

**BRAVO DISABILITY
SUPPORT NETWORK INC.**

Bravo works with individuals and families to plan and implement flexible, individualised options for natural and funded supports.

Find us on

Bravo's on Facebook!

Like our page to keep up to date on everything Bravo

Do you have a story?

We would love to hear from you! Writing prompts like below could spark your imagination!



Compliments, Suggestions and Complaints

We welcome your suggestions for improvement in any of our programs.

This ensures that you can receive the highest possible standard of service from our organisation.

All complaints, compliments & suggestions are treated confidentially.

Bravo has brochures and forms available to assist you with your complaints / compliment system or you can also give us a call on 5482 5336.

**compliments
are good**

the innocent complaint generator

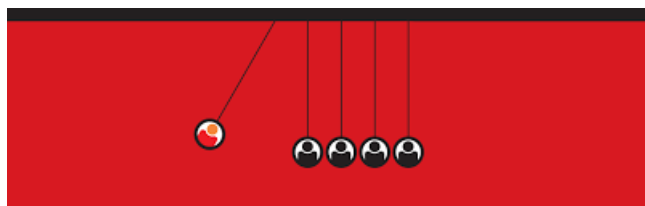
BRAVO Brief

2017—Update from the Manager

Hi and welcome to another edition of Bravo Brief. September marked the beginning of Spring and after a mild and dry winter, we all look forward to the rain season.

Our theme for this edition is "Build Momentum" as we put into practice some of the plans for the future of the organisation.

Building momentum in work and life can be something that many of us struggle with the motivation to do. Once you have momentum it is easier to keep it going. I love momentum as I believe you can achieve what you set out to do.



Bravo's momentum over the last three months has helped us to achieve:

- ◆ **Becoming an Approved NDIS Provider**
- ◆ Holding Bunnings fundraiser events x 3
- ◆ Supporting Individuals to connect with others
- ◆ Completing all Annual Team Reviews
- ◆ Networking with local and state-wide people
- ◆ Participating in local network meetings
- ◆ Being a part of the Courageous Communities Conference group
- ◆ Holding meetings, group training events for our Team Members
- ◆ Accepting new enquiries and assisting where we can
- ◆ Promoting Bravo through Facebook page
- ◆ Advertising for new Team Members within the office
- ◆ Attending NDIS sessions to learn more about the NDIS
- ◆ Becoming a finalist for the Chamber of Commerce—Not for Profit Business of the Year
- ◆ Commencing the 2017-2018 Operational Plan changes—new Values

Bravo continues to build momentum as we transition towards the NDIS. As part of the transition Bravo is providing a FREE Community event focused on getting ready for the NDIS. Please RSVP if you would like to attend. If interest is continued we look forward to presenting more of these in the future.

Until next edition, take care, stay safe.
Patricia

"The role of a Great Leader is not to give greatness to human beings, but to help them extract the greatness they already have inside them."

~ J. Buchan



Office Hours are: Monday to Friday **8.30 am - 4.30 pm.**

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Getting Families Ready for the NDIS

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Disability Support Network, Inc.
Registered NDIS Provider

Join Bravo and Linda Hayes (CSA) for a **free** Information Session on "Getting Families Ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)"

Saturday 16 September 2017
Fossickers Room, Civic Centre
10am – 12pm
Anyone is welcome to attend
RSVP: Thursday 14 September 2017
Phone: (07) 5482 5336

In Memory of Jacob Roy

a young man who was taken too early. "It is hard to forget someone who gave you so much to remember."
You are in the thoughts of everyone at Bravo!



Bravo Library

Bravo has a small library. If you are looking for a book about disabilities we may have some.

We encourage Families, Support Workers, Homestay Hosts, Volunteers and Students to borrow resources for advancing your skills and knowledge. If you have a request to purchase a resource please contact us.

Improved Quality of Life

Sometimes it can be easy to feel that things are going nowhere fast and we seem to be bombarded by problematic moments. However, behind the scenes, people are working together to come up with possible solutions. With a little funding and the coming together of a great team of support people, the momentum begins to build. This has a flow-on effect, making life just that little easier with the feeling of being on a more even keel.

Bravo has worked with a young person and the family to:

- built relationships with other organisations,
- work to establish a reliable, skilful team of Support Workers and Homestay Hosts

Bravo has been complimented by the family on the work that has resulted in an improved quality of life for the individual and family.

It takes a team of people to build momentum. Well done everyone!!



NDIS Update

Bravo Disability Support Network Inc are excited to announce that we are now an **approved provider of NDIS** services, approved for 12 categories.

Bravo can offer flexible options that are individualised to your needs and interests.

NDIS website information — Q and A - 1 September 2017

Posted on 01 September 2017

How does the NDIS figure out how much funding you get in your plan?

NDIS plans are tailored to each person's individual needs so funding will vary, depending on the person's support needs.

When you meet with an NDIS representative, to develop your plan, you will be asked about your current situation and what supports you receive, and how you manage everyday activities, like taking a shower or cooking your meals. This information helps to form the basis of your plan, working out your supports; how they are reasonable and necessary; how they link to your immediate needs, and how the NDIS can help you to work towards achieving your goals.

Once you complete the planning process you will receive an individualised funding amount, which you have choice and control over the supports you receive.

