

ATSIDNQ

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Disability Network of Queensland

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Whats new?

The last two months have been very busy for The Network:

We were asked to speak on behalf of our members to the Joint Standing Committee on the National Disability Insurance Scheme about NDIS Market Readiness held in Cairns. We were able to advise of our members issues and the current barriers to access.

We have welcomed new members from around the state and held stalls at expos letting people know about the Network.

Thanks to the members who have been supporting our local yarning groups. We love connecting and look forward to these groups growing in the future.



In the Community

The 2018 Punyahra Health Expo

This year marked the 18th year for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Well-being Expo held at the Beaudesert community shire hall.

There were lots of information stalls, giveaways, live music, traditional dances and a great lunch for everyone!

Thank you to Metro South Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Coordination Team for holding the expo.

Below is some of our new member's wearing their new hats and the wonderful dancers on the day.



2018 Cairns Disability Expo

The expo was brought forward this year ahead of the NDIS roll out and showcased the wide range of vital services available in the Far North with up to 50 services attending.

ATSIDNQ team member Barry shared information about our network and had a lot of interest from community members with more people signing up to become members.



Brisbane North Yarning Group

We had guest speaker Helen from Mamre Association INC's pave the way NDIS readiness program come to our Brisbane North yarning group in March. Members got some information about planning for the NDIS roll out and had many of their questions answered.

Jodi Sampson the new community development officer from Synapse also came along to introduce himself and programs they will deliver soon.



Maryborough Yarning Group

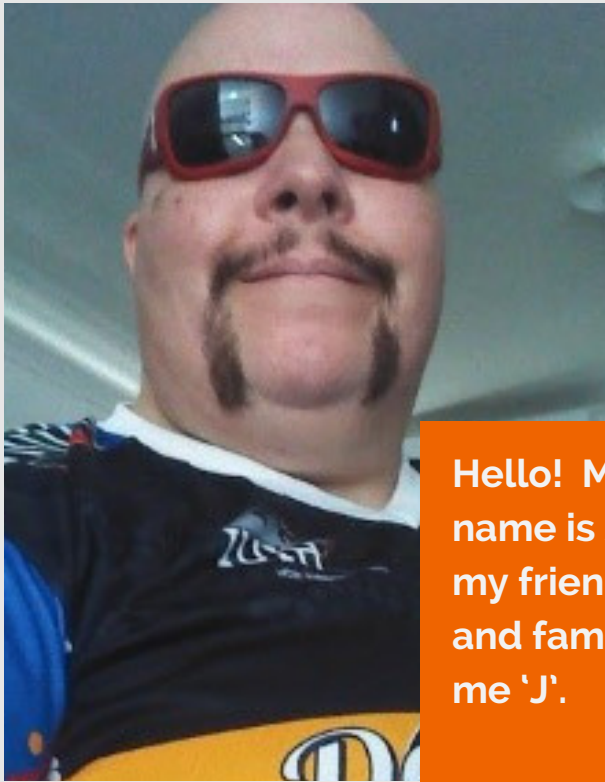
We had David Isitt the Manager from Mamre Association INC attend our Maryborough yarning group to share information about NDIS preplanning and planning for when the NDIS rolls out. David also shared his own personal experiences about having a child with disability. Thank you for attending David the members enjoyed what you had to share.

Bundaberg Yarning Group

This was our second yarning group for Bundaberg, it was great to catch up with our members and supporters who shared their experiences with the NDIS roll out for the area.



From our members



**Hello! My
name is Jason,
my friends
and family call
me 'J'.**

I live in Bowen Hills and have many disabilities and significant health issues. I have a mobility scooter that assists me to get out and about independently to attend concerts. I enjoy a trip on the City Cat and like to go shopping.

I am happy to be attending yarnning groups with ATSIDNQ, in the hopes of sharing information to make all our lives and experiences safer, well provided for and more enjoyable.

I look forward to meeting new people and helping The Network to grow.
I hope you enjoy my 'Red Dust' poem.



Red Dust

An orange sun sets on a dry
desert day
The warmth of the land beneath me,
Midnight blue ocean of
diamonds appear
Shooting stars, falling to the
horizon, I see.

