

Interagency Meeting

Hosted by Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre
Thursday 19th January 2017

Representatives in Attendance: Lorraine McLoughlin – Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre; Patti Webb – Bundaberg Migrant Settlement Services and NILS, BNC; Annette Mason – Bundaberg Migrant Settlement Services and NILS, BNC; Debbie Mitchell – Admin/CAMS, BNC; Sue Evans – Maisie Kaufmann Learning Centre; Stephanie Walmsley – Regional Housing Ltd; Elizabeth Sturgess – Relationships Australia; Bev Devlin – Bundaberg Regional Council; Cristel Simmonds – Impact; Deniese Wilcox – Impact Get Set for Work; Mitch Mischlewski – Wide Bay Volunteers; Lester Rieschieck – Centrelink; Katie Lewis – Reclink Australia; Nathalie Phillips – Reclink Australia and Horses in Lives; Jodi Collings – Community Lifestyle Support Inc.; Angie Viridis – UnitingCare Community; Lyn Alma – Phoenix House.

Apologies: Fiona Field – Impact.

BUNDABERG & DISTRICT NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Centre operates as an information and referral hub for the community and other support organisations. We hire rooms to individuals and organisations for meetings, seminars, training or ongoing tenancy at affordable rates.

Playgroups

Fully equipped Mobile Play Van is available for use by other organisations with the goal to maximising the use of this resource for our community. For further information phone Bundaberg Neighbourhood Centre **07 4153 1614** or email reception@kenalwynbnc.org.au.

Bundaberg Community Action for a Multicultural Society (CAMS) Program

The Bundaberg CAMS Program is funded by Multicultural Affairs Qld through the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services to provide a multicultural community worker in the Bundaberg Region to undertake systemic and group advocacy and community capacity building activities to increase the inclusion of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds in community life and to strengthen multiculturalism across Queensland.

For more information about any of these projects, or to register, phone **07 4153 1614** or email multicultural@kenalwynbnc.org.au or via the Bundaberg CAMS Program Facebook Page.

Homework Club

The After School Homework Club which provides FREE tuition and family support for primary school and high school students with appropriate support available for English as a Second Language (ESL) students. Shared Afternoon Tea is provided. Students must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Sessions are held weekly during school terms with a break for school holidays, **3:30pm-5:30pm every Wednesday** at the Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre, 111 Targo St, Bundaberg. For more information or to register a student for placement, or register interest as a volunteer tutor/support worker, please contact Edyta, CAMS Program Coordinator on **07 4153 1614** or multicultural@kenalwynbnc.org.au

Free Mobile Playgroup

The free CAMS Mobile Playgroup welcomes everyone with children from 0 to 5 years old to come along and join us to play, laugh, sing and have fun. The sessions are held from **9.30am to 11.30am** at the Gazebo, Alexandra Park, Quay Street in Bundaberg **every Friday during school terms**. For further details please contact Edyta, CAMS Program Coordinator on **07 4153 1614** or multicultural@kenalwynbnc.org.au.

Bundaberg Migrant Settlement Services Program

BMSS provides settlement services to the Bundaberg region including Childers and Gin Gin. BMSS is a referral and advocacy service which assists new migrants in the first five years of residency with the Australian way of life and any settlement concerns they might have.

BMSS is not a migration agent and refers those who require these services to the appropriate persons. However we can assist with the completion of forms for new migrants. For more info, please phone Patti, Program Coordinator on **07 4153 1614** or email: sgp@kenalwynbnc.org.au at the Bundaberg Neighbourhood Centre.

CALD Sewing Circle

Join us for conversational English and afternoon tea. Learn sewing basics, tricks and shortcuts, how to read a pattern and tips on getting to know your sewing machine. Places are limited and registration is essential. Please phone Patti on **07 4153 1614** for details. Held each **Thursday 12.30pm to 4.00pm**.

Literacy & Numeracy Program

Run by the Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre for adults wishing to develop or improve their everyday skills. Training is provided by volunteer tutors. Outcomes from participation include preparation for further training, development of everyday number skills, confidence to fill out forms & paperwork, job seeking skills – communication & social skills through group activities.

We follow the school terms with 2 sessions per week **Monday and Thursday 9.30am until noon**. Where possible and where required we endeavour to continue to provide one-on-one tutoring with individual learning plans drafted in accordance to people's needs and goals and existing skills.

Self-referred clients: \$5.00 enrolment fee plus \$3.00 each session.

Semester based payment packages apply for clients referred by Job Network Agencies.

For more information contact the Bundaberg Neighbourhood Centre on **07 4153 1614**

Computer Courses for Beginners

Run by the Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre for adults who have little or no computer knowledge but would like to learn. Classes are small and friendly and run regularly. Cost is \$30.00 for a three session course.

For more information please contact the Bundaberg Neighbourhood Centre on **07 4153 1614**.

NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme)

Provides interest-free loans for eligible low income earners who may not otherwise have access to a loan facility. Loans of up to \$1200 may be provided for basic appliances, furniture, educational needs or medical aids. Loan repayment is through Centrelink's Centrepay system. Loans are NOT available for bonds, bill repayments, consolidation of debts, emergency relief, car registration or car repairs. Loan application packs are available at the Centre at 111 Targo Street, Bundaberg or by calling **07 4153 1614**.

SPECTACLE SUPPLY SCHEME

Administered by Queensland Health, the service visits the Bundaberg Neighbourhood Centre **fortnightly**. **Free basic spectacles** are available for eligible residents holding relevant concession cards. Spectacle Supply Application Forms are available at the Neighbourhood Centre. Ring the Centre on **07 4153 1614** for more information.

HARMONY HOUSE – FAMILY CONTACT CENTRE

The Family Contact Centre ensures the smooth changeover of children between separated parents and appropriate contact visits between children and their non-residential parents/guardians.

The service operates at the Bundaberg Neighbourhood Centre **every 2nd weekend**. Ring Harmony House (Hervey Bay) on **07 4194 2663** for more information.

ALZHEIMER'S AUSTRALIA (QLD)

YOUNGER ONSET DEMENTIA KEY WORKER PROGRAM

About Younger Onset Dementia Younger onset dementia is a term used to describe the onset of symptoms of dementia before the age of 65. Based on research evidence, it is estimated that more than 26,000 people in Australia have younger onset dementia.

About The Program The National Younger Onset Dementia Key Worker Program provides individualised information and support to improve the quality of life for people with younger onset dementia. The younger onset dementia key worker acts as a primary point of contact for people with younger onset dementia, their families and carers. The key worker provides information, support, counselling, advice and helps consumers effectively engage with services appropriate to their individual needs.

This program ensures that the needs of people with younger onset dementia are being met in the community by increasing awareness and education, building capacity in the disability aged care, community and residential care sectors and improving coordination of services across agencies. Key Workers identify and address gaps in services and build capacity through consultation, networking and collaboration with service providers and consumers.

Eligibility To be eligible for the program, a person must be under the age of 65 when they first make contact with the service or enter the program. This applies to a person who has been diagnosed with younger onset dementia (all forms of), or a person with symptoms of dementia that have not yet been diagnosed.

Where a person has symptoms of dementia but has not been diagnosed, a Key Worker can assist the person in obtaining a diagnosis. People with Mild Cognitive Impairment are also eligible for the Program.

How to access key worker services The best way to access the Younger Onset Dementia Key Worker Program is to call the [National Dementia Helpline](https://www.dementia.org.au/helpline) on **1800 100 500**.

ANGLICARE - QIDDI

Queensland Illicit Drug Diversion Initiative (QIDDI) provide a one-off two hour session providing education and information to people who have been caught by the police in possession of a small amount of illegal drugs. Referrals are from the police or the court.

Counselling Service

Counselling appointments may be referred for **Thursday afternoons and all of Friday**.

Contact: Barbara Wilson – bwilson@anglicaresq.org.au – phone: **1300 114 397**

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS (ARC) BUNDABERG EMERGENCY SERVICES

ARC EMERGENCY SERVICES work within the community to prepare for, respond to and recover from Emergencies. Reaching out to Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people is very important to our core function in Emergency Services.

Contact: Jan Binyon, Team Leader CALD Phone: **0409 083 362** Email: jbinyon@redcross.org.au

Address: CALD Unit Bundaberg, PO Box 1754, Bundaberg QLD 4670

BAY "SEE IT ALL"

Quantum Low Vision Clinic is an Australia Wide Organisation, supplier and distributor of equipment for the use of vision impaired and blind people. As Quantum's Agent, I am available to visit people in their home, on a one to one basis and demonstrate equipment available for vision impaired people at no cost or obligation for the demonstration to the home owner. I also demonstrate to groups – e.g. Retirement Villages, various organisations (Blue Care, Home Care etc.) also under no obligation for the demonstration. I am able to obtain equipment for applicable vision impaired DVA recipients.

Please phone or email me for an appointment.

Margaret Vickers - margaretvickers@bigpond.com Phone: **07 4124 1883** Mobile: **0412 473 462**

BLUE CARE BUNDABERG ALLIED HEALTH

Blue Care hosts group information/education/support sessions for people aged 65yrs and older who have a chronic health condition such as heart disease, diabetes, COPD, asthma, arthritis or Parkinsons disease. The groups run for **6 weeks and are held at various times throughout the year**. Referral from GP or other health service provider is required. Cost \$5 per session. Call **07 4153 0521** for further details

1A River Terrace Millbank (Allied Health Building is between Lifeline Counselling Centre and Riverlea Nursing Home) Phone: **07 4153 0521** - h.zigterman@bluecare.org.au

BOMNET – BUNDABERG OLDER MEN’S NETWORK

Is an organisation of Older Men Supporting Older Men in Bundaberg.

