

ATSIDNQ

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
Disability Network of Queensland

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We have a Network Website!

www.atsidnq.com.au

Friends, family and interested people can sign up as a Network member online.

Check the site for upcoming events, read member stories, download newsletters and resources.

If you would like to have your members story featured please contact the Network team.



Word on the street

A few issues have come to our attention about the NDIS and its attractiveness to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with disability.

It appears that the word 'disability' causes distance and confusion for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who may not relate to this word or concept because of their inclusive view of all people.

The word 'Insurance' in the NDIS, may also give people a misleading impression. The word insurance is in the title of the NDIS because the scheme is about ensuring that you receive all the care you need to support you throughout your life in relation to your disability. It does not mean that you pay for what you receive.

If you're still unsure if the NDIS is for you, check out the NDIS eligibility checklist at:
<http://www.ndis.gov.au/ndis-access-checklist>



Upcoming Network Member Events

Welcome morning teas:

Woorabinda - Wednesday June 22

Maryborough - Tuesday July 5

If you live in this area you can download an invitation from www.atsidnq.com.au/events or if you would like an invitation sent to you or more information call the Network on 1800 718 969

Deadly Boxer

Brad Hardman was just 15 when the car he was in wrapped itself around a telegraph pole, killing one and leaving another with a severe brain injury.

He lost his left leg in the accident and in the years following, he battled depression and alcohol problems.

But a chance encounter with legendary boxing trainer Johnny Lewis at a charity event four years ago turned his life around.

Brad is helping other young Indigenous boxers get ahead in the sport and says his life experiences make them listen.

"I've been in the same boat as you guys" he tells them. "I'm saying if I can get up and change my way of life, hopefully you can do it too."

The father-of-two has fought four able-bodied men in the ring and he hopes his example may help inspire a new generation of Indigenous talent.

Source: sbs.news.net.au



In the Community

Last month our team was asked to attend some NDIS readiness presentations with QDN and NDIA in Normanton, Doomadgee and Burketown.

Several community morning teas were held and plenty of information was shared from the community members and service providers in the area with the NDIA and QDN.

Community members were given the pathway on how to apply for the NDIS and what to expect in the near future, this area will be coming on board in October this year.

We held a stall at Yugambeh Day on the Gold Coast which was a well attended community event and we gathered new memberships.

This Month many of our team attended MABO Day Activities through out the state. It was a great opportunity to celebrate/commemorate the life a wonderful man. He was and still is remembered for his pioneering work in gaining land rights for Indigenous people.



Autism Awareness

The Early Intervention Indigenous Liaison Officer (EI ILO) Program aims to increase awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), assist access to diagnosis, education and funding, and provide links to culturally relevant services.

The key is to supply families and service providers in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities with the right tools, language and information to ensure they are confident to visit a GP or paediatrician and to ensure a correct diagnosis is made.

Sue Maytom is one of three EI ILOs based at Autism Queensland raising awareness nationally about:

- Childhood disability
- Developmental red flags
- Pathways for diagnosis
- The benefits of early childhood early intervention
- Funding options for early childhood early intervention.

The program aims to reach into communities, build awareness and capacity, and ensure that service providers on the ground can help families navigate the system in a safe and culturally appropriate way.

Check out this clip on Autism:

<https://youtu.be/FOqP3jsJaUg>

Contact Sue Maytom for more information :

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Michelle's Story

Hi my name is Michelle Giblet and I am a proud Aboriginal and Australian South Sea Islander woman.

My family lived in Sarina for many years and then we spent some time in Marani and now I have settled in Mackay. I am the eldest of 4 children, I love music, arts and craft and crosswords.

Its hard for me because I think of what I used to do and what I can do now and its like two different people. I have to retrain myself to relax and to be able to concentrate. I no longer like large crowds.

My life has completely changed and I am still learning to cope and come to terms with this new way of life.

But....keeping positive and living life one step at a time, I am allowing myself to actually be me and accept myself for who I am.

I surround myself with good people and do things that are making me happy.





Funding may be available for students in year 11 and 12 with disabilities (non means tested), for one off support grants to help set them up for work when they leave school.

My Future: My Life encourages and supports Queensland secondary students with a disability to prepare and plan for their life after school.. They offer the following support for students, their parents and carers, educators and disability professionals.

Financial Assistance - For students with a disability in years 11 and 12 (year 10 in some rural and remote locations) to purchase resources needed to begin pursuing their goals for life after school while still at school..

Workshops - For parents, educators and disability professionals to build their knowledge and capacity to assist students to identify, capture, plan for and pursue their goals for life after school. For the workshop location schedule and to register for a workshop go to www.myfuturemylife.com.au/events/

Transition Preparation Support - Face-to-face support for students with disability from Years 7 – 12 (and their parents) to help identify their strengths, interests and capacities and to use these to guide planning for life after school. To apply for a support session go to www.myfuturemylife.com.au/transition-preparation-support-form/

For more information go to:

Website: www.myfuturemylife.com.au or www.myfuturemylife.com.au/contact/apply-now/

Phone: 1300 697 526

Email: info.mfml@bne.centacare.net.au

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/CentacareMyFutureMyLife/

Did you know?