Glowing hot coals, light the
bush all around
Blue and yellow flames lick the sky,
We pay our respects to
dreamtime spirits
Blood of my blood,
raising hearts high.

Distinctive crack of clap sticks beat
As brothers on the didge fire away,
Singing of life, unites in our voices
Dancers painted,
luminescent white clay.

Precision moves, around
the fire they go
Acting out roo's and emu's with lust,
Stamping heels into the earth below
Toes flicking up, all the red dust...

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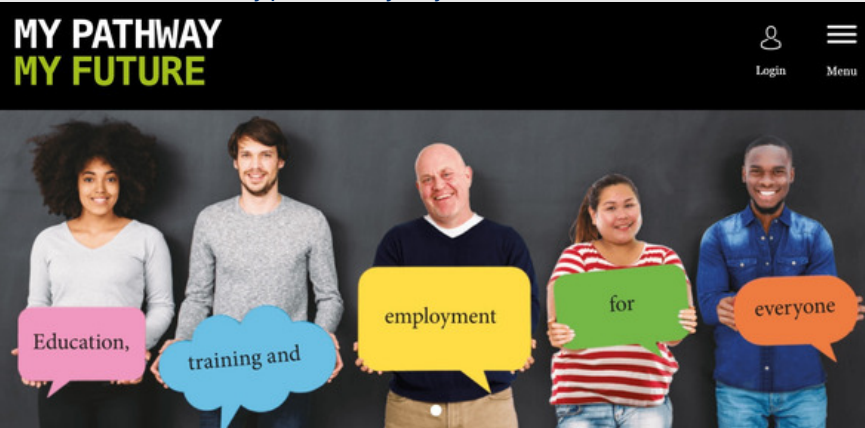
Did you know?

My Pathway, My Future

A website has been developed as a guide for individuals with psychosocial disability who require support with accessing and maintaining education, training and employment options. You can use this website to explore your options.

The information on this website has been gathered from various sources including individuals with psychosocial disability, and their carer's and significant others, service providers, students, volunteers, educators, trainers and employers.

Visit: www.mypathwaymyfuture.com.au



Mapping My World

Many people have said that preparing for planning meetings with the NDIS can be a daunting experience, with uncertainty about what needs to be included and how to start. Endeavour Foundation have created a pre-planning booklet, Mapping My World, to help you to think about the supports you want and need – now and in the future – before meeting with your NDIA planner.

Visit: www.endeavour.com.au/ndis/resources/
or call 1800 112 112



Darling Downs Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health

The Tackle Flu Program is coming soon. Check out the deadly 2018 Tackle Flu Shirts - "Bunya Healing" by Oakey artist Damon Anderson.

The Bunya Mountains is a very significant site for Aboriginal people in Queensland and New South Wales, because the tribal groups would travel to the Bunya Mountains for the Bunya Festival, every 3 years for Lore, Healing, Trading, Marriage and Song and Dance.

The Bunya Mountains is still a healing place for Wakka Wakka people and Aboriginal people from other mobs. It's a place where our people can connect spiritually with our ancestors.

Keep an eye out for a Tackle Flu clinic coming up around darling downs: Kingaroy, St. George, Cunnamulla, Charleville, Murgon, Goondiwindi, Oakey, Dalby, Toowoomba and Roma. For more information and dates contact the Darling downs hospital and health service on 07 4616 6000 and ask to speak to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Unit.





NDIS FAQ

Why is it called the National Disability 'Insurance' Scheme? I don't understand the use of the word insurance in this?

The reason the word "insurance" is in the NDIS title is because the Scheme is created on an insurance-based approach, not a welfare based approach.

The insurance approach is a change from the previous welfare model which provided support to people with disability.

A welfare model takes a short-term view of the total costs of disability and provides limited choice for participants over their supports. The NDIS takes a lifetime approach, investing in people early to improve their outcomes later in life.

All governments agree the best way to reduce the long term costs of disability in the community is by increasing a persons independence , and lifting their level of involvement in the community and workforce. The purpose is to empower people with disability to choose and achieve their goals.