BOMNET Drop in Centre is **every Tuesday between 9.00am and 12.00pm** at Stadium Kitchen YMCA, 7 Quinn Street, Kepnock. Join us for a cuppa and a chat in a quiet, private, safe environment. If you’re feeling lonely, isolated, depressed, or just seeking friendship, pop in and say “g’day”. Find us on FACEBOOK!

Phone John Balding on **07 4154 2452** for more details, or email johnbalding@bigpond.com.

BRIDGES HEALTH & COMMUNITY CARE

Bridges are now your local Mi-Networks provider offering information and support to Families, Carers and community members on advice, referrals and assistance to access help or support for mental health concerns.

Phone Bridges direct on **1300 707 655** or Freecall Mi-Networks **1800 985 944** or call into 61 Barolin Street, Bundaberg. Check out our new website www.bas.org.au

BUNDABERG ASD SUPPORT GROUP (BASDSG)

A volunteer group established 20 years ago by local community members, providing support to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), their partners, parents / carers, siblings and other family members. The group invites you to attend their **Coffee & Chat sessions** at Take the Plunge Cafe on the **2nd Friday of every month**. Community organisations are welcome to join as guest speakers or just to meet with families in the local community. For more information contact group Secretary Norelle on bundabergasd@hotmail.com, Phone: **0432 284 700** or **07 4155 1683**, or via PO Box 5034, Bundaberg West Qld 4670. The group is also contactable via Facebook under Bundy's ASD Spot.

BUNDABERG BAPTIST FAMILY DAY CARE SCHEME

Child Care

Home based child care in a family environment. Bundaberg Baptist Family Day Care Educators deliver qualified professional child care and education in a family focussed environment in their own home.

- Home-based child care in a family environment
- Stimulating and developmental stage appropriate learning environments, supporting children to be confident and involved learners with appropriate levels of safety and risk.
- The service of Co-ordinators who give support and advice to FDC Educators and Families

Families are able to obtain flexibility in hours and types of care:

- Occasional care
- Regular, part-time care
- Full day care
- Extended hours for shift workers
- Before and after school care
- Vacation care
- 24 hour care
- Care for children with diverse needs
- Non-work related care

Excellent Award

The Bundaberg Baptist Family Day Care Scheme is one of two Family Day Care Services in Australia, to be awarded the 'Excellent Rating' by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (and the only service in Bundaberg to be awarded this level). This rating is the highest rating a child care service can achieve under the National Quality Framework for Early Childhood Education and Care.

Through working with the community, our service demonstrates outstanding leadership that contributes to the development of the community, the local area and the wider education and care sector. Our service has built strong relationships with the local community to help deliver specialist programs that empower families and strengthen learning outcomes for children.

Childcare Vacancies

Limited childcare vacancies currently exist with our service, please contact us with your child care needs.

Become a Family Day Care Educator!

Time for a career change or time to start working for yourself?! If you love working with children and have the drive to run your own business then being an educator with family day care may be for you! Contact us for more info or visit the website to download an information booklet and application form.

Kids in Cars

The Kids in Cars initiative is open to families living in Bundaberg and includes installation appointments on Wednesdays from 8am at the Family Day Care Office. The service includes:-

- Installing of own or loaned car restraint
- Recommending suitable positioning
- Altering restraint strap heights
- Installing accessories such as extension straps

Car restraints are also available for loan for newborn babies through to children up to 7 years of age. If you know of any families who would benefit from this service please ask them to contact our office. For more information phone me at the office, email or visit our website: www.familydaycarebundaberg.com.au.

Visit: 14 Fitzgerald Street, Bundaberg

Phone: **07 4152 9233**

Email: info@familydaycarebundaberg.com.au

Website: www.familydaycarebundaberg.com.au

HIPPY

Enrolments for 2017 are being accepted.

Criteria: Families with child 3.1/2 – 4 years of age. (Child must be going into prep in 2018).

Information sessions for interested families will be held in November and December 2016. Dates will be confirmed soon.

You can contact Jenny our Hippy Coordinator by phoning **07 4152 9233** or emailing

hippy@familydaycarebundaberg.com.au

BUNDABERG CENTRAL MENS SHED ASSOCIATION INC

Generally men are reluctant to talk about health issues and the shed atmosphere encourages them to speak to other men about this topic. By encouraging this dialogue health issues which otherwise may have been hidden by the individual will be referred to a doctor.

There are a great many talents these men have and are more than willing to pass their skills on to others in the group or community. Machines such as saws, lathes, welders and many more are at the disposal of members. Training is provided on any machinery they wish to use.

Some members would rather have a chat and a cuppa than work on machinery, this is also encouraged as this gives them a reason to come along to the shed instead of falling into depression at home. Many of our members have lost their partners and live alone.

Contact: Ray Sonter – raysonter@bigpond.com – Phone: **07 4152 4406** – 146 Enterprise Street Bundaberg

BUNDABERG FAMILY RELATIONSHIP CENTRE

Information about the effects of family separation is one of the key services of the Bundaberg Family Relationship Centre. The professional staff at the Centre will work with separating parents to help them develop workable parenting arrangements. Staff also refer families who aren't separating but are looking for assistance such as counselling, free legal help and services to assist families.

Outreach offices are in Kingaroy, Maryborough and Hervey Bay, however practitioners are able to travel to the North Burnett. A Child Consultant is available to talk and help children explore their feelings about separation.

The staff includes Registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners, and an Indigenous Family Support Officer. In addition, a free lending library and resources about dealing with separation, relationships, personal development and parenting are provided for parents and children with many parents stating that these resources are especially helpful. Age appropriate books, CD's and DVD'S are available for loan. Services can be provided in your community, via the phone or at our Bundaberg Office. Telephone us on **1300 885 373** for further information or to make an appointment.

BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL

Sport and Recreation

The Sport and Recreation team at Bundaberg Regional Council produce a weekly E-newsletter and a Bi-monthly Newsletter called Recreate Now. These newsletters provide information on sporting events happening in the community, healthy community initiatives, and stories from sporting clubs and organisations, grants, and other items submitted by the community. If you would like to receive or provide suitable content for these newsletters please email your contact details to sportandrec@bundaberg.gov.au

Bundy Region Connect Newsletter

- Subscribe through Bundy Region Connect or council's website.
- Will highlight community themes, services and programs, that month's Bundy Region Connect Learning Calendar, available council facilities and venues, events news and Funding and grants opportunities and services
- Snapshots of new resources, programs and services available in the areas of:
 - Seniors
 - Youth
 - All Abilities
 - Children & Family
 - Mental Wellbeing
 - Cultural Diversity

Bundaberg Region Connect – Don't forget to update your details on our Community directory.

BRC Community Development Unit

The Colour Run for Gin Gin and Childers is rolling along. These events will be held during April, Youth month. Expressions of Interest are open for stall holders that have a physical presence in these areas. Check out Councils Youth Month webpage.

The Seniors Roadshow, to be held from 8:30am to 11:00am at the Bundaberg RSL on Tuesday 24 January and at the Sandhills Sports Club in Whalley Street, Bargara are gathering RSVP's. If you would like information relating to Licences, Mobility Scooters, Road rules, Transport Options and Medical Certificates come along and receive a free sample bag and morning tea. Please RSVP to **1300 883 699**.

The Seniors Forum will be held on Tuesday 14 March at the Bundaberg Civic Centre from 8:30am until 12:30pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a free morning tea and a selection of speakers sharing information on a variety of issues impacting Seniors such as; Federal Government changes, Financial matters, Home Assist and Home Secure Program, Home Care Packages, Commonwealth Home Support, and Residential Care. Please RSVP to **1300 883 699**.

Celebrate Neighbour Day on 26 March with your local community. If you would like to be part of this community initiative please phone **4130 4150** for more information.

Bev Devlin, Community Development Officer – bev.devlin@bundaberg.qld.gov.au

BUSY AT WORK APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP SERVICES

BUSY AT WORK can answer ALL questions related to Apprenticeships & Traineeships.

Shop 8 Ascot Plaza, 33-35 Takalvan Street, Bundaberg (opposite West School)

Hours 8.00am to 5.00pm Mon-Fri

Betty Lappin Mobile: **0448 112 839** - betty.lappin@busyatwork.com.au

CANCER COUNCIL QUEENSLAND

Cancer Council Queensland is a charitable organization, providing support to the community in the Wide Bay Burnett and across Queensland.

CCQ Community Support Services

Emotional, Practical, Informational & Educational support is available to anyone affected by cancer by contacting Health Professionals on:

- Cancer Support **131120**
- Email at askanurse@cancerqld.org.au
- By contacting Jill Chegwiddden, WBB Community Support Coordinator on **07 4250 4507** or coming in to the local office at 312 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg 4670.

Support Available

Evidence based Brochures and Booklets; Cancer Counselling; Volunteer Peer Support Programs; CCQ Accommodation Lodges; Volunteer Transport; Wig and Turban Service; Legal & Financial Probono Program; Forums designed for people living with cancer or cancer survivors and their families.

Cancer Prevention & Research are also priorities of the Cancer Council Qld. The Public Health Team advocates for policy change that promotes cancer prevention and runs the QUEST Program (Quit Smoking; Understand and check your body; Eat well and avoid alcohol; Stay sun smart and Take time to exercise).

CCQ's community support, research and cancer prevention programs are supported by fundraising campaigns such as Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Daffodil Day and Girls Night In and Relay for Life.

It is really important to get the message out to the community about our services. If you would like me to come out and do a presentation to your organization please contact me to discuss it.

Jill Chegwiddden, WBB Community Support Coordinator for Wide Bay Burnett on Phone: **07 4150 4507**.

