

2006 Meeting Dates

- 06 December 2006

2007 Newsletter Dates

- January 2007
- April 2007
- July 2007
- October 2007

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2006 Highlights

It has been a great year for our Disability Sections with lots happening, lots of happy times, lots of clients accessing training and lots of clients getting work.

- ☺ IMPACT's new computer training room has been completed specifically for people with disabilities with ground floor access and wheelchair facilities close by;
- ☺ Became registered under the Queensland Disability Service Standards;
- ☺ David Olsen, Genevieve Kerbaul and Pat Antony join our disability team;
- ☺ Six people underwent our Financial Literacy pilot training project;
- ☺ 'Looking After Yourself' Workshops delivered by Julie Chaplin offered inspiring training for clients that attended;
- ☺ In house training in the importance of personal presentation in the workforce, work ethics, motivation and goal setting, nutrition and cooking and learner driver's education;
- ☺ Driver Ed training resulted in some clients gaining their learners;
- ☺ Snakes Down Under – holding a snake without passing out;
- ☺ Fun Days for Recycler Workers included cricket in the park, Bundy in Bloom Parade, bowling;
- ☺ Exciting time with the city of Bundaberg going to full recycling;
- ☺ Disability Week at the Civic Centre was sponsored by IMPACT;
- ☺ It is always good to get acknowledgement for achievements and our staff work hard to assist their clients. The feedback is encouraging;
- ☺ The great variety of employers offering positions include restaurants and clubs, hire places, resorts and government departments;
- ☺ One of our clients competed in the National Swimming Titles and did a personal best time.

TRAINING INFORMATION

Last course for the year will be held at IMPACT Make Your Mark from 9.30am to 11.30am on:

- **28 November 2006 - Nutrition and Cooking**

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

If you have identified areas that you would like training in 2007, you can either phone, email or call in and where possible, we will include it when scheduling for the new year.



NEWS HAPPENINGS



For Sale

Modular Wheelchair Ramp. It is professionally built by Home Modifications and meets all legal requirements. It is 13 meters long in 6 sections, gradient 14:1, checker plate aluminium floor, powder coated aluminium handrails.

Selling price \$3000

If you are interested you can contact Clay for details.

Access Card

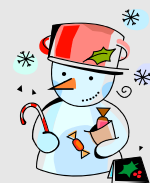
Don't forget to obtain an Access Card to assist in alleviating the financial burden on the person with the disability. The Access card will allow a person with a disability access to participating facilities, community events, without having the financial responsibility of the entry fee for their carer. Enquiries to BRAACi ph: 41544494 or info@bundabergaccess.org

Carers

There is help available – practical help and support for all carers. If you want to find out more phone 1800 242 636



Christmas Closure



**IMPACT will be closed from close of business
21 December 2006 and will re-open on Tuesday 2 January 2007**

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.

Program Information

OPEN EMPLOYMENT

The Welfare to Work initiative is still creating difficulties in getting people into our Employment Programs. The government is aware of the issues and hasn't introduced any changes as yet. We are endeavouring to keep people informed to make their transition into the program as easy as possible.



Once people are accepted into the Disability Employment Network program, they work with their TPO to get into work. The program is only for 18 months and unless they are in work by then, they risk losing their place in the program.



The TPO's have been very successful in finding the jobs for their clients and have a variety of employers offering interesting employment. It is then up to the individual to make the most of the placement. We encourage clients and their parents/carers to keep in regular contact with their allocated TPO.

This program has been recently audited by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Contract Managers. This audit involved ensuring what we were doing and the records being retained met the requirements of the contract we are under to deliver the services to clients in the Disability Employment Network program. They were happy with the outcome and we received good feedback.



RECYCLING & COLLECTION



Welcome to Pat Antony who joined the team at Recycling & Collection as the Assistant Manager. Pat's role will be to look after the business side which is forever expanding.

Pageant of Lights Parade

Our Workers have been asked to join in the fun at the Christmas parade on the 7th December 2006. The Bundaberg City Council will be organising the trucks covered in spectacular lights and we will be there with illuminated balloons sharing in the fun. All workers are invited and more details will be available shortly.

Reporting to Centrelink

We are currently investigating the availability of reporting the Workers' fortnightly wages directly to Centrelink. This involves specific software and when we are closer, we will be in touch with each worker / parent to explain the process and ascertain their interest. It will be voluntary but could save a lot of hassle and will ensure each worker gets the correct payment each fortnight.

Post School Services

Welcome to Chris Martin, Chris Myers and Michelle Murray

Chris, Chris and Michelle have joined our Post School Services team and have some new ideas for learning activities that they will introduce. It's great to have them as part of the team.

Lisa has come to use from another provider and will be working with Chris Myers and Sandra Hansen. Welcome Lisa, we hope you enjoy your time with us and learn lots of new skills.

Christmas activities are starting and the group will be organising their Christmas trip to Snakes Downunder early next month.

Our group has been quite successful in gaining some hours of paid work and are continuing learning about the joys of working. Well done guys.



Time for Thought

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.



Disability Employment Network, Business Services and Post School Services

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