

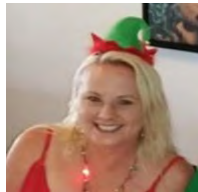
September 2020

Joining the Community

UPDATES



Our office team has further expanded. We extend a warm welcome to Kelly Morgan as Rostering Facilitator.



Tanya Dunkley has a new role as a Supports Facilitator, working alongside Finlay Ross.

Who's celebrating a Spring birthday
So many, the list is on the wall in at office...Happy birthday if you are, hope you have a great day we'll be thinking of you!



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Message from the Manager

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 26th edition of the Lifestyle Connections newsletter. I would like to start by expressing a huge thank you to all the staff of Lifestyle Connections! We have some very dedicated Support Staff who are doing a fantastic job supporting Service Users of Lifestyle Connections to achieve their goals. I periodically read feedback and recognize the quality of support being provided. I would also like to thank all the office staff and Management Committee for working hard through times of change and challenges.

We recently underwent our full certification audit under the NDIS practice standards and I am pleased to share with you all that not only did we achieve our certification but did very well with some high praise, particularly around our quality management system where we received a best practice accolade! We have our Vice President Sue Barclay and her good friend Glenys to thank for this. They put a tremendous amount of work in for which we are all very grateful.

Despite the obvious challenges still being experienced this year I am really looking forward to the months ahead. We will continue on the path of continuous improvement and I am very motivated to continue to discover better ways to deliver the best possible services to you.

Feedback and involvement in the service is as always encouraged and supported. Please take your time to read all the articles in this newsletter and discover ways that you could become more involved. If you have any thing you would like to see in our next newsletter please send them through to Janet at admin@lifestyleconnections.com.au

Leo Bruncker

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES (see Page 4)
Help from you and your network of family, friends and peers would be greatly appreciated, any donation over \$2 is tax deductible

A Word from MARSHA MURRAY
Acting President of the Management Committee



For me 2020 has been very interesting as well as concerning. As Acting President for Lifestyle connections, I have met amazing people— Service Users, service providers, parents the staff and management team that are truly wonderful. The Covid Virus has turned everybody’s world upside down. I hope all of our recipients are safe and well along with all those involved. I compliment our Manager Leo on the strong leadership and total commitment to this service. I look forward to the coming year 2021 with great satisfaction that we will continue to provide the services needed in Cairns. Everyone keep well and safe and continue the great work everyone is doing.
 Regards Marsha.



Bird Watching
FREE
 At
The Botanical Gardens
 or
Guided Tour



A Word from the Management Committee
COFFEE and TEA Committee !

When Lifestyle Connections (formerly Leisure Connections) commenced it was very much a family based organisation. Over recent years, and in particular with the transition to the NDIS... and now with the Covid restrictions, we have drifted to experiencing less face to face contact with parents, families and advocates of our participants. When the current restrictions on meeting together permit, we would like to introduce a monthly coffee/tea opportunity at any convenient cafe/coffee shop in Cairns. We’re looking for expressions of interest, so if you would like to join in contact Wendy O’Reilly 041552713 (SMS) or Janet (Office Assistant)



Cairns Art Gallery

Tropical Tropes
Works of Six Artists
Till
18 October 2020

SIDNEY NOLAN
NED KELLY
Extended Till
4 October 2020

Our Management Committee and Sub-Committee Members

ACTING PRESIDENT: Marsha Murray **VICE PRESIDENT:** Sue Barclay

TREASURER: Linda Gerekink , **SECRETARY:** Megan Lilly

GENERAL MEMBERS: Jenni Brittain, Bill Butler, Margaret Jarvis, Wendy O’Reilly

GRIEVANCE SUB-COMMITTEE	FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE	RESOURCE SUB-COMMITTEE	NDIS QUALITY SUB-COMMITTEE	SUPPORT CO-ORD SUB-COMMITTEE
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If you have a grievance or concern phone our office, we can forward your contact details to the grievance committee and someone will contact you.

