

ATSIDNQ

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Disability Network of Queensland

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Bigger and Stronger!

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disability Network team continue to travel the state meeting and recruiting new members.

We're excited to say that our membership is now almost at 500!

Thank you for joining us on our travels around Queensland and talking to us about some of the issues that matter most to you.

We hope you are enjoying the meetings and connecting with other members. Don't forget you can also jump online and chat on our public and private Facebook pages.

A big thank-you for spreading the word about the Network and how important it is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a disability in Queensland.

Keep your feedback and comments coming in so we can continue to grow the Network bigger and stronger.

ATSIDNQ TEAM



Paralympics

Indigenous Paralympians Torita Isaac (above) and Amanda Reid are counting down to the Paralympic Games in Rio.

Torita is competing on the track and field and Amanda in the cycling.

Torita says she's a proud Indigenous woman and it means so much to represent her country and culture.

Camilla's Story

Goodday my name is Camilla Wren and I live at Muralug Beach, Prince of Wales Isl;and in the Torres Strait with my Mum and Dad. We live very close to the beach, where I like to go for walks and fishing.

There are no shops or facilities on POW so we have to travel to Thursday Is. in our dinghy or the school boat, where we do our shopping and other business.

I like travelling in our dinghy as I am responsible for pulling up the anchor and helping to tie up when we reach the pontoon at TI. Life on the island is very relaxed and laid back with plenty of fresh seafood to enjoy all year round.



I have relations on the island and always have time to spend with Aunties and cousins to do all sorts of activities.

I used to live in Bowen where my Mother was a Nurse and Dad a Train Driver but we didn't have any relations living close by so I missed out on the island lifestyle and family connections.

I receive funding from DSQ for an Individual Support Plan that allows me to attend Port Kennedy Association who provide assistance with lifestyle skills.

I liked being with Margaret when she worked there as she liked playing her ukulele and singing plus she knew a great deal about weaving. It would be really good if we had a designated area where we could do some cooking plus other activities.

I have two dogs, they are Jack Russells and their names are Moulon and Sarup. I am responsible for feeding them and making sure they have clean water. I used to be scared of dogs previously but now have so much fun time with them when we play and go for walks.

I have been attending NDIS sessions on Thursday Is. and have a colourful Plan for my Life that paints a bright future for my role in the community and me as an individual.



In the Community

We had a fantastic NAIDOC week connecting with existing members and signing up new ones in Cairns, Townsville, Toowoomba, Gold Coast and Brisbane.

MARYBOROUGH Yarning Group –

We started a yarning group in Maryborough with a morning tea in early July and August. It was great to see such a positive turn out and interest in an ongoing local Network group in this area.



Early Intervention

New NDIS Approach to Early Intervention - The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) has a national approach to early childhood early intervention (ECEI) that gives children aged 0-6 years quick access to support that's tailored to their needs.

Under the ECEI you will be referred to an Early Childhood Access Partner to guide you through the process.

This support might be information, emotional support or referral to other services like community health services, playgroups or peer support groups.

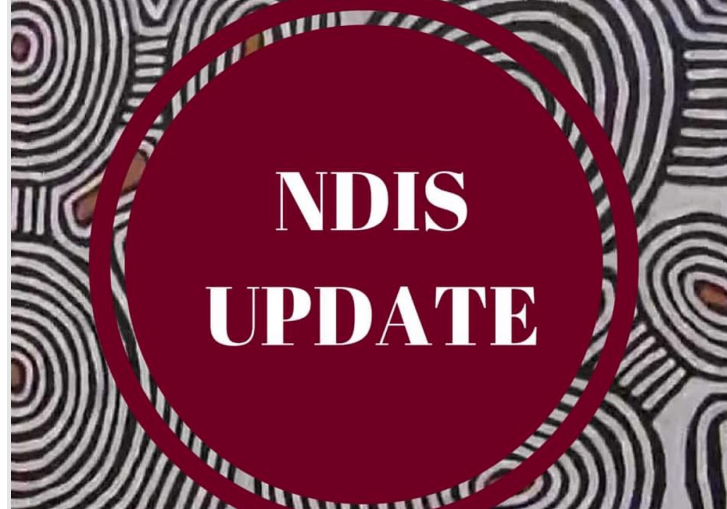
Your child might also get sessions with early childhood early intervention providers in the short term or medium term.

This level of intervention might be all your child needs to reach his or her developmental goals.

If your child has intensive or longer-term support needs, your child might get an individualised NDIS support plan. This gives your child access to early intervention providers over the long term.

For more info and to watch some videos or read transcripts, check out:

http://raisingchildren.net.au/ndis_early_intervention/ndis_early_intervention.html



NDIS Questions from Members, answered by Members

Q. Can I request a support person be with me for my planning session?

A. Yes, you can request anyone you trust and are comfortable with to support you.

Q. Can I request a face to face session for my planning?

A. Yes, you are entitled to ask for a face to face session, as you need to be consulted in a way that you feel comfortable.

Queensland providers can now register with the NDIA to deliver specialist disability services.

The following information is available on the NDIA website:

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/providers/registering-provider>

Q. What safeguards are in place during transition?

A. Information about Quality and Safeguards during transition is available on the Department of Communities website.



Did you know?

Kiah Hostel is a new service for Indigenous patients undergoing medical treatments in Brisbane and their families/carers. The hostel may be able to provide accommodation, transport and meals and is located 10 minutes from the airport and 15 minutes from the Royal Brisbane Hospital.

