

# IMPACT Make Your Mark

## NEWSLETTER

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Each month I plan to on focus on one of the many programs and services IMPACT Make Your Mark delivers within the Bundaberg Region. We are starting with the **Positive Start Parenting Program** which is growing by the week with Andrea currently working actively with **30 young mums??** (either expecting their babies or having babies or toddlers).

I would encourage you to utilise this supportive and "fun" service if you have any clients who would benefit from social interaction with their peers or need individualised parenting support.

Judi Heard  
Business Development Manager



### HIGHLIGHTS

- ☺ Positive Start Parenting Program
- ☺ Transition to Work Program – Places Available NOW
- ☺ FREE Computer Training

### SPOTLIGHT ON..... POSITIVE START PARENTING PROGRAM

More about our Programs & Services at [www.impact.org.au](http://www.impact.org.au)

### ☺ "POSITIVE START" PARENTING PROGRAM – 2006 is off and running.....



- For young mums and/or expectant mothers aged 15-24 years with children under pre-school age, who identify the need for parenting assistance
- Providing a safe & comfortable child friendly environment
- Support service can accommodate family networks, friends & mentors.

All the mums enjoyed their baby's first Christmas and are excited about the growing changes occurring with their babies every week.

The main priority for the program over the next 6 months is to establish a young parents' playgroup. Yes, that's a young parents' playgroup – both mums and dads, as I'm sure there are dads out there looking for adult conversations also. The playgroup is an idea put forward by the parents and will be run by them, I am just supporting them to get it operating. Currently we are looking into venues, so if you know somewhere which would be a great venue for a playgroup, that provides space for very little cost, we would be very appreciative.

We are planning to do some work on safety with children. Looking at not only safety in the home, but also transport safety and when we are out and about. Another project to give our Positive Start room a new look for 2006 includes painting on old doors. When we get them done, I will take photos and hopefully get them posted on the IMPACT website – so keep your eye out.

Cheers  
Andrea Bax

If you know of any young mums who would benefit from the program's support phone Andrea on 4153 4233 or send an email to [mail@impact.org.au](mailto:mail@impact.org.au)

### ☺ TRANSITION TO WORK - PLACES AVAILABLE NOW!!

This program offers a range of services for Centrelink customers and others within the community.

Activities can include –

- ✚ Assistance with job search and resume preparation
- ✚ Work skills or vocational training
- ✚ Literacy or numeracy skills
- ✚ Skills Development – Hospitality
- ✚ Obtaining Recognition of Prior Learning
- ✚ Secondary school qualifications
- ✚ Distance and open learning courses
- ✚ Work experience placements to improve work skills
- ✚ Support and advice on how to access and use services in the community

If you have a client who is looking for paid employment, is a parent or carer or 50 years of age or over then IMPACT Make Your Mark may be able to assist in increasing their potential for the job market.

Phone Rhonda Clancey on 4153 4233 for more details and to check specific eligibility requirements.  
This is a very supportive and successful program

 **FREE COMPUTER TRAINING**

Parents/Carers or people returning to work but not eligible for Job Network Services are offered the following training -

**Course 1**

**April 6,7,10,11 2006**

**Parents/Carers**

**Returning to Work**

**Improve your keyboarding skills**

**Keyboarding speed**

**Assessment**

**Course 2**

**May 8—18 2006**

**People returning to work  
but not eligible for Job  
Network Services**

**Produce Simple Word Processed  
Documents**

**Using Computers for learning**

**Personal Development**

To check eligibility for this training call -

Melissa Findlay: 4153 4233

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**IMPACT Make Your Mark provides employment and learning opportunities for disadvantaged people in the community**

**VISION**

**To be a Bundaberg based not for profit organisation providing employment and learning opportunities for the Bundaberg & District community, in particular disadvantaged and unemployed persons, including people with a disability by providing:**

- **Quality training in a supportive environment**
- **Innovative and dynamic responses to our client needs**
- **Assisting clients to overcome barriers to learning and employment**
- **Supported employment opportunities for clients with a disability**