How do I get access to the myplace portal?

You can access the myplace portal through your myGov account.

If you haven't got a myGov account, www.mygov.com.au to find out how to create one. In the same way you might have done with other agencies like the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) or Medicare, you will need to link your myGov account with the NDIA myplace portal.

What is the process for accessing the NDIS if I don't currently receive government supports?

The NDIS will provide support to many people who may not have been eligible for supports before.

People with disability who aren't currently accessing services from their State or Territory government should complete an access request form when the NDIS becomes available in their area. Call the NDIS on 1800 800 110 to get an access request form.

The NDIS website states that Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) is for children aged between 0 – 6. Does this include the age 6?

Yes!

The Early Childhood Early Intervention (ECEI) approach supports children from birth up to and including 6 years old ,who have a developmental delay or disability and their families/carers.

The ECEI approach supports families to help children develop the skills they need to take part in daily activities and achieve the best possible outcomes throughout their life.

NDIS FAQ Source: www.ndis.gov.au



NDIS FAQ cont....

How does NDIS categorise a participant's primary disability?

Information is requested relating to the individual's primary disability as well as the impacts that the disability has on their functional capacity.

Based on the information provided a "primary disability" is listed on your records. This "primary disability" will be listed as the category that most accurately describes the individual circumstances, diagnosis and functional impacts of the participant.

For those participants who've entered the Scheme through a defined pathway, for people who have been receiving supports through a specific state and territory program prior to the roll out of the NDIS, the initial contact information on NDIS record, as well as information relating to the individual's disability, comes from the State or Territory data and uploaded directly into your NDIS records.

The NDIS isn't rolling out to my area just yet, what can I do to get myself prepared for when it does come to my area?

If you currently receive supports from a Commonwealth or State or Territory government disability program, you'll be contacted by a NDIA representative when it's time to start transitioning from those supports to the NDIS.

If you currently do not receive supports you can start gathering information to support your access request and planning conversation.

To enter the NDIS you need to meet the access requirements. You only need to do this once and the process includes providing medical documentation of your disability to the NDIA.

This includes information on the nature of your disability, its impact on your life, and how long it will last.

My child is living with severe disability. My partner and I recently started to see a counsellor to help us support our child do NDIS cover this?

Yes, family support and counselling due to a family member's disability may be funded by the NDIS. This support is available to build the skills and capacity of other family members to manage the impact of a participant's disability on family life.

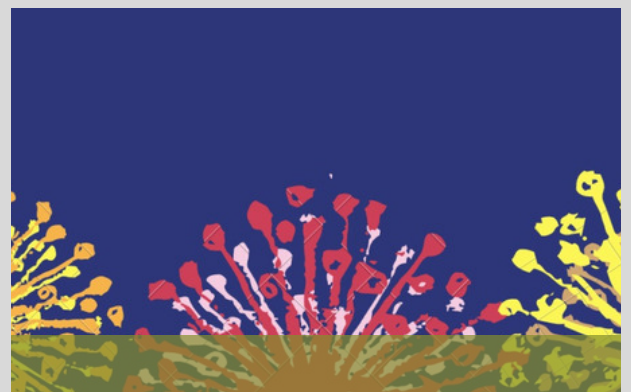
Who approves a plan?

All plans are approved by the NDIS. In some cases the person you have developed your plan with or had you your plan review conversation with will be able to approve the plan, while in other cases they will send the draft plan to a colleague who will review and approve the plan.

Do you need to have an intellectual disability to qualify for NDIS, or can it be solely physical or mental health, or all of the above?

It doesn't matter whether you have an intellectual, physical or mental health (psychosocial) condition, the NDIS provides all Australians who meet the access requirements with the reasonable and necessary supports they need to enjoy an ordinary life.

NDIS FAQ Source: www.ndis.gov.au



Member Moments

Our very own Uncle Willie Prince had the honor of being a Baton Bearer for the Commonwealth Games in April. Uncle Willie even managed to get in a plug for The Network on the news! Thanks for your support Uncle Willie, we are very proud.



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