

**BRAVO DISABILITY
SUPPORT NETWORK INC.**

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



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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.

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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!

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Brief

June 2016—Update from the Manager

Hello and welcome to our June edition. The 1st of June saw the beginning of winter and we are experiencing some slightly cold mornings. I hope that everyone is keeping warm and dry. It has been an incredible year so far with many events happening.

This newsletter theme is passion. **Passion** (from the Greek verb πασχω) is a very strong feeling about a person or thing. Passion is an intense [emotion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passion_(emotion)), a compelling [enthusiasm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passion_(emotion)) or [desire](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passion_(emotion)) for something. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passion_\(emotion\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Passion_(emotion))



"Passion is energy.

Feel the power that comes from focusing on what excites you"
Oprah Winfrey

Why passion as a theme? Passionate people are important to Bravo. We employ people who are passionate and care about the welfare of others.

Thank you for your attendance and supporting Bravo celebrate our 10 years of operations. Special thanks to the many people who volunteered their time, donated items, presented on the day and came to socialise and enjoy the events.

Bravo has been working on developing an Individualised Plan for people to transition to the NDIS. Even though it is a few years until Gympie will transition to the NDIS we feel it is important for us all to understand the new language, structure and processes.



The Facilitators will contact you soon to meet, discuss and commence your new plan and work with you at your own pace. Please feel free to call the office to make your appointment or discuss this further.

Take care, stay safe and maintain a healthy outlook.
Patricia

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

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People
with great
passion can
make the
impossible
happen.

Art work wanted

Disability Action Week

11 to 17 September 2016

Would you like to participate in a Community Art Exhibition celebrating the work of Gympie Region's artists and emerging artists with a disability during September 2016.?

Art work will be on display prior to and throughout Disability Action Week.

The Exhibition will be open to a wide variety of art and craft works including painting, sculpture, woodwork, photography etc by artists with disabilities living or working in the Gympie region.

Works may be for sale if the exhibitor wishes, but this is not compulsory. Individual or group pieces may be submitted.

Entry to all exhibition venues is free and there is no charge to those wishing to exhibit works.

For further information please contact

Roxanne MacGregor
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NDIS Update from the NDIS Website

Who is eligible to access the NDIS?

You can meet access requirements if you live in a location that is transitioning, are the right age for that location, meet residency and either the disability or early intervention requirements. Please use the NDIS Access Checklist to see if you might meet the access requirements.

What are the disability requirements?

You may meet the disability requirements if:

- you have an impairment or condition that is likely, or is to be permanent (i.e. it is likely to be lifelong) and
- your impairment substantially reduces your ability to participate effectively in activities, or perform tasks or actions unless you have:
 - o assistance from other people or
 - o you have assistive technology or equipment (other than common items such as glasses) or
 - o you can't participate effectively even with assistance or aides and equipment **and**
- your impairment affects your capacity for social and economic participation **and**
- you are likely to require support under the NDIS for your lifetime.

An impairment that varies in intensity e.g. because the impairment is of a chronic episodic nature may still be permanent, and you may require support under the NDIS for your lifetime, despite the variation.

What types of information will I need to provide?

So that we can determine whether you meet the disability or early intervention access requirements, you may need to provide the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) with information about your disability, development delay or early intervention requirements.

This may include providing copies of existing letters, assessments or reports from health or educational professionals that detail your impairment and its impact on your daily life.

What are informal supports?

Informal supports are the arrangements already available to you through your family, friendship and community networks. Informal supports are part and parcel of family life. They are the natural connections you may have with friends and community services to assist you in everyday life. Informal supports are provided to individuals by families, carers, social networks, and the community.

What can be funded?

The types of supports that the NDIS may fund for participants may include:

- daily personal activities
- transport to enable participation in community, social, economic and daily life activities
- workplace help to allow a participant to successfully get or keep employment in the open or supported labour market
- therapeutic supports including behaviour support
- help with household tasks to allow the participant to maintain their home environment
- help to a participant by skilled personnel in aids or equipment assessment, set up and training
- home modification design and installation
- mobility equipment, and • vehicle modifications.

What will not be funded?

