

2006 Meeting Dates

- 05 July 2006
- 05 October 2006
- 06 December 2006

2006 Newsletter Dates

- August 2006
- November 2006

Newsletters are available on our website. If you would like the newsletter emailed, please let Glynn know and it can be easily arranged



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TRAINING INFORMATION

Training sessions will be held at IMPACT Make Your Mark from 9.30am to 11.30am on the following dates:

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| ➤ 30 May 2006 | - Personal Presentation |
| ➤ 29 August 2006 | - Motivation and Goal Setting |
| ➤ 28 November 2006 | - Nutrition and Cooking |



If you are interested in attending these sessions, please talk with either Clay, Greg or Chris

LEARNER DRIVING EDUCATION



REGISTER NOW

For the next round of Learner Driving Education commencing 2 August 2006 for 6 weeks. This training will cover the requirements for the written component only.



LOOKING AFTER YOURSELF WORKSHOPS

It has been great to be part of the Looking After Yourself Workshops facilitated by Julie Chaplin. Julie has been an inspiration to all who have attended and made learning such fun. We hope to have the opportunity of attending Julie's workshops in the future.



NEWS HAPPENINGS

Access Card

The Bundaberg Regional Access Advisory Committee Inc (BRAAC) developed the concept of an Access Card in response to continued concern from people with disability, who found the pricing policies of many entertainment, leisure and recreation venues/activities to be discriminatory.

People with a disability who are unable to attend community venues and activities without attendant care support, have a right to equal participation in the community.

The ACCESS CARD is for people with a significant, permanent disability, who are unable to participate at most available community venues and activities without a Carer to provide attendant care type support, for the rest of their lives. For further information, please phone 41544494.

TRANSPORT ACCESS PROJECT: DIRECT ACCESS

The St John Ambulance Australia (Qld) Transport Access Project gives eligible persons access to a personal vehicle service to the location of their choice. This may be:

- Shopping or social outings
- Personal appointments
- Medical or counseling support

This service

- Is door to door
- Requires a client contribution of \$5 per trip (one way)
- Has some eligibility criteria
- Is booked at least 48 hours prior to travel

This service aims to meet individual needs. You need to register as a client and then book your service when it is required. Phone Lorna at St John Ambulance Bundaberg Office on 41511824.

Bundaberg Regional Access Advisory Committee Inc (BRAAC)

We are an advisory body (with no legal enforcement) on access needs and problems within the Bundaberg Region benefiting..

- Parents with young children and children with disabilities
- People with disabilities and mobility problems
- Frail aged
- Vision impaired persons
- Persons with hearing disabilities

We provide information resources for any person requiring assistance. We do not charge for these services.

Our objectives are to advocate for all people with disabilities in respect of physical access issues in the built environment and streetscape design. To educate local bodies, construction agencies and the general population at large in all aspects of equity of access for all people to all environments.

BRAAC is always looking for people to attend their meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the School of Arts in Bourbong Street at 9.00am.

Website: www.bundabergaccess.org

Contact: Trevor Hinwood on 41544494

Feedback, comments or information you would like included in the next newsletter can be given to Glynn by phoning 41534233, emailing geiser@impact.org.au or by calling in to the office.

Disability Action Week

16 – 22 July 2006

Disability Action Week is all about getting people involved in changing attitudes, improving access and making our community a better place for everyone.

For further information about Disability Action Week phon 1800 177 120 or visit www.disability.qld.gov.au/actionweek



Taxi Subsidy Scheme

Queensland Transport proposes to change the existing taxi voucher system so that subsidies can be processed more easily by members of the Taxi Subsidy Scheme and by taxi drivers. The department states: "Introduction of the new system will not result in any change to the benefit that members are entitled to receive or eligibility for the scheme." Changes are expected to take effect in late 2006.

National Results of a Survey Into the Barriers Confronted By Tourists With Disabilities – When Making Travel Arrangements, Finding Accommodation And Visiting Tourist Venues

A national survey of the barriers confronted by tourists with disabilities when making travel arrangements, finding accommodation and visiting tourist venues has highlighted the difficulties which tourists with disabilities confront when making arrangements to take a holiday, compared to tourists who do not have the need for accessible facilities.