CARERS AUSTRALIA QLD

Address: Suite 8 Level 1 Signature Building, 19-21 Torquay Road, Pialba

Telephone: **07 4124 0922**

- Available FREE (but not cheap) cultural intelligence training on how to work effectively with your clients from multicultural.
- Available FREE carers support services (carers counselling, carers advocacy for EPAs and will, QCAT or any other legal assistance relevant to caring role, carers advisory hotline, **carers support group every 2nd Friday of each month at 88 Crofton St West Bundaberg**
- Available Carers No Interest Loan Scheme – \$1,200
- Accepting Referrals for ONI assessment of vulnerable clients (those with family carers or no carers) who are affected by mental health issue, chronic medical condition, frail aged, and or living with a disability; especially from a multicultural background.
- Accepting FREE Carers counselling
- Available funding of up to \$12,000 Better Start Program for kids with profound disability aged 0-6 years old.
- Co-founded a series of cultural awareness events in various multicultural cafés for social inclusion, tackling racism, migrant integration, building community network and familiarization of services based at the community/neighbourhood centres. (**Murgon Multicultural Kitchen is 1st Monday of the 3rd month, Mundubbera Diversity Café 1st Wednesday of third month, Hervey Bay 1st Thursday of the month.**

Contact: Maria Liza Edubas-Callaghan – Email: medubas@carersqld.asn.au

Position: Multicultural Training Officer – Workforce Sector Dev't
My Aged Care Portal – Regional Service Assessor (over 65)
CALD Program – Family Carer Support Officer (under 65)

CENTACARE BUNDABERG

Home Maintenance Program

Centacare has funding under **Home Assist Secure** and provides Home maintenance and Home modification for people who hold a blue concession card and are in receipt of the disability or aged pension. This service is available out as far as Monto/Eidsvold.

Home Maintenance and Modification is available for clients who are eligible for the **Commonwealth Home support program** (over 65) with greater needs and Home maintenance for **Queensland Community care** (under 65). Brokerage for clients through their packages if receiving **Home care packages** is also available for Home maintenance and Home modifications Commonwealth Home support program home mods and home maintenance is only available in the 4670 area, We also work in with Homessa in Maryborough should we not be able to service certain areas. Homessa have funding for QCC for home mods

1. Provide information and referral on all home maintenance needs,
2. Offer subsidized assistance
3. Offer security assessments – to ensure that homes are safe and secure.

We can help with minor plumbing, light bulbs and smoke alarms, minor repairs (not beautification) and can also offer subsidy to eligible clients for electrical repair work.

Service waiting time varies depending on service required. Most handyman work can be booked to be completed within 1-2 weeks. Lawn mowing subsidy vouchers for HACC eligible clients – any new applicants will be placed on a waiting list, as voucher distribution is at capacity. All home modifications whether HAS or CHSP require an OT report. CHSP have a co-contribution which is based on the form of pension received and the fee schedule for Centacare.

Contact us on **1300 523 985** for more information, or to register for the programs through My Aged care **1800 200 422**. Contact: Homemaintenance@centacare.net

Centacare Homestay Service

The HomeStay Service identifies families and individuals who are at risk of becoming homeless and provides support to maintain their independent long term accommodation or where there is a need, to access more affordable accommodation.

Brokerage funds must be used in accordance with the *“Guidelines for the use of Brokerage Funds in Specialist Homelessness Services 2011”* and are provided to clients who are homelessness or at risk of homelessness and whose needs have been assessed in the context of case management.

Brokerage is not to be the first or only service provided to the clients.

Brokerage funds are only to be provided in the context of case management. Case plans must demonstrate the use of brokerage as part of a range of strategies to resolve a client’s housing and support issues.

The HomeStay Service is delivered to residents of the Bundaberg Regional Council and Fraser Coast Regional Council Local Government Areas.

Debra, Jennifer and Nakayla (Bundaberg)

Debra.Whitfield@bne.centacare.net.au

Jennifer.CooperDurant@bne.centacare.net.au

Nakayla.Murnane@bne.centacare.net.au

Centacare Family & Relationship Service

For more details www.centacare.net – Phone: **1300 523 985**

CENTACARE CENTRAL QUEENSLAND

Postal Address: PO Box 1338, Bundaberg QLD 4670

Telephone: **1300 523 985**

Contact: Lauren Redgard, QCCS Case Manager – Email: laurenr@centacare.net

Lorene Nicolo, CHSP Case Manager – Email: lnicola@centacare.net

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT (CQID) EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

CQID are a Job Services Australia (JSA) to the Australian Government. We are a specialist provider in that we specialise in Indigenous Employment however we are able to assist any job seeker under the JSA eligibility. Any job seeker can come to see us about getting our help to gain fulltime sustainable employment – locally or away.

We run a job search program once a month with an Indigenous focus.

CQID Employment Services office is the “home” for the artwork of Chernée Sutton – young local Indigenous artist. Contact details: Phone: **07 4153 1222**

CHURCHES OF CHRIST CARE – Children, Youth and Families (Bundaberg)

Churches of Christ Care (CofCC) provide out of home care placement options for children in need. With three specific provisions of service, aimed at meeting a child’s placement needs, being: Fostering Service, Supported Independent Living Service (SILS) and Intensive Foster Care Service (IFC).

Foster and Kinship Care Service.

This service recruits, trains, and assesses prospective Foster and Kinship Carers. When a person has been approved as a Foster or Kinship carer, CofCC provides them with ongoing support and training and assists them to become part of a larger network of trained Foster and Kinship carers who provide loving and nurturing home-based placement options for children in need.

The Foster and Kinship Care Agency is currently seeking interested applicants to provide foster care:

- Full time
- Respite
- Emergency

To find out more contact **07 4152 0709** or CofCC Website: <http://www.cofc.com.au/care>

Supported Independent Living Service (SILS).

The Supported Independent Living Service is funded for young people aged between 15 and 17 years. Young people must be referred to the program by the Department of Communities. Young people can be male or female and may reside in shared or individual accommodation. The SILS program is designed to assist young people to transition into independent living through the provision of transitional housing and support. Support is focused on the development of independent living skills.

Intensive Foster Care Service (IFC).

The Intensive Foster Care Service provides support to children and young people with complex needs. The service is funded for children and young people.

If you wish to gain more information on Churches of Christ Care provision of Services please access our website on:

<http://carepathwaysqld.com.au>
cyfbundaberg@cofcqld.com.au

Contacts: Churches of Christ Care, Child Youth and Families - Service Manager – **Melissa Clarke**
Fostering Team Leader – **Amie Joseph**
SILS/IFC Team Leader – **Corrie-Anne Gorman**
SILS/IFC Case Manager – **Sarah McBead**
Phone: **07 4152 0709**

COMMUNITY LIFESTYLE SUPPORT INC

Community Lifestyle Support Inc. locally known as CLS provides services to adults and children within the local Bundaberg, Wide Bay & Fraser Coast regions.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Yogability facilitated by OT / Yoga Instructor

\$14 per session – half price for additional family members

Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:15pm

Term time commencing 24th January

Better Start & Helping Children with Autism funding can be used as payment.

CLS children accessing the Keyworker program can access for free

STOReAD - Speech Pathology Children's Workshop \$22 per child

Dates to be confirmed

Rock & Splash Party

Sunday 29th January Norville Pool 5 – 9pm

Adults \$25 | Children \$15 | under 8s free

Featuring Alec Snow from Home & Away and his band!

Tickets available from Norville Pool & 93.9 Hitz FM

Services currently available:

ALLIED HEALTH SERVICES – all age groups, with or without a disability. Offering assessments, direct therapy, support with aids and equipment purchases, specialist reports and family based intervention services from The Ability Centre - via GP referral for Medicare (\$22 gap payment) or Department of Veterans' Affairs funded. CLS are registered providers to deliver allied health therapy services for children receiving Better Start for Children with Disability and Helping Children with Autism funding. We also provide allied health services without a GP referral via your Private Health Fund and self funding is also an option.

[click link for more information on webpage](#)

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES (0-8yrs)

Providing a range of therapies, such as speech, OT, physio and hydro for children with developmental and intellectual disabilities. CLS are registered providers for Better Start, HCWA and Disability Services Queensland.

HYDROTHERAPY

CLS offers the opportunity to access a heated pool 32-34c with resources for everyone to safely enjoy the benefits of hydrotherapy. Supervised by an Exercise Physiologist to tailor programs to individual needs.

POST SCHOOL SERVICES PROGRAM (18+)

A 48 week program to assist young adults and their families' transition from school and to plan for the future. PSSP provides a program to maintain, develop and increase life skills to prepare for independent living and employment. The program facilitates an active peer support network whilst continuing to connect and engage in the local community.

ADULT LIFESTYLE SUPPORT

This program meets Monday to Thursday to access community groups like the U3A, Men's Shed and Impact Choir.

IN-HOME SUPPORT

CLS provides a person centred in-home support service that offers choice and flexibility. CLS assists people in maintaining their independence within the home, family and community.

HOUSING AND SUPPORT PROGRAM (HASP)

Supporting people with independence and improving quality of life in collaboration with the Wide Bay Integrated Mental Health Service.

ACCOMODATION

CLS supports people with complex care needs within a homely environment. Residents are involved in the day to day management of the house and are supported in maintaining their family, friends and local community connections.

THE ABILITY CENTRE

Our main site at Ashfield Road is transforming into a hub for health and wellbeing.

TADQ Technical Aids for Disability

Make or modify equipment in situations where commercial items cannot be found or are unsuitable.

Triple P Positive Parenting Program

This is delivered by a clinician from our Early Childhood Intervention Service, and is free to families. Families can register or call **4159 3077** for more information.

The Men's Shed

Come and join the local Men's Shed, this group provides peer support to men of all ages with the core objective to improve the health and wellbeing of their members.

Their main activities to date have been furniture restoration and refurbishment for community services groups and the general community.

Studio 2 Forty-Two

Heidi Wood Director/Owner provides a bulk billing psychology service supporting the Wide Bay and Fraser Coast regions. This fantastic service offers life planning, carer support, behaviour management and much more.