Visit the "[My first plan](#)" page on the NDIS website for more information.

https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/qanda-1sep.html?utm_source=National+Disability+Insurance+Scheme+eNewsletter&utm_campaign=2ee863427d-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_09_02&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_85b9cee0c8-2ee863427d-50628385

"If your plan is for 1 year, plant rice. If your plan is for 10 years, plant trees. If your plan is for 100 years, educate children." Confucius

Pay Periods

**Employee Timeonline due
BY 10AM - MONDAY of pay
week including
*Public Holidays***

*If your roster is incorrect
please contact the office
BEFORE you submit.*

18 Sept - 01 Oct	Due 02 Oct
02 Oct - 15 Oct	Due 16 Oct
16 Oct - 29 Oct	Due 30 Oct
30 Oct - 12 Nov	Due 13 Nov
13 Nov - 26 Nov	Due 27 Nov
27 Nov - 10 Dec	Due 11 Dec

Fundraising events

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle



A **big thank you** to all our amazing Volunteers who have supported us this year with our Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraisers.

Bravo's next BBQ is

- ♦ **Thursday 9th Nov 2017**
- ♦ **Thursday 7th Dec 2017**

If you wish to be part of the volunteer team please contact the office.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you to the many **VOLUNTEERS** that make this event possible every month!



Bravo Team

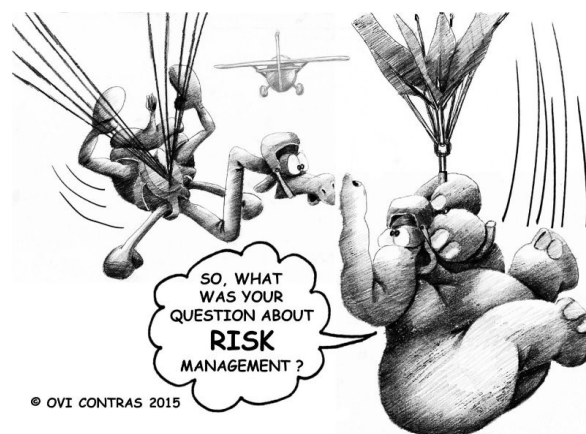
Once again, Bravo held our last quarterly Team Meeting on Tuesday 8 August 2017. We would like to acknowledge our speakers on the day for their presentations:

- ♦ Ian Montague—Workability
- ♦ Catherine Arbuckle—Office of the Public Guardian
- ♦ Kirsty Stranco—Sunsuper

Name Change

Host Contractors name has been changed to Homestay Host.

Minutes from this meeting are being sent out and ratified at the following meeting.



Reminder: Risk Management is about planning and preparation before the event.

The next Team Meeting is Tuesday 14th November 2017. This will incorporate our end of year celebration for the festive season.

Community Event during Mental Health Week 8—14 Oct 2017

Bravo is a member of the working group to organise the Courageous Communities Conference this year held during the Mental Health Week.

More details will be out soon and we hope that you can attend!

SAVE THE DATE

COURAGEOUS COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

SUPPORTING HEALTH AND WELLBEING
IN YOUR COMMUNITY

1300 656 188 | tafeeastcoast.edu.au

FRIDAY OCTOBER 13TH
8.30am - 4.30pm

TAFE QUEENSLAND
71 Cartwright Road Gympie, QLD

RTO 0275 CRICOS 03020E

This activity is supported by: Central Queensland, Wide Bay, Sunshine Coast PHN

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Terry's Farewell

Recently Terry left the Bravo Team to pursue new adventures down the Coast. We wish Terry all the best and we are sure that he will keep in contact with us.

"Adios"



*"It's very simple; just look at your life to see where you're heading.
You're always in a momentum of something."
— Maria Erving*



Governance Board

Meets every third Friday of the month.

Members

President:

Dianne Melnyk

Vice President:

Roxanne MacGregor

Treasurer:

David Cohen

Secretary:

Jackie Harding

Board Members:

Lesley Nissen

Barbara Kingston



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An update from the Governance Board

Hello everyone,

Can you believe it is that time of the year for the Board to tell you about the Annual General Meeting? Your support each year means a great deal to the organisation so please mark Friday 27th October 2017 in your diaries and calendars.

This year we are looking forward to hearing from guest speaker and guest chairperson Michelle Hyne from Community Action Gympie. Michelle will speak about the work Community Action does in the Gympie Region.

The new Operational Plan for 2017 2018 is now complete. The Board cannot overstate the value of your feedback both verbally and via the surveys and Facebook which assists in Bravo maintaining a strong viable service within the community.

Individuals and Families can rely on the Board working to ensure continuity of current service and possible expansion of support options heading into the future.

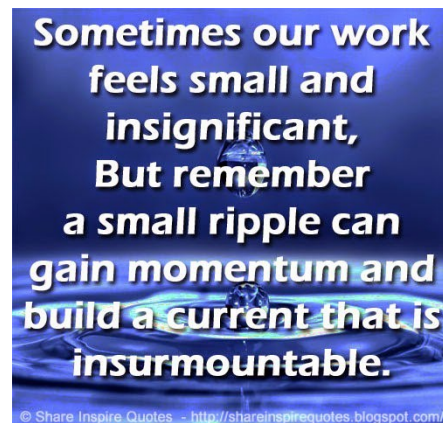
Two big events have just passed. The Brisbane Show and the Gympie Muster.

Wasn't that a great story about the free tickets for a lucky Bravo Individual to attend the Muster! From the look on his face the lucky winner really made the most of this opportunity. Bravo all!!

Keep an eye out for the invitation to the AGM. The Board is trialling a new venue. This year it is in the Meeting Room at the Albert Park Bowl Club, so come and let us know what you think. 9.30am for a 10.00am start. Refreshments provided.

Regards from the Governance Board,

Lesley N,
Barbara K,
Dave C,
Roxanne M,
Jackie H,
Dianne M.



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