Contact Murray and Teena Vogt on 3314 8330 or email mma.kiah@bigpond.net.au

Membership Growing

We currently have 475 members in the Network across Qld. We look forward to hearing from you all via our Facebook page and will enjoy building discussion in our closed Facebook page. If you have any Questions on how to participate on the Facebook pages please don't hesitate to ask us and we would be glad to help.

Our Network team has been all around gaining members for the Network.

We have been to Normanton; Georgetown; Doomadgee, Cairns, Woorabinda, Moranbah, Clermont, Capella, Tieri, Middlemount, Ogmoo, Marlborough, Mt Isa, Palm Island, Townsville, Mornington Island, Sarina, Mackay, Bowen, Walkerston, Camilla, Rockhampton, Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Gladstone, Brisbane, Logan, Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Toowoomba, Ipswich, Charters Towers just to name a few!

Our Facebook closed group now has 18 members and soon we will be placing topics/issues that people might like to have their say on, so the more the merrier, come on be a part of the conversations.

Local Champions

To support the growth of the network across the vast area of Queensland we have recruited some Local Champions in a few areas to assist us.

Meet our first local champions Uncle Willie Prince and Ted Thorburn.

Future newsletter will have a regular update from our Local Champions in every newsletter.



Willie Prince



Ted Thorburn

Community Fun Day

Beenleigh PCYC & the Possibility Program are holding a free Disability Community Family Fun Day. Thursday 15TH September at the Beenleigh PCYC from 10am.

The event will celebrate people with a disability in the Logan community as well as offer everyone to try their hand at a range of sports and fun activities.

This will be an event not to be missed and provide a great opportunity to meet new people in the community. Please RSVP now to secure your place. Contact Peter Speaight 0431 100 090 / 3380 1777 peter.speaight@pcyc.org.au

What's Happening?

Do you know someone deadly with a disability we could profile in our next newsletter?

Are you involved in a community event and want some information or material about the Network? Contact us.

Phone: 1800 718 969

Email: info@atsidnq.com.au

Post: 121 Coppefield St Geelong, 4034

BEENLEIGH PCYC POSSIBILITY PROGRAM

FREE DISABILITY COMMUNITY FUN DAY

2016 Our 2nd ANNUAL EVENT

GOLF, CRICKET, TENNIS
AFL, TEN PIN BOWLING, SOCCER
SOFTBALL, TOUCH, RUGBY, HOCKEY, BOWLS
FUN SPORTS STATION

Thursday 15th September 2016

10am-4pm

Beenleigh PCYC

SAUSAGE SIZZLE & DRINK PROVIDED

A DISABILITY ACTION WEEK EVENT

The Beenleigh PCYC will be hosting its 2nd Community Fun Day on Thursday 15th September, 2016 to celebrate Disability Action Week. As well as providing a free fun day out for anyone in the community with a disability or special need, there will be free sausage sizzle, drink, a range of sports & activities to try as well as a DJ providing a fun, party like atmosphere. This will be an event not to be missed.

RSVP now to secure your place!

For more information or to register, please contact:
Peter Speaight - (Possibility Program Manager)

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IT'S DISABILITY COMMUNITY FUN DAY
WHEN: Thursday 15th September 2016
WHERE: Beenleigh PCYC, 21-33 Archbold Street, Beenleigh QLD
TIME: 10am-4pm
COST: Free (includes sausage sizzle & drink) (please RSVP)
WHO: Anyone any age with a disability or special need
(Schools & SEP units)



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Disability Network of Queensland acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands in which we work and honour the elders past, present and future

Word on the street

Members have been telling us that one of the big issues impacting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with disability is affordable and accessible housing and the barriers to obtaining modifications for those in private rental arrangements.

Suitable housing is not readily available in many of the areas that people wish to live, and available housing is often grouped together.

People are wanting to choose where they live, who they live with or to live on their own, and these options are rarely available.

It can also be hard to obtain required modifications to housing and find tradespeople for a reasonable rate.

This is particularly challenging for those living in areas of the state with extreme environmental conditions where equipment is often needing more regular maintenance.

In some remote areas housing is not an option at all as there are no housing available outside of government housing and no new land is being released for future development.

There are many forums and Facebook discussions on this subject. You can also talk specifically to Network members on our closed Facebook group and have the conversation with others in Queensland. So start the connection if you wish.



Your thoughts



NDIS planning and planners are another source of current conversation, as some people are experiencing difficulties when trying to express what they want for themselves or their loved one in a NDIS plan.

In some areas people have spoken very highly of their planner and the planning process and stated that they have listened and tried their hardest to form a plan that reflected the wishes of the person. While others have had the opposite experience.

We would love to hear about your experiences if you have undergone NDIS planning.

We are open to hearing all feedback and will gather general themes or collective issues of peoples experiences to feedback on the networks behalf.

The Network will not be able to provide individual support for your issues, but will ensure your feedback is passed on as part of a collective of ATSIDNQ's membership voice.

If you would like to have your say on this issue email us or call us to have a yarn

NEW NDIS RESOURCE NOW AVAILABLE

Endeavour have just released a new resource to help people understand the NDIS planning process in a simpler way. The 160 page Discover guide is free and available by calling 07 3896 6033 or by download www.ndis.endeavour.com.au