For further information on any of these services please call CLS.

Contact: Jodi Collings, Clinical Services Coordinator Email: Jodi.collings@cls.org.au
Phone: **07 4155 6121** – The Ability Centre, Ashfield Road, Kalkie 4670

COMLINK

ComLink provide Transport & Direct Care Services which include Domestic Assistance, Respite Care, Personal Care & Social Support to eligible HACC clients 65+ or indigenous 50+

We currently have vacancies in all areas.

www.comlink.org.au - 43 Svensson Street Bundaberg **1300 761 011**

Dawn Mathison – dawnm@comlink.org.au Jodie Beck – jodieb@comlink.org.au

CPL BUNDABERG (CEREBRAL PALSY LEAGUE)

CPL Bundaberg is offering places in their Life Skills Program (LSP). This program is designed and tailored to meet the learning needs and skill levels of each individual in the small group. There is ongoing monitoring of skill development during the program with measured outcomes assessed regularly. The LSP is an educational program with the aim of providing real life context learning that ensures the best learning

opportunities for each participant, thus enabling them to develop the important life skills to reach their full potential and, to live life as independently as possible within their community.

Please contact Chris on **0407 357 191** to discuss any aspect of this program that may be potentially of assistance to your clients.

DEAF SERVICES QUEENSLAND - Wide Bay Region

Cherie Wilkie - Community Development Officer, 26 Wilson Street, Maryborough

Phone: **07 4121 5222** Mobile: **0430 227 160** cherie.wilkie@deafsq.org.au

Deaf Services Queensland is a not-for-profit organisation providing support services to thousands of Deaf and hard of hearing Queenslanders. Our head office is in Brisbane with regional services in Toowoomba, Maryborough (Wide Bay), Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville and Cairns.

Deaf Services Queensland has been providing information, referral, advocacy and community education to the deaf community for over 106 years.

Some of the key services Deaf Services Queensland provide are:

- Auslan Interpreting.
- Australian Sign Language (Auslan) Classes.
- Deafness Awareness Training /Education.
- **Community Access:** A service for the Deaf and hard of hearing community in Bundaberg held **every 2nd Tuesday of the month** at the Neighbourhood Centre from 1pm-4pm. This provides practical support (such as help with filling out forms and phone calls) along with advocacy, facilitating referrals to agencies and support in organising interpreters. No appointment necessary.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT (TRAINING QUEENSLAND)

School to work transition programs for Year 12 students:

2 x School to Work Transition Programs commenced in February 2016 in the Wide Bay area in Transport and Logistics and Health Support Services. Implemented, supported and managed by DET. Programs include work placement and completion of a certificate II qualification. Provides opportunity for Year 12 students to be trained so they are industry aware, prepared and employable upon completing Year 12.

Student Futures surveys conducted with a large cross-section of employers and industries in the Bundaberg and surrounding district. This is to establish local data so the department has industry specific valid data that can be communicated to schools and/or stakeholders. Covers information such as what industries intend to employ in the next 12 months, would consider a local high school as a recruitment source and would use apprenticeships/traineeships for entry level employment.

Workforce (WD) meetings with employers to discuss:

- State and Federal funded training programs
- VET Investment Plan
- Student Futures – school to work transition programs – becoming a host employer (if relevant)
- Additional grants and assistance

Please contact Michelle Newton, Senior Field Officer

Phone: **1800 210 210** or by email: michelle.newton@dete.qld.gov.au to set up a time to discuss providing impartial information and support for your business to build on your current workforce strengths and capabilities, plan development opportunities and access training.

DIVERSICARE

We provide training and resources in cross cultural awareness to support Aged Care Service Providers. In addition, we provide information and resources to culturally diverse communities on services relating to Aged Care.

Thana Roysmith – Phone: **07 5491 9644** – Mobile: **0447 721968** mas.sunshine@diversicare.com.au

EDON PLACE – WOMEN’S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICE INC

EDON Place Domestic and Family Violence Centre provides quality short-term crisis accommodation and supports women and children escaping domestic and family violence. We also provide follow up support and community education.

EDON Place offers services to women and children experiencing domestic and family violence through the Specialist Homelessness Service and the Child, Family and Community Service programs.

These services include:

- Women’s Counselling and Support Services
- Children’s Counselling and Support Services
- Emergency Relief (by assessment)
- Groups – Programs for Women Rebuilding Their Lives After Domestic Violence
- Assistance Completing Domestic Violence Protection Orders
- Court Based Services
- Home Security Safety Upgrades
- Community Education
- Referrals to Support Agencies
- Parenting Programs
- Preparation of Safety Plans
- Short Term Crisis Accommodation and Support for Women and Children
- Perpetrator Program (commencing 1st July 2017)

Enquiries - telephone **07 4153 6820** or email admin@edonplace.org.au

Office Hours: 8.30am - 5.00pm - Monday to Thursday - 8:30am - 3:00pm - Friday

Service Director – Lyne Booth

Team Leader Specialist Homelessness Service – Jacinda Warner

Team Leader Child, Family and Community Services – Rhonda Druett

24 Hour Domestic Violence Crisis Services

DV Connect – Women 1800 811 811

DV Connect – Men 1800 600 636

Kids Helpline – 1800 551 800.

FINDING THE LIGHT COUNSELLING & COACHING

We are a fee for service organisation providing counselling and coaching to individuals, couples and organisations.

Our services to individuals include:

- Counselling
- Relationships
- Life Transitions
- Life Coaching

Our services to organisations include:

- Conflict Resolution
- Critical Incident Debriefing
- Life Coaching
- Employee Assistance programmes

Contact David on phone: **0407 585 497** or David@findingthelight.com.au to reserve your spot.

FOUNDATIONS CARE

Foundations Care is a foster care service that supports carers and children/young people in our general and intensive programs. We are currently looking for more foster carers in the area, both fulltime carers and respite carers who assist the primary carers.

Shop 8 (Saltys Arcade) 47 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg

Phone: **07 4151 6295** email: ktruscott@foundcare.org.au

HEART FOUNDATION

Would you like to help spread the word about heart health? Then join our volunteer community speaker program '*Speaking from the Heart*'! The Heart Foundation in Queensland have written and produced resources with topics including nutrition, active living, warning signs, heart disease risk and cardiac rehabilitation. All enquiries should be directed to Sue Hines via email at sue.hines@heartfoundation.org.au.

HORSES IN LIVES

Information: Counselling business using Horses to help people. Short term experiential therapy. 4 to 8 sessions needed. No riding involved. For individuals from 6 yo to 96 yo! Also educational service teaching people everyday life skills.

Location: Bundaberg North

Name and email: Nathalie Phillips, horsesinlives@gmail.com

Position: Director and Founder

Contact: horsesinlives@gmail.com, www.horsesinlives.com.au, www.facebook.com/HorsesInLives, mobile **0429 623 707**.

HOUSE CALL DOCTOR

We are currently operating in the following areas: Bundaberg, Gold Coast; Sunshine Coast; Hervey Bay; Maryborough; Gladstone; Rockhampton; Toowoomba; Townsville; Brisbane; Cairns.

House Call Doctor is an **afterhours GP service** that is redefining the home doctor service in Queensland will soon be expanding to other states across Australia. With our service, not only will patients receive treatment when their regular GP/Doctor is closed, but they will also be treated by one of doctors in the comfort of their own home. Just like the old days, we are bringing the traditional "House Call" back.

We are **wholly Australian-owned and managed**, providing medical services across a variety of locations throughout Queensland. In fact, **we now care for Queenslanders in more locations than any other after hours service. We also 100% bulk bill** for all Medicare and DVA card holders, which means no out of pocket expenses for the patient. When it comes to a professional and reliable after hours GP service in Queensland, look no further than House Call Doctor, your trusted choice in after-hours GP care.

House Call Doctor also offers a translation service for non-English speaking patients to ensure that everybody has access to afterhours care.

House Call Doctor Service: 13 55 66 Website: www.housecalldoctor.com.au

Mel Atzori, Business Development Manager – mel@housecalldoctor.com.au

Business Information: Mobile **0407 147 799**

Address: 140 George Street, Bundaberg QLD 4670

IMPACT COMMUNITY SERVICES

Shine@IMPACT

There will be music, dance, drums, craft, art and so many fun activities. You can book for 3 hours, morning or afternoon, or the whole day ...We'd like you to join us every Tuesday for 6 weeks. Morning sessions run between 9am to 12pm and the afternoon sessions between 12.30pm to 3.30pm. Next session starts October 25 to November 29. Cost is \$10 per hour per person (+GST if applicable) and payment is required in full for the 6 week block prior to commencement. The full price for half day (am or pm) is \$180; full day is \$360 (+GST if applicable). If you have any enquiries please contact IMPACT's Disability Services Manager, Fiona, on **07 4153 4233** or email mail@impact.org.au

IRLEN – READING AND DYSLEXIA CLINIC

The Irlen Method helps those on the autistic spectrum with sensory sensitivities that affect how they see and interact with the world around them. The Clinic provides diagnostic testing and tint selection, reading dyslexia, migraine and perceptual assistance.

Operating Hours: By appointment.

Street address: 1263 Mt Perry Road, Gin Gin Qld 4671
Heather Rawlins – Phone: **07 4157 1031**
Website: www.irlen.com and www.aaic.org.au

IWC

Available to support, educate, advocate and case manage clients in the community.

Martina Connelly – martinaC@iwc.org.ua

Located at 184 Barolin St, Bundaberg, Qld 4670 Phone: **1300 492 492**

Indigenous Engagement and Participation Program:

The aim of the program is to provide support, guidance and increase knowledge within the wider community. With the provision of a free internet kiosk for Indigenous community members to seek information relating to employment, housing, education and training resources is available. Indigenous Community Links team also provides information/referrals to a range of internal and external services.