AUSLAN

Kids can learn Auslan for free by watching TV. Sally and Possum is a new TV show teaching AUSLAN now airing on ABC4Kids. More is available on the www.sallyandpossum.edu.au web site, you can stream and download episodes and there is a web app. Apple and Google apps will be available shortly <http://www.sallyandpossum.edu.au/>

My Health Record

My Health Record is the new name of the national digital health record system. Having a My Health Record means your medical conditions , allergies, treatments and medicine details, tests and scan reports can be stored in one place.

As more people use the My Health Record the Australian national health system will become better connected. This will mean a better, faster and more efficient way to care for you and your family.

From Mid June 2016 your My Health Record will be available for you to use unless you have cancelled it. If you don't want a My Health Record you need to call 1800723 471 to let them know. If you are a Carer or Parent you can be nominated as a person of authority until that person turns 14 years of age.

If you need more information please call.

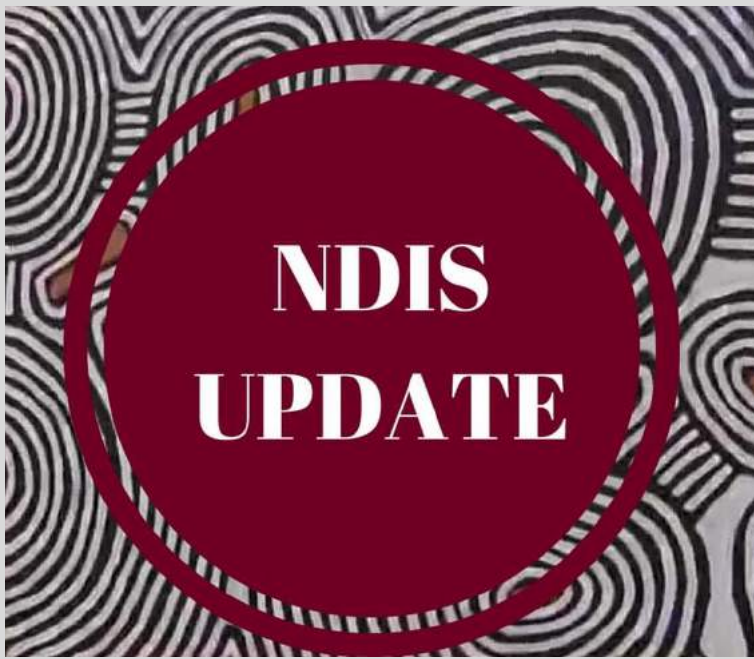
Help Line: 1800723 471

Go to myhealthrecord.gov.au

Visit a Medicare Service centre

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Call 1800 723 471

As a parent or carer you can also visit myhealthrecord.gov.au/parentsandcarers



Calender of NDIS Readiness Events in QLD

There are many NDIS readiness information and planning sessions going on in Qld in the next few months.

To check out any near you go to:

<https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/reform-and-renewal/disability-services/national-disability-insurance-scheme-in-queensland/ndis-events-calendar>

Or ring the Network and we can send you the information.

Resources for participants and carers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRmL3hzTGXQ>

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/participants/planning-process>

<http://www.ndis.gov.au/sites/default/files/R2-NDIS%20Ready%20Communications%20Toolkit%20A4%20.pdf>

FAQ

Will my disability supports from the Queensland Government or my funded service provider continue until I enter the NDIS?

Yes. People will continue to receive the Queensland Government funded disability services they currently receive until the NDIS is fully introduced in their area.

When the NDIS is in each location eligible participants will move to the NDIS program and decide on their future supports and services.

People who currently receive services funded by the Queensland Government, and who may not be eligible for the NDIS, will continue to be supported by the Queensland Government.

What if I need disability support now but the NDIS has not yet rolled out to my area?

You can request support from Disability Services in any of the below ways:

Online - make a request for assistance.

By phone - call 13 QGOV (13 74 68) or for TTY users phone 133 677, and a customer service adviser will help.

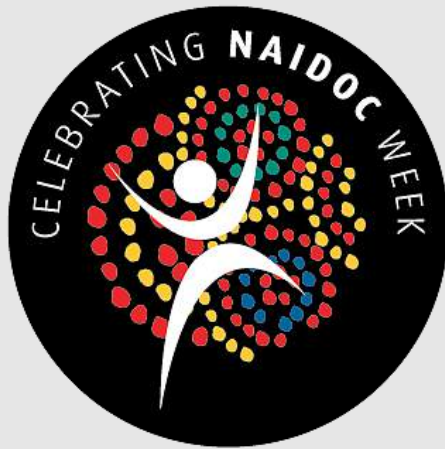
In person - go to your local service centre, call 13 QGOV (13 74 68), or for TTY users phone 133 677, to find one.

Who will be eligible for the NDIS?

People may be eligible for the NDIS if they have a permanent disability that significantly affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

They must be aged under 65 years when they first access the NDIS, live in Australia, be an Australian citizen, or hold a permanent Visa or a Protected Special Category Visa.

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Next month we will be celebrating NAIDOC week, with stalls in Mackay (Family Day, July 7), Cairns (Fogarty Park, The Esplanade, July 8), Townsville (Deadly day out, July 8), and Brisbane (Musgrave Park, West End, July 8). So if you're out and about, come and visit us, we love yarning with our members!

What's Happening?

Do you know someone deadly with 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.

Spread the Word!

Our new website has online applications forms. Its now even easier for people to sign up as a Network member.

Help us spread the word and refer people to our website.

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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