

**BRAVO DISABILITY
SUPPORT NETWORK INC.**

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

BRAVO Brief

You are Invited to the
**BRAVO 10 YEAR
CELEBRATION**
Wednesday 13 April 2016
at the
Gympie Civic Centre
10 am—2 pm



**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.

*A good Life is a
collection of
happy moments.*

— Denis Waitley

April 2016—Update from the Manager

Hi everyone and welcome to the first edition of Bravo Brief for 2016. As the hot summer becomes a memory we embrace the onset of a cooler climate and the autumn weather.

The theme for this newsletter is Celebration. April is an exciting month for Bravo with the 10 Year Celebration event happening on 13 April 2016. We would love to see you at this event. Come along and enjoy the festivities.



Already 2016 is shaping up as another year of changes. Bravo is keen to transition to the NDIS. It is great news that on the 17 March 2016 the Bilateral Agreement was signed between the State and Federal Governments to roll out the NDIS in Queensland. For Gympie it will be a number of years before we get the opportunity to move to the NDIS but this does not mean that we wait until January 2019. It will give Gympie the opportunity to have time to prepare, plan and learn from others' experiences. We will be asking you what services you would like from Bravo under the NDIS. Please speak with us about what you would like your future to look like. We can work with you to help create your NDIS planning workbook. Bravo is your community based organisation and we would like to meet your real needs.

Bravo will:

- ◆ Encourage everyone to attend NDIS Readiness Workshops
- ◆ Meet personally with individuals / families to discuss our knowledge of the NDIS
- ◆ Continue to plan for the NDIS
- ◆ Continue to complete individual planning
- ◆ Implement changes to the NDIS language
- ◆ Educate where required



The Bravo website is being rebuilt and we will keep you informed of when it will be available to access.

We listened to you and have changed our office hours so that we will be open Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30 pm.

Take care, stay safe and healthy. Patricia Wilson

“Once you choose hope, anything's possible.” Christopher Reeve

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

Our office is closed on all public holidays and we are not funded to provide support on public holidays
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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

- ◆ **Saturday 2 April 2016**
- ◆ **Thursday 28 April 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.



International Women's Day 8 March 2016

Equity Works held a luncheon for 45 Women Carers at Maroochydore. This event was "Creating Connections and events that nurture Sunshine Coast carers." Five carers from Bravo attended, having a great time interacting with other women and listening to the guest speaker.

Thank you to Stephanie at Equity Works for the invitation.

Vacation Program

The Bravo Fun Day 15.12.15 was enjoyed by everyone. Catching the bus to Kandanga Pool for this event is always one of the highlights. Lovely weather and great sausages cooked by our Volunteers contributed to making this special day so enjoyable.

The Vacation Program has now been changed to come into line with the new Your Life Your Choice Disability Services framework. All families have now had this funding redirected mostly to individualised funds which will provide them with much more flexibility.



Please call **Cindy** at Bravo if you have any queries.

NDIS Information - Gympie 1 January 2019

Five things you need to know about the NDIS in Queensland

The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing individualised support for people with disability, their families and carers. The NDIS is the insurance that gives us all peace of mind. Disability could affect anyone and having the right support makes a big difference.

The NDIS provides eligible people a flexible, whole-of-life approach to the support needed to pursue their goals and aspirations and participate in daily life.

1. What - The Commonwealth and Queensland governments have agreed on how the NDIS will be rolled out. In Queensland, the NDIS will be operating state-wide by July 2019. The NDIS already has early transition sites in Townsville and Charters Towers for children and young people (0-18 years) and all eligible people from Palm Island.

2. When - The NDIS is a big change and will be progressively rolled out in Queensland over three years from 1 July 2016. People will move to the NDIS at different times depending on where they live. The NDIS will be operating state-wide by July 2019.

3. Where - 1 January 2019 GYMPIE

4. How? - The National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) is working closely with relevant Commonwealth and Queensland government departments to ensure a smooth transition to the NDIS for people with disability, their families, carers and providers.

5. What can I do to prepare? - If you currently receive disability services you will be contacted before your area transitions. If you are not currently receiving services you will be able to apply to access the Scheme when the NDIS is available in your area.

Check the information and resources available at [NDIS in Queensland](#)
Call (NDIS) on **1800 800 110**

Enjoy the little things,
for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things.
Robert Bault

In Memory of Don Campbell

You left us so suddenly with memories we are proud of. Don worked with Bravo from 2007 until May 2014.

Bravo would like to acknowledge Don's contributions to the lives of the many people he supported.



Bravo Team Meeting
Please bring to the CCD
Information on activities in
Gympie suitable for the people we support so we can start a resource file. This can be in the form of a brochure or simply something you may produce. Keep your eyes peeled while you are out and about in the community.

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.*

21 Mar - 3 April	Due 4 April
4 - 17 April	Due 18 April
18 April - 1 May	*Due 2 May*
2 - 15 May	Due 16 May
16 - 29 May	Due 30 May
30 May - 12 June	Due 13 June
13 - 26 June	Due 27 June
27 June - 10 July	Due 11 July

Bravo Team

The last Team meeting was held on Tuesday 9 February 2016. Thank you to everyone who attended. We greatly appreciate all families patience, understanding and being flexible when Support Workers and Host Contractors are required to attend compulsory training.

These training events happen 4 times a year and it is an opportunity for our Team to be up to date with current issues and trends.

The next **Compulsory Team Meeting** is the
Core Competency Day (CCD)
which will be held on
10 May 2016
8.30 am - 5 pm
RSL Orchid Room



Siobhan's trip to Thailand

I had a wonderful time in Thailand. It was great! I caught up with old friends and met new friends. Shopping was good. Sometimes we had morning tea at Uncle's Cafe it was really good. We went to the night markets there were lots of things to look at. We found lots to buy like elephant pants and a fish purse.

We went to the Botanical gardens in Chiang Mai and saw the lovely flowers. It rained one day, we couldn't go anywhere it was cold and miserable. The rest of our holiday the weather was beautiful hot and sunny. It was sad to leave Thailand but it was good to get home to see the dogs. All unpacked now.

I am looking forward to seeing all my friends and workmates this week. Bye for now. Have a good week.
from Siobhan



"Celebrate every small achievement and gain strength for grandeur things."
— Lailah Gifty Akita, Pearls of Wisdom: Great mind

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



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An update from the Governance Board

Hello everyone,

We hope you have all had a good Easter. So far the year has been very busy and moving too fast.

From the Governance Board point of view we have been busy preparing for the 10 Year Celebration day. This has been planned for the 13 April and is happening at the Civic Centre from 10.00am. It will be great to see you there and hope you all have marked the day in your diaries.



The 2016 – 2019 Strategic Planning has been completed and the new Plan will begin as of 01 July 2016. Looks like a busy 3 years ahead.

One of the Governance Board members has returned to full time work. Many thanks to Barbara for the time and hard work she put in to the work of the Board. We are now looking for a new Board Member for Bravo so if have some time to devote to volunteering for the organisation and are a family member or a person with a disability you will be welcome. If you are interested or know anyone who might like to fill this position please contact the Board or the office.

See you at the Celebration!

Dianne Melnyk,
Jackie Harding,
Dave Cohen,
Roxanne Macgregor,
Lesley Nissen.



"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

H. Jackson Brown Jr.

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