The ICL Program networks with array of agencies to assist people with information and resources in order to enable them access to a range of transitional services.

Indigenous Sports and Recreational Small Grant Funds:

The aim of the program is to increase active participation by Indigenous Australians in sport and active physical recreation. To encourage community ownership and management of sport and active physical recreation activities through skills development. The application is open to any Aboriginal and Torres Strait resident of Central Queensland and seeking a contribution to enable participation in a sporting or active physical recreational activity.

ICE forum has developed working parties

Provide up to date drug information - Brochures outlining services

Lloyd Brooks - lloyd@iwc.org.au

For further information on any services that IWC offer, please don't hesitate to contact our office on **1300 492 492** or visit our website www.iwc.org.au

JILL'S TUTORING

Tutoring services for people with a disability – including: early intervention, literacy, numeracy, life skills (including cooking, shopping, fitness, crafts and social interaction)

Available to teach individuals or groups in 2016.

Focus on individuals' interests and personal skills progress.

For further information, please contact Jill Lyle on **0432 295 516** or at jillcl@iprimus.com.au

LIFELINE

The impact of the floods on the Wide Bay region is still being felt in many unseen ways. Financially the indirect impact on our region has caused financial hardship with the closing of businesses and disruption of living arrangements. The social and emotional impact is of major concern as clients whom resided on and around the Burnett River struggle to resume lives knocked sideways by nature's unpredictable ferocity. As the year progresses, preparation for the summer season also takes precedence. An awareness of our neighbour's troubles in times of difficulties is tantamount to strengthening and sustaining a healthy community. If you are aware that someone near you is struggling with daily conflicts or impact from the floods (either financial difficulties or emotional concerns) ask them to phone Uniting Care Community during business hours on **Ph. 07 4153 8400** for an appointment with a counsellor or speak with a Telephone Crisis Supporter on **13 11 14** available 24 hours a day.

LOTUS PLACE CQ

Address: 159 Denison Street, Rockhampton with outreach to Wide Bay region.

Phone: **07 4927 7604**

Lotus Place is a dedicated support service and resource centre for adults who as children lived in out-of-home care and adults who experienced sexual, physical, emotional and spiritual abuse in out-of-home care

or religious or institutional settings. Services offered include Find and Connect, Forgotten Australians Support Services; assistance with witness statements and support for people with Royal Commission into Institutional responses child sexual abuse.

Contact: Selena Cleveland, CQ Manager – Email: Selena.cleveland@micahprojects.org.au

MAISIE KAUFMANN LEARNING CENTRE

71 George Street Bundaberg

Sue Evans – suee@tess.org.au

Trainer/Assessor

Phone: **4154 3412**

Courses currently offered:

Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability, Ageing or Home and Community Care), 11 places, rolling starts (flyers available).

Driving School Social Enterprise – Contact Donna Mulvany, Trainer Foundation Skills and Driving Lessons for young people aged 17-24. Eligibility criteria apply (flyers available).

Active Plus and Palliative Care

71 George Street Bundaberg

Sue Evans – suee@tess.org.au

Coordinator

Phone: **4154 3412 or 1800 224 442** or Reggie on **0417 885 729**

Mobility and Medical Equipment Hire

Post-operative Recovery

Daily Living Assistance

Accident or Injury Recovery

General Mobility Assistance

Palliative Care

Reasonable rates (Flyers available)

MISSION PROVIDENCE – WORK FOR THE DOLE PROJECT

2015 – 2020 WORK FOR THE DOLE PROGRAM ~ Mission Providence

Are you a Not for Profit organisation who would like additional resources and assistance with volunteer places or special projects? Then the 2015-2020 Work for the Dole Program may be able to help!

Donna Norman, the Work for the Dole Coordinator- Wide Bay will work closely with your organisation and Employment Providers to help you host the Work for the Dole program. Through Work for the Dole, you can get access to work-ready people to help you complete a community project, or to provide you with much needed support.

If your organisation is interested in becoming a Host Organisation for Work for the Dole individual placements or have the capacity to offer a group activity or would like to find out more about the Program, please contact Donna Norman, Work for the Dole Project Coordinator – Wide Bay and Sunshine Coast on **0455 091 285** or email: normand@missionprovidence.com.au

MONTROSE

The Montrose Access team visit Bundaberg three to four times per year. Children must have a primary physical disability with significant support needs to be eligible for Montrose Access services. Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology is offered to children in an outreach model of service and Social Work is offered to the families and children.

Children who need this therapy support are able to access it via Disability Services or contact Pam Bignold (Team Leader/ Admissions) directly on **07 3881 7900** or pbignold@montrose.org.au. For more information see the website: montrose.org.au

MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND

Phone: **07 3372 9004** Fax: **07 3278 9871** Mobile: **0450 212 010**

Freecall: **1800 777 175**

PO Box 1039, Inala East Qld 4077

www.mndaq.org.au www.facebook.com/mndaq www.twitter.com/MNDQueensland

The Regional Advisor Service is delivered by qualified health professionals, known as Regional Advisors, who have knowledge of MND and extensive experience in the community services sector.

Each Regional Advisor works in a defined area which enables them to develop expert understanding of the services in their region. Regional Advisors navigate the service system for people living with MND to ensure that they are linked in to services that will meet their needs. They are assisted in their role by volunteers who follow up with clients as required.

Regional Advisors meet with newly diagnosed people and their families to provide information about the disease, offer advice and support and make an initial assessment of their specific service and support needs. Ongoing support and advice is provided to meet the individual's changing circumstances.

Regional Advisors also advocate on behalf of people living with MND and provide information, training and advice to agencies and government departments to ensure that the best possible care and support is available.

Contact: Mark Whitley, Regional Advisor on **07 4154 1981** Email: mark@mndaqld.org.au

MS QLD

The Central Queensland Regional Service Coordinator is based in Rockhampton and services Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Emerald, Biloela, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Maryborough and surrounding areas. The Regional Service Coordinator works collaboratively with clients, health, community and service providers to engage the best possible support available to assist people with MS in addressing their current needs.

Centacare Building, 10 Bolsover Street, Rockhampton

(07) 4937 6275; Mob: **0428 984 176**

MS Qld InfoLine **1800 177 591**

Contact: Amanda Johnston, Regional Service Coordinator – Amanda.johnston@msqld.org.au

NEATO EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Bundaberg Community Admin Support

Bundaberg Community Admin Support (BCAS) is an initiative of Neato Employment Services, funded by the Australian Government. Our replica office provides jobseekers with a real life working environment in a relaxed and supportive surrounding.

Under the supervision of a highly experienced Administrator, they can use their acquired skills and refresh previous knowledge, gaining confidence to enter the workforce whilst giving back to the community.

BCAS is a small group of dedicated volunteers providing a range of FREE administration services to not for profit organisations.

36 Quay Street, Bundaberg –Phone: **07 4151 6391**; Mobile: **0429 236 961** - bcasreception@gmail.com

Tracey Smith – tsmith@neato.com.au

My role with Neato Employment Services is sourcing activities for our work for the dole clients to have suitable 26 week activities. Our Activities that we have in the region cross different industries such as Hospitality, Food Banks, Retail and Land management projects.

John Upton – jupton@neato.com.au – Phone: **07 4154 4611**

ORGANISE YOUR

I would like to introduce myself, I'm Noela the Professional Organiser.

Professional organisers cover a broad range of areas from wardrobes to hoarding. Organisers focus on the functionality of systems and the space they occupy in order to manage possessions, time, information or projects. My focus is on possessions, I love to see the change in clients as they gain control over and love for their life. Noela Collins – **0487 637 050** – organiseyour@bigpond.com

PHOENIX HOUSE

The 'Intensive Early Childhood Development' support program which includes 'Bumblebees Therapeutic Preschool' provides a family based therapeutic, educational and cultural response for children aged zero to six years, their families and carers, where multiple and complex needs are arising. The child may attend the pre-school, receive counselling or home visits from the IECD Outreach worker. The child's progress, development and interactional patterns will be closely observed. All children accessing the program will be taught about protective behaviours. Referrals including self-referrals can be made to Phoenix House and the contact person is Sheryl Thompson/Program Coordinator.

- * Phoenix House also provides individual face to face/telephone counselling and support to children from age 7 upwards, teenagers, and adults.
- * Phoenix House provides community education on 'Protective Behaviour' and can include a puppet show to primary schools.
- * Phoenix House provides an 'Outreach' service to the region.
- * Phoenix House provides equine assisted therapy and multi-sensory room hiring.

8 Barolin Street, Bundaberg Qld 4670

Phone: **07 4153 4299** Fax: **07 4153 4117** Email: admin@phoenixhouse.com.au

Web Site: www.phoenixhouse.com.au

Contact: Lyn Alma, Counsellor - lalma@phoenixhouse.com.au

Q CLINIC – BUNDABERG SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE

Services provided

As a specialist sexual health clinic, we can provide you with a range of care which includes:

Testing and treatment of sexually transmissible infections and HIV

HIV Rapid Testing

HIV specialist management and care

Post exposure prophylaxis (PEP)

Hepatitis C testing and counselling

Contraception, emergency contraception and pregnancy options

Ask us your sexuality questions (straight, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or uncertain)

Screening and certification for sex industry workers

Treatment for genital symptoms or dermatology including cryotherapy for genital warts

Condoms and lube available

Sexual health education and information

Contact tracing and resources

Monthly outreach clinics to the Fraser Coast

We have friendly female staff and your confidentiality is assured.

Opening hours: Monday 8.30am – 3.00pm; Tuesday-Wednesday 8.30am – 5.00pm; Thursday 9.00am – 6.00pm. Appointments preferred.