The survey confirms that the number of accessible hotels/motels and other tourist facilities in Australia is low, making holidays for tourists with disabilities difficult and time-consuming to arrange.

The survey of 1307 people across all disabilities identified many factors which made their holidays less enjoyable, amongst these were:

- 42.7% of participants with a physical disability had difficulty in finding suitable accessible accommodation
- 36% of participants with a physical disability found that hotels/motels displayed the international symbol for access, but the accommodation was not wheelchair accessible.
- 80% of participants with a vision impairment highlighted a lack of audio display in hotels/motels and tourist venues such as museums.
- 86.7% of participants with a vision impairment highlighted the lack of Braille and/or tactile signage in hotels/motels and tourist venues.
- 100% of tourists with a hearing impairment highlighted the fact that there were no visual alarms for emergency egress in hotels/motels or tourist venues.
- 100% of participants with a hearing impairment highlighted the fact that, (especially in cases of emergency egress), airports did not provide visual information to compliment their public address announcement.
- 18.7% of participants who took their mobility aids on a flight with them, found it was damaged on arrival at their destination. A number of those same tourists reported that their mobility aids had been damaged more than once.
- 17.5% of participants said they would like to see lowered counters in all hotels/motels and tourist venues.
- 29.3% of participants felt that hotel/motel operators lacked basic disability awareness training.
- 14.0% of participants felt that tourist venue operators lacked basic disability awareness training.
- 66.7% of people with a vision impairment highlighted the lack of information in alternative formats in both hotels/motels and at tourist venues.

Result:

Australia-Wide, many tourists with disabilities are discriminated against in accommodation and tourist facilities because of the lack of accessibility in and to these venues.

The National Survey contains statistics of the barriers confronted by tourists across all disabilities, together with a table of participant's experiences in relation to their holidays.

The full report can be read from the web site on: www.accessforall.org.au

Program Information

OPEN EMPLOYMENT

Our Open Employment Service has assisted a lot of people to gain work in areas of their choice that is available in the Bundaberg area. It is good to see our clients reach their employment goals and make such worthwhile contributions to the community.

We have some extremely good employers in our town that work closely with us and in return gain their most valued employees.

Some areas of work include:

- Smash Repairer
- Cobblers
- Corner Store
- Computers
- Building
- Maintenance
- Shelf Packing
- Tiling
- Cleaning
- Support Person
- Farmwork
- Bar Work
- Kitchenhand
- Sugar testing
- Store work



Greg setting up David at work with safety gear ready for a full time job.



Clay spending time with Alan practicing tile cutting to improve his speed and accuracy for his full time job.

RECYCLING & COLLECTION

Congratulations to workers – 9 loads in a day. What an effort. We are processing 66% more than this time last year and the Council is to issue more recycling bins in July.

Watch for the media advertising by the Council promoting the recycling throughout the area. Will be on the TV, in the newspapers and on the radio.



A lot of fun was had by all that went to the bowling night. Wow.... these guys are good bowlers!!!



Stephanie our Health Safety & Environmental Advisor has been focusing on training for the workers at Recyclers and has covered manual lifting, hygiene, wearing of protective equipment. She has been to Brisbane to see through a large recycling plant and has come back with some good ideas for improvements and safety measures.

All workers have also received updated training covering human rights and equal opportunity so the workers are aware of the difficulties caused by harassment, fighting, bullying, unwanted touching, unnecessary comments, name calling or spreading of rumours.

Post School Services

Farewell to Darren

Darren has been with the Post School Services Program from the start and it is sad to see him leave us. Darren is taking up fulltime youth work and we wish him all the best.



Applications for the next round of Post School Services funding will be available shortly. If you want to find out more about the eligibility and process for applying, phone Glynn on 41534233



Disability Open Employment, Business Services and Post School Services

- ▶ Pre- Employment Training
- ▶ Job Search Assistance
- ▶ Individual assistance
- ▶ On the job support
- ▶ Job Placement
- ▶ Life Skills Training
- ▶ Literacy and Numeracy Training