

**BRAVO DISABILITY
SUPPORT NETWORK INC.**

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



**Bravo is now on
Facebook.**

Like us for



**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.



Do you have a story?

We would love to hear from you!

BRAVO Brief

2017—Update from the Manager

Hi and welcome to another edition of Bravo Brief. We strive to keep our readers updated with events that happen at Bravo. We welcome your suggestions and ideas.

Our theme for this edition is "Connections" and how we build and sustain our relationships for life and mental wellbeing. Connections can be physical, emotional, social and biological just to mention a few. In all of our roles at Bravo we connect with people by having similar interests and a passion for empowering people.

Over the last three months we have connected with people through:

- ◆ Bravo Day celebrations
- ◆ Bunnings events
- ◆ Supporting Individuals to connect with others in a social setting
- ◆ Networking with local and state-wide people, groups, organisations, memberships
- ◆ Attending and assisting at network meetings
- ◆ Holding meetings, group training events and inductions for our Team Members
- ◆ Accepting new enquiries and assisting where we can
- ◆ Growing our likes through competitions on our Facebook page



Why are connections important at Bravo?

- ◆ To uphold our Vision of a community where individuals with a disability and families who care for them are valued, accepted and included
- ◆ To achieve our goals through our Purpose of assisting people with disabilities to have meaningful lives and relationships.

Until next edition, take care, stay safe and maintain a healthy outlook.
Patricia

"I define connection as the energy that exists between people when they feel seen, heard, and valued; when they can give and receive without judgment; and when they derive sustenance and strength from the relationship."

~ Brené Brown

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

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Information from an NDIS webinar:

NDIS =

National Disability Insurance Scheme

NDIA =

National Disability Insurance Agency

CEO David Bowen reiterated that Governments have made commitments to the NDIS. He used the words "**reasonable and necessary**" several times during the webinar.

The starting point is phone Contact where questions will include:

- ◆ What can you do?
- ◆ What can't you do?
- ◆ What do you need?

My First Plan is to:

- 1: Get a myGov account set up and link to the portal,
- 2: Get an activation code,
- 3: Familiarise yourself,
- 4: Visit modules on the NDIS website.



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, Host Contractors, Volunteers and Students to borrow resources for advancing your skills and knowledge. If you have a request to purchase a resource please contact us.

Good News Everyone!!

Listed below are some of the connections people have made with the local and broader community:

- ◆ Meeting up with a friend at the new aquatic centre
- ◆ Yabby pumping, fishing, beach walking, shark sighting
- ◆ Practising letters and sounds with alphabet magnets at the park
- ◆ Feeding Alpacas
- ◆ Visiting RSPCA, patting the cats
- ◆ Interacting with other young people at the Jungle Gym
- ◆ Interacting with other young people at a tractor show
- ◆ Connecting and gaining popularity on an overseas cruise.



Weekly Q & A—Posted on 07 April 2017

Q. *I know that the NDIS isn't rolling out to my area just yet, but what can I do to get myself prepared for when it does come to my area?*

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

For some people currently receiving Commonwealth or State or Territory disability supports, you may not need to provide evidence of your disability. This is because some of those supports have the same eligibility criteria as the NDIS.

If you currently do not receive supports you can start gathering information to support your access request and planning conversation. To enter the NDIS you need to meet the access requirements. You only need to do this once and the process includes providing medical documentation of your disability to the NDIA.

This includes information on the nature of your disability, its impact on your life, and how long it will last. Evidence of disability and its functional impact can be provided by a health professional in the following ways:

- ◆ The NDIS Supporting Evidence form
- ◆ The Access Request form
- ◆ Via existing assessments or reports.

[This factsheet on Accessing the NDIS](https://www.ndis.gov.au/news/weekly-QA-7-April.html) has more information about gathering this kind of documentation.



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"It's not about money or connections. It's the willingness to outwork and outlearn everyone." Mark Cuban

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.*

15 May - 28 May **Due 29 May**
29 May - 11 June **Due 12 June**
12 June - 25 June **Due 26 June**
26 June - 9 July **Due 10 July**
10 July - 23 July **Due 24 July**
24 July - 6 August **Due 7 August**

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 1st June 2017**
- ♦ **Saturday 8th July 2017**

If you wish to be part of the volunteer team please contact the office. We look forward to hearing from you! This fundraiser is low cost to set up, easy to organise and fairly straightforward to run as long as we get Volunteers.



Annual Appraisals / Homes Safety Checks

Bravo will be contacting Support Workers and Host Contractors in the next couple of weeks to arrange appraisal and home safety check times

Bravo Team

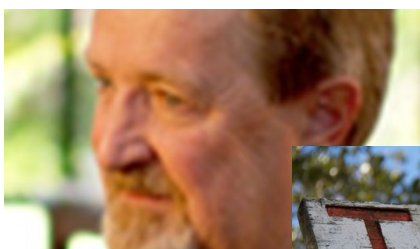
Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Core Competency Day held 9 May 2017. We achieved a 96% attendance rating., well done! We would like to acknowledge our speakers on the day for their presentations that we appreciated by all:

- ♦ Dianne Melnyk
- ♦ Bill Martin
- ♦ Jess Kolbe
- ♦ Maria Truscott



CCD highlight

A highlight of the training day came early when Bill Martin, Safety Advocate, of Workplace Health & Safety Qld, showed us the DVD which told us the story of his son's death as a result of a workplace accident and how easy it is to lose someone you love. I'm sure everyone present will agree that it is a powerful reminder of how careful we need to be.



**The next Team Meeting is
Tuesday 8th August 2017.**

End of Financial Year is fast approaching!

Support Workers

ALL your claims for Community Access or other reimbursements **MUST** be in to the office by Monday 26th June 10am. Payment summaries will be issued by 14th July.

Host Contractors

All your invoices must be in by Monday 26th June 10am. However, if you are doing support between 26th and 30th June and have a contract for this - you can submit your invoice by 26th June. Questions? Ring office. If you wish to have an income statement, please let me know in July and I can email to you. Sandi

Bravo at the Careers Expo 25 May 2017

Once again, Bravo held a stall at the Careers Expo which was well attended. We provided over 100 information / gift bags within one and half hours. Thank you to Rachel, Levi, Alex, Jye, Darren Leonie and Jean for assisting with the Bravo stall.



*"Never walk away from an instant connection ... It's happened for a reason."
Unknown*

Governance Board

Meets every third Friday of the month.

Members

President:

Dianne Melnyk

Vice President:

Roxanne MacGregor

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David Cohen

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Jackie Harding

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An update from the Governance Board

Hello everyone,

Over time the Governance Board has made many community connections which have strengthened the service Bravo provides and opened new pathways.

Individuals and Families remain connected to the Board by providing thoughts, information on feedback forms and responses to surveys. The Board is appreciative of the support shown by the continued interest and responses.

The Board cannot overstate the value of your support 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.

The update on the current Strategic Plan has been completed and implementation has begun. We'll keep you posted.

For those who attended Bravo Day - pity about the rain but the barbeque was good and the company was great. Look forward to next year!

Here's hoping everyone enjoyed the Show if you went. The weather wasn't the best for it. Judging by the number of cars on the street it was well attended.

Regards from the Governance Board,
Lesley N, Dave C, Roxanne M, Jackie H and Dianne M



*"Eventually everything connects—
People, Ideas, Objects. The Quality
of the connections is the key to
quality per se." Charles Eames*

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