Margaret Rose Centre, 312 Bourbong Street, Bundaberg Qld. Phone: **07 4150 2754**

Contact: BBH-QClinic@health.qld.gov.au

QUEENSLAND AIDS COUNCIL

The QLD AIDS Council is a not for profit organisation funded to reduce HIV and STIs and the LGBTI peak in QLD.

It provides a range of health promotion, consultancy, training and clinical services.

Health promotion information, resources and services are offered for sexual health, mental health (Mind Out program), ageing and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities (2 Spirits program).

Clinic 30 is an LGBTI specific GP and psychology clinic based in Teneriffe in Brisbane, which also houses the Brisbane Gender Clinic, appointments can be made by calling **07 3017 1777**.

LGBTI consultancy and training are offered to organisations for a reasonable fee, to support services to become more LGBTI inclusive in their practice. Consultancy can be delivered at an hourly rate or as an intensive 12 months process following the Rainbow Tick LGBTI accreditation standards through How 2 sessions. Training sessions are available for a number of demographic groups within the LGBTI community and several sectors including universities, aged care, families, DV, youth, mental health, A&TSI, and CALD and it is designed to:

- Explore who the LGBTI communities are
- Reflect on our own feelings towards this population group
- Gain a greater understanding of what it is like to life as a marginalised group in Australia today.
- Reflects on the current legislation surrounding discrimination
- Reflects on the specific health issues facing LGBTI people and how to cater to these needs
- Introduces the concept of organisational inclusivity and also personal inclusivity

This training is very interactive with a range of activities and exercises, case studies and DVD footage to introduce and explore this topic in a safe and nonjudgmental way. The focus is on organisational inclusivity, not personal or faith based beliefs.

For more information on training and consultancy email training@quac.org.au

QUEENSLANDERS WITH DISABILITY NETWORK (QDN)

QDN is a member driven state-wide organisation working with and for all people with disability in Queensland to ensure that everyone has a voice and ensure those with limited or no voice are heard and valued.

QDN welcomes enquiries from organisations to hold workshops for people who access their service, as well as holding 'open' workshops where people across the area can attend.

For more information please contact Denise Sands, QDN Project Officer. Email: dsands@qdn.org.au or phone: **1300 363 783**.

RECLINK AUSTRALIA

Reclink Australia, a national community organisation providing social inclusion programs and training opportunities for people experiencing complex life issues and/or socio-economic disadvantage.

Reclink Australia has just been successful in obtaining 3 projects in Bundaberg out of the Skilling Queenslanders for work program.

These three projects will deliver training to 60 participants over the next 12 months in either Certificate 1 conservation land management, Certificate 1 in construction, Certificate 3 in community support as well as provide fundamental literacy and numeracy for participants from the Bundaberg community.

These training programs will provide two blocks of full time employment while training and gaining valuable work and life skills on the job site.

Reclink has partnered with MEGT to provide career support and future opportunities for participants as well.

Certificate Training will be provided in partnership with Bundaberg Tafe and the Australian agricultural collage.

Please feel free to contact James Bulbert - Wide Bay Regional Coordinator on **0429 462 463** or Email: james.bulbert@reclink.org at any time for further information on recruitment and employment opportunities.

RED CROSS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Red Cross Employment Services is a Disability Employment Service provider that aims to assist vulnerable and disadvantaged jobseekers to obtain sustainable employment.

Tom Head – thead@redcross.org.au Phone: **07 4154 3928**

REGIONAL HOUSING LIMITED

Regional Housing Limited manages over 470 properties throughout the Wide Bay-Burnett region including affordable housing through NRAS and also specialist disability housing. In addition to this, we also manage a mix of long-term, transitional and crisis accommodation properties under the social housing system. Prospective clients for social housing should be registered with the Department of Housing and Public Works or working with our case managers to obtain registration.

Further information on this, or any of our programs, can be found on our website <http://www.regionalhousing.org.au/> and below.

- The Breakfast Stop hosted by RHL and RRT (Rapid Relief Team) for the homeless and those in need held on the first Wednesday of every month from 7:00am to 8:30am. Free haircuts are also available – Bundaberg.
- We continue to experience low demand for two bedroom accommodation and encourage any services to contact us if you have clients that may be eligible.
- Our staff can provide advice on Social Housing to services within the area and can provide support to complete forms for housing assistance. Please contact us if you would like our staff to speak at your team meetings.
- We have housing in the Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Kingaroy and Murgon areas.
- Emergency Relief – Enquiries regarding food vouchers or rental arrears assistance can be made direct from clients or from services acting on behalf of the client. Please note interviews are appointment based and currently only available one day per week so a telephone call first is essential. Please note ER is subject to funding availability.
- Emergency Housing – Enquiries regarding emergency housing assistance can be made direct from clients or from services acting on behalf of the client. Please note interviews are appointment based. Clients need to bring their ID and income statements and any evidence of their circumstances.
- RHL recently completed a number of innovative specialist disability housing units, bringing ultra-modern state-of-the-art housing for people living with disability to Bundaberg and the greater Wide Bay district. This new housing takes accessibility and adaptability to the next level by combining smart and modern (standards based) design, integrated home automation and customisable assistive technologies. All of which ultimately translates to greater independence and a higher quality of life for residents. You can take a virtual tour of one of these units via our website <http://www.regionalhousing.org.au/specialist-disability-housing/>.

RELATIONSHIPS AUSTRALIA

Relationships Australia Bundaberg provides a range of services to the local area including:

Victims of Crimes Support Services

Counselling for individuals involved with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Sexual Abuse

Family Dispute Resolution (mediation)

Parenting Orders Program

Relationship Counselling

Elizabeth Sturgess, Team Leader – esturgess@raq.org.au Phone: **1300 364 277**

RENT CONNECT

RentConnect assists low to moderate income earners find, inspect and apply for a rental home. RentConnect can help people who are able to manage a tenancy but who are struggling to access the rental market due to barriers such as:

- Limited rental history
- Lack of skills, knowledge or understanding of how the private rental market works
- A lack of documents required for private rental applications.

RentConnect officers work with people to identify what type of assistance they may need. They can:

- advise how to find a rental home
- help people to understand the rental application process
- help prepare a rental application.

RentConnect officers can also give information about financial assistance available through the department such as bond loans and rental grants and may also put people in contact with local real estate agents and providers of community services. Phone: **07 4131 5990**

RSL HOMECARE

RSL Homecare provide services to DVA Gold Card Holders – personal care, domestic assistance, social support, shopping, nursing care, in home respite & meal preparation. Homefront assessments can also be completed.

If a client does not have a DVA Gold card we can offer a Fee for Service.

RSL Homecare also provides services for Level 2 (CAPS) and Level 4 (EACH & EACH D) packaged care.

Contact details: **1300 775 227** – email contactcentre@rslcare.com.au – www.rslcare.com.au

SMARTCITY VOCATIONAL COLLEGE

Local Campus

We have a Bundaberg campus located at 29 Woongarra Street (Next to Target) so students have the opportunity to study here at our air conditioned campus.

Indigenous Student Support Officers

These Officers are currently based at our Maroochydore Head Office, but are available for all students. In a nutshell, the ISSO Team are the liaison for the Indigenous students and Smart City. Not all students are comfortable with speaking to non-Indigenous people, and may prefer to communicate with their ISSO, or the student may not be able to get a hold of their trainer. Our goal is to eventually have an ISSO in each campus.

Facilities

Free Wifi, computers available and a student commune area with kitchen facilities. Large Training rooms for classes.

Staff

2 student support officers who are available to assist anyone who requires support or guidance. Trainers who work on campus, so are also available for extra support sessions or make up sessions.

Free training

Free to the public and students 'Wednesday Workshops' 10.00am-12.00pm with a new topic each week. Some of the workshop topics include; Health and Wellness, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Workplace Etiquette, Basic computer literacy and there are more to come.

Career Health Checks

For those who are interested in study but aren't sure what they can do. We offer a free Career Health Check with a Course Advisor, that includes sitting the CSPA numeracy and literacy test to determine which outcomes will help to access funding for courses.

Courses

We have 5 available courses:

Diploma of Business

Diploma of Horticulture

Certificate 3 Business Administration

Certificate 3 Horticulture

Certificate 3 Hospitality

Funding

For eligible students, our courses can access VET FEE-HELP funding for Diploma courses and Certificate 3 Guarantee for Certificate 3 courses. We are working towards some new student support initiatives this year, so we hope you will keep in touch to stay up to date with our offerings. I welcome anyone from your organisation to meet with me for a campus tour and information about our courses. Feel free to contact me to book an appointment at any time.

Smart City Vocational College RTO 6494. Contact: Amanda-Jane Revelo, Team Leader on **0408 206 592**

Email: amandarevelo@smartcitycollege.edu.au

Address: 29 Woongarra Street, Bundaberg QLD 4670

SOUTHERN CROSS SUPPORT SERVICES

Our service is built on providing Purpose, Belonging & Security for people with a disability or mental health issues and/or people who may be experiencing other social barriers. Social acceptance and inclusion do not come via agency effort but by the willingness and commitment of ordinary people.

Our support includes:

- Life Skills Training
- Community Access
- Supported Accommodation
- Animal Assisted Therapy and Farming
- Micro Businesses: Lawn Mowing

We strive to be at the forefront of innovation and support and not settling for mediocrity.

Terry Utting – terry@SCSS.org.au Phone: **07 4151 2249**

SPECIAL OLYMPICS – BUNDABERG

Special Olympics Bundaberg provides sporting and interactive activities for people with an intellectual disability. Sports currently offered include athletics, basketball, Football (soccer), golf, gymnastics, swimming, table tennis, & ten pin bowling. SO Bundaberg are part of an International Organisation which offers training and competition locally, at Regional, State, National and International levels. They are supported by the Law Enforcement Torch Relay branch of the Police Department who assist in fund raising. Volunteers are welcome at all times and athletes also have the benefit of a Leadership program.