The NDIS Act and the rules made under the NDIS Act tell us which supports will not be funded by the NDIS. A support will not be funded if it:

- is not related to the participant's disability
- duplicates other supports already funded by a different mechanism from the NDIS, such as Medicare or Departments of Education
 - relates to day-to-day living costs that are not related to a participant's support needs, or
- is likely to cause harm to the participant or pose a risk to others.

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your passion.
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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.*

13 - 26 June	Due 27 June
27 June - 10 July	Due 11 July
11 - 24 July	Due 25 July
25 July - 7 Aug	Due 8 Aug
8 - 21 Aug	Due 22 Aug
22 Aug - 4 Sept	Due 5 Sept
5 - 18 Sept	Due 19 Sept
19 Sept - 2 Oct	*Due 3 Oct*

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 7 July 2016**
- ♦ **Saturday 23 July 2016**

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.



Bravo Team

Thank you to everyone who attended the Bravo CCD on 10 May 2016. This successful day was well received with positive feedback from all present.

Presentations were delivered by: Andree Stark from Gympie Regional Council with Community Activities, Thana Roysmith from Diversicare with Communication in the Workplace, Bell Leahy from Workplace Health and Safety with Health & Safety in the workplace, Trish Stone from CPL with Manual Handling, and Ray Gresham from Rhee Tae Kwon Do with Least Restrictive Practices.

Patricia provided us with information on 'What's your sales pitch', while Judy and Terry had some amazing information to share on the latest NDIS strategies as well as exploring "What Makes a Good Support Worker".

The next Bravo Team Meeting will be Tuesday 16 August 2016, please note the change in date. This is due to the availability of the motivational speaker, *James Peterson* who will share his emotional life experience to advocate why *mental health* is so important.

Introducing our new Facilitator Assistant Rachel Hockey

Hello everyone,

My name is Rachel Hockey and I have just started working in the Bravo Office as the Facilitator Assistant. I have been with Bravo for two years working as a Support Worker and Host Contractor and thoroughly enjoyed my time doing this. Moving into the Office has been exciting and a great challenge. I am happy that I will continue meeting with the wonderful Families that I have previously worked with, as well as meet many other Families and Support Workers in the Bravo Family.

Careers Expo Gympie 26 May 2016

Special thanks to Brooke and Leonie for their assistance on the day.

The Bravo stand received a lot of attention. We were approached by a broad range of people varying from grade 10 students to mature age people, both male and female. Most of these people had never heard of Bravo and most had a genuine interest in what we do and eagerly took an application pack and information. We also had a fair few enquiries regarding people wanting support and how they go about this. Also a large number of teachers were asking about work experience for their students.

The "freebies" were a huge hit and we often had people specifically come to us for the pens and torches. The day seemed to be run very well and the Gympie High School hospitality class did a fabulous job serving coffee and lunch.

Rachel Hockey



I have no special talents. I am only passionately curious.
Albert Einstein

Governance Board

Meets every third Friday of the month.

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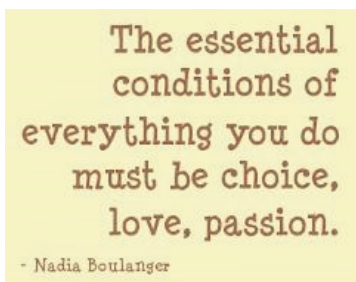
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An update from the Governance Board



14.06.2016

Hello everyone,

What a great day we had at the Civic Centre for the 10 Anniversary Celebrations and we hope all who attended had as much fun as the Staff and the Board. Thanks to all who attended and helped make this day such a success.

Believe it or not the Board is now getting ready for the 2016AGM on the 22 October. More news about this – venue etc will come in the next Bravo Brief.

The Renewal of Membership Form will be sent shortly for you to complete and return to Bravo Office by 15th July 2016. Please renew your membership to make sure your vote is counted and that you remain eligible.

The Board is getting ready for winter and thinking of cold nights and early mornings and are wondering if there are any pressing concerns you might have about the coming cold weather. Please share your thoughts and concerns with your contacts at Bravo to be passed on to the Board for consideration.

Stay warm and stay healthy and we will see you at the AGM.

P.S. Don't forget to renew your membership!

Jackie H.
Roxanne M,
Dave C,
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