Emerald, QLD 4720	10.00am - 12.00pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Friday, 12 April 2019	Feros Care Office 5/74 Wood St Mackay, QLD 4740	9.00am - 4.00pm AEST	Feros Fridays - Meet with a Local Area Coordinator No appointments necessary
Friday, 12 April 2019	PCYC 164 MacMillan St Ayr, QLD 4807	9.00am - 4.00pm AEST	Feros Fridays - Meet with a Local Area Coordinator No appointments necessary
Friday, 12 April 2019	Feros Care Office Suite 2, 520 Flinders St Townsville, QLD 4810	9.00am - 4.00pm AEST	Feros Fridays - Meet with a Local Area Coordinator No appointments necessary
Friday, 10 April 2019	Mt Morgan Community Support Centre 1 Cornes St Mount Morgan, QLD 4702	9.30am - 11.30pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Tuesday, 16 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office Shop 8, 190 Goondoon St Gladstone, QLD 4680	9.30am - 12.30pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Wednesday, 17 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office Level 2, 39 East St Rockhampton, QLD 4700	9.00am - 12.00pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>

DATE	VENUE DETAILS	TIME	SESSION
Wednesday, 17 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office 56a Theresa St Emerald, QLD 4720	10.00am - 12.00pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Friday, 19 April 2019	Mt Morgan Community Support Centre 1 Cornes St Mount Morgan, QLD 4702	9.30am - 11.30pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Tuesday, 23 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office Shop 8, 190 Goondoon St Gladstone, QLD 4680	9.30am - 12.30pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Wednesday, 24 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office Level 2, 39 East St Rockhampton, QLD 4700	9.00am - 12.00pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Wednesday, 24 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office 56a Theresa St Emerald, QLD 4720	10.00am - 12.00pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Friday, 26 April 2019	Mt Morgan Community Support Centre 1 Cornes St Mount Morgan, QLD 4702	9.30am - 11.30am AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Monday, 29 April 2019	Feros Care Office 5/74 Wood St Mackay, QLD 4740	9.00am - 4.00pm AEST	Feros Fridays - Meet with a Local Area Coordinator No appointments necessary
Monday, 29 April 2019	PCYC 164 MacMillan St Ayr, QLD 4807	9.00am - 4.00pm AEST	Feros Fridays - Meet with a Local Area Coordinator No appointments necessary
Monday, 29 April 2019	Feros Care Office Suite 2,520 Flinders St Townsville, QLD 4810	9.00am - 4.00pm AEST	Feros Fridays - Meet with a Local Area Coordinator No appointments necessary
Monday, 29 April 2019	Hervey Bay RSL 11 Torquay Rd Pialba, QLD 4655	10.00am - 12.00pm AEST	Preparing for your plan review conversation <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Tuesday, 30 April 2019	Carers Queensland Office Shop 8, 190 Goondoon St Gladstone, QLD 4680	9.30am - 12.30pm AEST	NDIS drop in session - Information Session <a href="#">Click here to register</a>

DATE	VENUE DETAILS	TIME	SESSION
Tuesday, 30 April 2019	Maryborough RSL 163-175 Lennox St Maryborough, QLD 4650	10.00am - 12.00pm AEST	Preparing for your plan review conversation <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Wednesday, 1 May 2019	Kingaroy RSL 126 Kingaroy St Kingaroy, QLD 4610	10.00am - 12.00pm AEST	Preparing for your plan review conversation <a href="#">Click here to register</a>
Thursday, 2 May 2019	Gayndah RSL 20 Warton St Gayndah, QLD 4625	10.00am - 12.00pm AEST	Preparing for your plan review conversation <a href="#">Click here to register</a>

## Want to share your story?

Sharing story can be a way of helping people to feel connected and less isolated. Members of the Network who share their story can inspire others and help build our community. To view other member stories, check out our website page [www.atsidnq.com.au](http://www.atsidnq.com.au)

We have some fantastic towels that we would like to gift to members who share their story with us. Sharing your story just involves a 10 minute phone conversation with one of our team, or they may be able to meet you at your place. Please contact us if you are interested.



**Trakka App can help you get connected with local events, places of significance and local services!**

Get connected with local Indigenous culture. Whether you're an Aboriginal Elder in remote Australia, a young Aboriginal person living in the city, or a non-indigenous Australian, Trakka will keep you informed about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (Indigenous) cultural events, significant places and services in any location throughout Australia.

Featuring a calendar of local events and festivals, links to relevant local services and info on key local significant Aboriginal places, Trakka will keep you up to date and connected with local Indigenous culture. With a direct chat forum to local government, it's also a great way to have your say.



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# Seniors Guide to Qld Help

This app can help seniors and those who support seniors to:

- find information, help and support for specific life issues (transport, community services, future planning, aged care, retirement villages and more)
- understand seniors rights
- know where and how to make and resolve complaints



Now available free on



# ROCK THE BOAT

2019 National Elder Abuse Conference

**SAVE THE DATE**

22-23 July 2019

Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The 6th National Elder Abuse Conference is a chance for delegates to come together and exchange insights and ideas that lead to change, for the better.



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[neac2019.com.au](http://neac2019.com.au)

## 2019 National Conference Addressing Abuse of Older People

To be held on the 22 and 23 July in Brisbane, NEAC 2019 will help safeguard the right of older Australians to live free from abuse, violence, exploitation and neglect.

NEAC 2019 is an opportunity to drive real change as the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quality and Safety unfolds and a National Plan to address the abuse of older people is in the spotlight.

The theme, *Rock the Boat*, means we will harness their insight, creativity and passion to challenge the status quo and drive action to end elder abuse.

NEAC 2019 will not be a 'talkfest', it will instead have a clear focus on developing solutions to serious issues to produce much needed change.

With your support, we are determined to progress the discussion around responses for older Australians who are experiencing abuse in a range of situations.

*Come on board and help us rock the boat.*  
**To register go to [neac2019.com.au](http://neac2019.com.au)**