Enquiries to the Secretary via Email sylviamcnamara@bigpond.com or phone **07 4155 2790**

STEPS CARE FOR CARERS

STEPS host a Care for Carer program which is open to anyone caring for someone with Disability, Mental Health or Age related illness.

The focus of this program is to provide a peer support network in a relaxed, confidential and caring atmosphere. We incorporate fun activities, resilience building workshops and guest speakers into our group meetings.

The “Carers of young people with a disability” is a group aims to provide support to those caring for a young individual with a disability who may be either at School or transitioning to young Adulthood. This group meets on the **3rd Monday of each month** at the Hinkler Shopping Centre Community Room.

The “Bundaberg Support Group” meets on the **4th Wednesday of each month** at Take the Plunge Community Café.

The “Bundaberg Social Group” meets on the **2nd Wednesday of each month** for social activities and fun at The Spotted Dog Tavern. All carers are welcome to attend these meetings.

The “Bundaberg Mental Health” Carers group meets on the **4th Monday of each month** at Take the Plunge Community Café.

We also hold meetings in Childers and Gin Gin with all new carers welcome.

Childers meet on the **1st Wednesday** at the Forest View Community Centre

Gin Gin meet on the **3rd Tuesday** at the Gin Gin Golf Club

All Bundaberg, Childers and Gin Gin meetings are held from 9.30am till 11.30am with morning tea provided.

Individual Counselling is also available free of charge to Carers enrolled in the program. This service can be accessed by appointment in Bundaberg, Childers & Gin Gin.

STEPS EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS

Steps Employment Solutions is a Disability Employment Service in Bundaberg, Childers & Gin Gin. Steps support people with a disability or health condition to find and maintain ongoing employment through on the job support, support with interview techniques and by using our extensive employer networks to source jobs that may not be advertised to the public.

If a person with a disability is interested in finding work, referral can be made direct by phoning **07 4150 1900**. An interview will then be arranged to determine eligibility for the program.

For more information please contact Janine Mewburn – janinem@stepsgroup.com.au 3/2 Bourbong Street 4670 Ph **07 4150 1900**

ST JOHN AMBULANCE SOCIAL SERVICES provides the following services to eligible clients:

Transport Access Project (TAP)

St John Ambulance (Qld) Social Services provides safe and affordable door-to-door community transport to medical appointments, shopping, social outings, community activities and visiting family friends.

Registration is required to access our transport services. The service is available in Bundaberg, Maryborough, Hervey Bay and surrounding areas. Please contact 1800 BOOK SJ (**1800 266 575**) for more information.

The Silver Cord

The Silver Cord service provides vital reassurance telephone calls assisting community members, particularly the aged, people with a disability and their carers, to remain at home safely. This service is available throughout Queensland. To find out more, call 1800 SLV CRD (**1800 758 273**).

Lifelink Service

St John Lifelink is a personal medical alarm. Lifelink is suitable for the mature aged, people with ongoing medical conditions, people with poor health or those who want added security. Lifelink operators respond to calls for help 24/7.

Community Engagement Consultant available for Group presentation. Please contact our consultants on socialadmin@stjohnqld.com.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Support Office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday mornings, 9 am – 12 pm, located at 18 McLean Street Bundaberg.

Main assistance provided is food and food vouchers. All other assistance, including clothing, household goods and furniture, is dependent on client's circumstances and stock availability. Assistance is not guaranteed.

To access support services clients must have suitable ID and a Centrelink Income Statement.

NILS (No Interest Loan Scheme) is available at the Support Office. To access NILS clients must be interviewed and assessed for eligibility. NILS information and applications can be collected from the office, phone to inquire.

Phone: **07 4151 5455** Fax: **07 4151 1521** E: admin@svdpcbundaberg.org.au

Web: www.vinnies.org.au

SUNCARE COMMUNITY SERVICES LTD

Suncare Community Services is a Queensland based not-for-profit community care service provider. Suncare operates centres across south-east and central Queensland including Bundaberg and the North Burnett region.

Community care

Suncare offers a range of home care services to help people remain living in their own homes.

- Domestic assistance, personal care, home and garden maintenance and social support.
- Our home care services in the Bundaberg-North Burnett region are fee-for-service, so may be suitable for those who are ineligible for subsidised support and need short-term assistance or, those who are on waiting lists.
- Suncare Community Services is a Veterans' Home Care provider.

Respite for carers

Suncare operates the Australian Government **Commonwealth Respite and Carelink** (CRCC) service from North Brisbane to Central Queensland (Rockhampton/Longreach). Referrals can be phoned through or email us.

- CRCC assists people who are in a caring role to access and organise subsidised respite care.
- Respite provided through CRCC is for unplanned short-term or emergency needs.
- CRCC registers the carer and care recipient.
- Respite can be provided in-home, in one of our cottages or arranged through other local services.
- Respite through CRCC is subsidised, however a client contribution is applicable.

Who is eligible?

- People of all ages who are acting in a caring role for someone who is aged, has a disability or is living with mental illness.
- A carer is someone who provides regular and sustained care or assistance to another person and who is not paid to provide this care (not including pension or benefit).

Young Carers

- Young Carers program available to school-aged children who are in a caring role in the family.
- Assistance is aimed to helping with respite and other activities that will enable them to stay in school and complete their studies.

Emergency Response Funding (ERF)

- Emergency funding is provided by the Queensland Government Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.
- Suncare manages ERF funding to provide or coordinate time-limited support for adults and children with a disability, and their families/carers who are experiencing urgent and critical need due to a crisis situation, and who are unable to access any other adequate support services.
- ERF cannot be used to provide recurrent or ongoing support.

QuickCheck4U

Suncare Community Services operates an online national police history check service for businesses and individuals. See www.quickcheck4u.com.au

Office contacts

Area Manager	Tanya Stevenson	Team Leader	Ken Parker
Address	4 Adams Street, Bundaberg Qld 4670	Office hours	8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Email	BunAllStaff@suncare.org.au	Online	www.suncare.org.au
Phone	07 4151 6400 office 1800 059 059* business and after hours for CRCC. *Free call except from mobile phones.		

TAFE QUEENSLAND EAST COAST

89% of TAFE Queensland graduates go onto work or further study

Are you are wanting to change your type of work, wanting to re-enter the workplace or if you have finished high school and wondering what to do next. TAFE Queensland East Coast can help you make great happen. TAFE Queensland East Coast offers Certificate, Diploma or dual university qualification to launch your career, an apprenticeship or traineeship to get you earning while learning, or pathways to and from university, there is something for everyone.

- practical and professional training in your chosen field
- industry-recognised qualifications that will lead you to fantastic job opportunities
- convenient locations across the Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay regions
- high level support
- flexible training options, such as online study.

Fee-free training for Year 12 graduates

If you have finished high school and are wondering what to do next, we can help you make great happen. Start training with us in 2016 for *free if you graduated from year 12 in 2015 in Queensland.

To be eligible for fee-free training, Year 12 graduates need to commence training in a high priority qualification with a pre-approved training provider within the calendar year following the completion of Year 12.

The Fee-free training will apply to [high priority qualifications on the Training website](http://www.training.qld.gov.au/information/investing-in-skills/certificate3/students.html#priority-quals) (http://www.training.qld.gov.au/information/investing-in-skills/certificate3/students.html#priority-quals) available under the Queensland Government's Certificate 3 Guarantee program or User Choice program, which funds workplace-based apprenticeship and traineeship training.

Find out more about Fee-free training for [Year 12 Graduates on the Training website](https://training.qld.gov.au/training/incentives/year12-fee-free) (https://training.qld.gov.au/training/incentives/year12-fee-free) or view our fee free [training information flyer](http://tafeeastcoast.edu.au/resources/pdf/about-us/Fee%20Free%20Training%20for%20Year%2012%20Graduates%202017%20-%20V2.pdf) (<http://tafeeastcoast.edu.au/resources/pdf/about-us/Fee%20Free%20Training%20for%20Year%2012%20Graduates%202017%20-%20V2.pdf>).

2017 Program Guides are available now. Enrolments are OPEN.

TAFE Student Support Services offer program information, study advice, disability support, and a range of other services to our current TAFE students and prospective students. Call 1300 656 188 to enquiry or make an appointment.

TAFE Queensland East Coast Student Services are available throughout the December/January break (closed 12pm 23 December 2016, re-opening 3rd January 2017)

Contact: Student Support Officer, Roslyn McGillivray Phone: **1300 656 188 or 07 4150 5703**

Email: Roslyn.mcgillivray@tafe.qld.edu.au

Address: 118 Walker Street, Bundaberg QLD 4670

TAKE THE PLUNGE COMMUNITY CAFÉ

Take the Plunge Community Cafe - "Immerse Yourself"

1/17 Electra Street, Bundaberg

Facebook: Take the Plunge Community Café

Phone: **0468 855 449**

TAYLOR STREET COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE

Advice sessions

The Taylor Street Community Legal Service is a non-profit community service which provides free non-discriminatory legal advice to socio-economically disadvantaged people in the Fraser Coast, Bundaberg, North Burnett and Cooloola Coast regions.

All free legal advice sessions are by appointment only.

Bundaberg - Please call **07 4194 2663 (Wednesday)**

Gin Gin - Please call **07 4130 4630**

Biggenden; Gayndah; Mundubbera; Monto – please call **07 4194 2663**

Advice is free and all consultations are private and confidential. However due to limited resources and time there is a maximum of 15 minutes for each consultation. For further information about the Taylor Street Community Legal Service please call **07 4194 2663**.