Interested in becoming a Committee Member?

Please contact the Service Manager or Acting President.

OUR SERVICE USERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



Shani enjoys a day in the park with Support Person Gayle



Spot the two Butterflies!



Karen's creative and appreciates art. These are some of her favourite pictures from various artists.



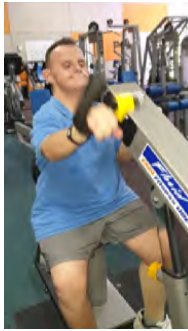
Pete & Paulz 35 Sheridan St



Giddy Cassey !



Go Sean! Working out at the Gym



When the owners of PnP's heard about this service users funding cuts they wanted to do something to show their support for one of their regulars. Breakie is on the house! Now that's a welcome treat! Great story Colin!

- But who is the lucky mystery diner?



How's that for dedication!



A visit from 'Drew and Mum Wendy

FORGET WHAT'S NOT ON IN CAIRNS—WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MAKE YOUR OWN FUN ???

Your Thoughts on...

What do you do differently now since the pandemic

" I spend more time in the garden ! "

" I am staying connected ! "

" " I have learnt how to use ZOOM so now I can connect with people and I don't have to leave the house "

" The gym was closed so I started running on the circuit on the esplanade instead "

" I can actually hear the birds now—the sound of SERENITY in the City! "

I spend more time with my family my son and I are learning to cook together!"



Thank You

This Newsletter's FNQ Big Green Frog **Thank You** is to all Lifestyle Connections staff for the mammoth effort they have made during the COVID-19

restrictions to keep the service running smoothly for our Service Users, and for adapting to the many changes especially using online systems and working from home. Heres to thinking outside the box.

Furbies' and Fury Friends

Our pets are such a special part of our lives

Send us a photo of you and your pet (s) we'll put it right here

Tell us what's special about him or her

Share your pet tips or helpful hints.

SU Marie's recommendation: A great vet for your pet !!!

Daves Mobile Vet Service (go to facebook) available weekdays



OUR FUNDRAISING

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE



Green (Glass Bottles)

Red (Plastic bottles)

Black (Aluminium Cans)

Yellow (ALL Aluminium cans, plastic and glass bottles)



15 Rosette-Lidded Wheelie Bins Ready to Rock & Roll

Please help us find some awesome places to put them so we can start collecting and get those refunds happening. If you have any suggestions for potential collection locations or if you know someone who has an event coming up that might help us to fill these bins (e.g. at markets, or at community events) let us know.

You can contact Sue on the Management Committee on 40553061 or Janet at the office on 40356771 (or SMS) All suggestions are welcome and very much appreciated.

**ALTERNATIVELY YOU TAKE YOUR CONTAINERS TO REFUND POINTS
AND DONATE THE REFUND TO US BY EFT USING OUR SCHEME ID C10049638**

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Scheme ID cards available at Office

A Container for Change Small-Scale Infrastructure Grant funded project



GiveNow FUNDRAISER

Please support our GiveNow fundraiser—the innovative 'Enable Activity' Fund Appeal at

www.givenow.com.au/lcaiaactiv to raise money

to enable our Service Users to participate in activities otherwise outside their financial reach. READ about the benefits of 'Enable Activity'

for YOU ALL on the GiveNow site.

PLEASE SHARE this link with your network of family, friends and peers.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible and receipted by GiveNow



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting,

Meeting will commence at **6.30 pm**

Please be sure to arrive 15 minutes prior to commencement

on Thursday 5th November, 2020

at The Rose Gallery, Cominos House

27 Greenslopes St, Edge Hill QLD 4870,

R.S.V.P: Confirmation of your attendance by **15th October, 2020.**

Contact Janet Morgan, Office Assistant,

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This is a great opportunity for us to share socially, as well as offering important updates regarding the operations and growth of our organisation over the past year.

We look forward to seeing you there and hope that you are able to attend.