Divorce sessions

Information sessions on Divorce are held monthly in Bundaberg

Topics to be discussed:

- Divorce—What does it mean
- When can I apply for a divorce
- How do I apply for a divorce
- Step by step guide to completing the Application for Divorce Kit
- Divorce hearing date and documents
- Serving papers
- Attending the hearing
- Outcome of hearing

- Getting further help

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

To book your place, please call **07 4194 2663**

Admission is by gold coin donation

TENANTS QUEENSLAND *(formerly Tenants Union Qld)*

QSTARS can assist you with:

- Advice and assistance to understand your tenancy rights and responsibilities
- Support to resolve your tenancy issue
- Helping you to talk to your lessor or agent
- Help to write a letter or fill in tenancy forms
- Help to attend or prepare for a QCAT tenancy tribunal hearing
- Referral to other services if needed

TQ Statewide Co-ordinator: Penny Carr

Location: Suite 3, 67 St Pauls Terrace, Spring Hill 4000

Admin Phone: 07 3832 9447

TQ statewide advice service for tenants

Phone: **1300 744 263**

If you are unable to call a 1300 number, or are outside Queensland, you can call the advice service in Brisbane on **07 3832 9403**.

Advice Hours: 9am – 4pm Mon to Friday

Evening advice until 7 pm Tue & Wed

www.qstars.org.au for tenancy information

UNITINGCARE COMMUNITY & LIFELINE

At UnitingCare Community in Bundaberg we have several workshops that will be commencing.

Call **07 4153 8400** for all inquiries and registration.

Counselling can help people to develop new ways of solving problems and how to manage emotional reactions. They can start to plan for the future and to reconnect to others and the community.

The service is free and we provide outreach to the Bundaberg, Gayndah, and Eidsvold offices. The service is available to anyone who has been impacted either directly or indirectly by the flooding or tornadoes. Counsellors provide information and referral, personal support, individual, family and group counselling, community education and group workshops. Home visits to clients can also be arranged.

We encourage people to contact UnitingCare Community if they would like to talk to someone or have someone visit their group or community. To contact a Lifeline Community Recovery counsellor phone UnitingCare Community on **07 4153 8400** in Bundaberg or **07 4140 8880** in Gayndah. Telephone Crisis Supporters are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – phone **13 11 14**.

UnitingCare Community Bundaberg Counselling services

UnitingCare Community offers a comprehensive counselling service to meet the needs of men, women, children and families in the Bundaberg region. These services include:

- **Family and Relationship Services (FaRS):** FaRS provides individual, couple and group counselling to meet the needs of families needing support to improve their relationships.
- **Supporting Children after Separation (ScaSP):** Family separation can be a very difficult time for children. Our ScaSP program offers individual counselling and group work to assist children to cope during this challenging time.
- **Family Care Service:** This generalist counselling service provides a service to people looking for support around a variety of day-to-day issues.
- **Financial Counselling Service:** Can help people with a variety of financial matters including, dealing with debt, saving and spending and learning how to budget.
- **Gambling Help Service:** Providing support and counselling to problem gamblers and their families.

Throughout the year we also run a number of therapeutic and educational workshops. Our workshop schedule is updated and distributed regularly, however, if you'd like more specific information please feel

free to contact us. Appointments are available by contacting us on the details below. Self-referral is welcome and formal referrals aren't necessary.

Contact: Gail K Smith – Family and Relationship Counsellor/Community Education

Email: gail.k.smith@ucommunity.org.au or bundaberg@ucommunity.org.au

Phone: **07 4153 8400** Fax: **07 4153 4949** Website: www.ucommunity.org.au

Address: 3a River Tce, Bundaberg QLD 4670

WIDE BAY SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

Suite 18/2b Tantitha Street, PO Box 2466, Bundaberg 4670

Phone: **07 4154 1981** Fax: **07 4145 5360** E: info@widebaysocialwork.com.au

www.widebaysocialwork.com.au

Our Accredited Mental Health Social Worker, Mark Whitley (provider number 4990181W) is now accepting referrals for eligible patients under:

- Better Access to Mental Health Care
- Chronic Disease Management (Enhanced Primary Care)
- DVA General Social Work (eg Support with Accommodation & placement, service coordination and facilitating access to community services)
- DVA Mental Health Support

Wide Bay Social Work Services bulk bills all clients upon appropriate referral from GP, psychiatrist or paediatrician.

Appointments for patients are available in our offices or their own home. If an in home visit is required, this should be specified on the referral.

Wide Bay Social Work Services can also offer fee for service options for:

- . Counselling
- . In home respite
- . Social support
- . Future planning

Contact: Mark Whitley - Mark.whitley@widebaysocialwork.com.au

WIDE BAY VOLUNTEERS RESOURCE ASSOCIATION INC.

Wide Bay Volunteers sources volunteers for member charities and not for profits, for long term or event based needs. We can organise and run events for you. We can also assist you in the management and fostering of volunteering within your organisation which includes corporate volunteering. WBV can hold information days on your behalf to get your message out there.

WBV is also happy to collaborate to achieve any positive outcome for our community.

Contact: Des Quinn Administration Officer

Phone: **07 4151 6644** Email reception@widebayvolunteers.org.au.

Web www.widebayvolunteers.org.au

Address: Level 1 Volunteer House, 78 Woongarra Street, Bundaberg QLD 4670

Wide Bay Volunteers Computer Training Courses

Essential Computer and Internet Skill

Microsoft Word Introduction and Intermediate

Microsoft Excel Introduction and Intermediate

MYOB Introduction to Accounting

Please contact Wide Bay Volunteers on **07 4151 6644** or training@widebayvolunteers.org.au for tutorial content details or enrolment details.

1. We have 3 year old second hand donated computers we have refurbished that are available for not for profits organisations.
2. For international Womens Day on the 8th March the theme is Be Bold For Change we are running an event –details to be advised.

WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICES

Women's Legal Service is a specialist community legal centre providing **free** legal and social work services to Queensland women. We assist women in the areas of **family law, child support, domestic violence and child protection**, as well as providing **community legal education** and advocating for **law reform** at both a state and national level.

Women's Legal Service is committed to providing services to women in regional, rural and remote locations throughout Queensland and supporting the work of other service providers already in those areas.

To this end Women's Legal Service provides a regional, rural and remote family law and domestic violence advice line which can be reached by telephoning **1800 457 117**, every Tuesday from 9:30am - 1:30pm. The line is blocked to callers ringing from within the Brisbane City Council limits, opening up the line exclusively to regional, rural and remote women.

The service is able to provide a call back facility, if a message is left, and where necessary further, lengthier telephone, Skype or face to face appointments can be made available where a need for such is identified by the Service.

Women living in regional, rural and remote communities are also able to seek assistance through our general family law advice telephone line, **1800 677 278** or **07 3392 0670** between 9.30am - 1.00pm each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and between 1:00pm - 4:00pm each Wednesday.

In addition, Women's Legal Service continues to provide support to regional, rural and remote women through the provision of online resources. We are pleased to announce a new website for the Service is now "live". The site, www.wlsq.org.au, contains extensive resources, links, news and information about how Women's Legal Service can provide assistance.

Women's Legal Service is also pleased to announce that our 9th edition of "Separation, a Legal Resource" is now available. The publication has undergone extensive rewriting in line with legislative changes. The new publication, steps women through the key legal and welfare issues involved in separation. A free e-book version is available for download via the Women's Legal Service website in the resources section, the link to which is as follows: <http://www.wlsq.org.au/resources/legal-toolkit/>.

Women's Legal Service also regularly delivers free community legal education seminars covering a range of topics around domestic violence and family law at the request of service providers. Women's Legal Service recognises that community legal education is a crucial part of ensuring that our Service reaches as many Queensland women as we possibly can.

If you are interested in Women's Legal Service presenting to your organisation or workplace or if you simply wish to discuss any of the above further please don't hesitate to contact Phoebe Kahlo by email at pkahlo@wlsq.org.au or by telephoning **07 3392 0644**.

YHARS – Youth Housing and Reintegration Service Company – CTC – Capricornia Training Company

YHARS is a free confidential youth housing and after care support service targeting young people between the ages of 12 and 21 who are: Exiting or transitioning from child safety orders, or a period of sentence or remand in youth detention facilities

- Sleeping rough
- At risk of homelessness
- Homeless
- Living in unstable, temporary or inadequate housing

The YHARS program assists the transition into independent living by helping maintain and improve connections between young people, their community, culture and their family by:

- Developing knowledge and skills that foster independent living.
- Providing a supportive, case managed environment that focuses on attitudes and the core values of respect, safety and positive self-esteem; therefore enabling young people to complete their bail or supervised release orders with less chance of reoffending.
- Helping to maintain or improve access to education, training or employment opportunities.

Who can refer to YHARS?

- Youth Justice Service Centres
- Child Safety Service Centres
- Housing and Homelessness Service Centres
- Other Government agencies

- NGOs
- Individuals

To contact a YHARS Youth Support Officer: Phone: **1300 999 282** or email: yhars@ctcltd.com.au

YOUTH SERVICES BUNDABERG

CAFÉ New Menu + Coffee School & Job Club will run from Cafe and Training Centre

Location 46-48 Maryborough St, Bundaberg, Qld 4670

ER By Appointment Phone: **07 4153 2227** Mon – Fri (4670/4671/4660 districts)

Accommodation

The accommodation program has been reduced from 49 beds to 26 since December 2015 as the organisation can no longer sustain the costs. NO referrals will be accepted for clients requiring day to day living supports as staff and volunteers are at capacity. Referrals will still be accepted and intake done on Wednesdays by appointment

Referrals: Phone: **07 4153 2227** however we anticipate the waitlist and vacancy will move 80% to 95% occupied and waitlist duration from 2 weeks wait to 12 weeks wait (the duration of leases).

Reduced Hours of Youth Worker Support

Wednesdays/Thursdays 9.30 to 2.30 by appointment only

**Next Interagency meeting will be hosted by:
Bundaberg & District Neighbourhood Centre
111 Targo Street, Bundaberg**

Thursday, 16th February 2017 at 12.30pm