

INNOVATION



Tom & Cindy



Heather & Bartje



Ken & Tim



Codi



Codi & Stephen



Jeannie



Tony & Cindy

UPCOMING

Bravo Events

WEEKLY EVENT | 9 AM

Bravo Movers Heart Foundation Walking Group

TEN PIN BOWLING NIGHT

21 JUNE 2024

Bravo's Buzzy Bee Ten Pin Bowling Night

UPCOMING

Community Events & Public Holidays

22 JUNE - 07 JULY 2024

School Holidays

28 JUNE 2024 | 5 – 9 PM

Winter Trees / Wheels on Mary

10 AUGUST 2024 | 10 AM – 2 PM

Little Kids Day Out 'Outer Space'

Part One

General Manager Update



From the desk of Patricia Wilson

Welcome to another edition of Bravo Brief.

Recently I attended the Business Chamber Innovation for Growth workshop at Mountain Creek, Sunshine Coast, pictured with a rainbow to start the day symbolic of the topic and this edition's theme of Innovation. This workshop was held by the Business Chamber Queensland and the University of Queensland Innovation for Growth workshop as part of the 2024 UQ Regional Roadshow.

Innovation was defined as the process of bringing about new ideas, making ideas real, and finding solutions that have a significant positive impact and value. Anyone can be innovative!

*"There is nothing like a dream to create the future."
- Victor Hugo*

This edition will celebrate our innovative spirit and showcase how it continues to shape Bravo's growth and success.

Thank you for your continued dedication to innovation. Together, let's make this newsletter a celebration of our collective creativity and ingenuity.

Bravo Quality Audit 2024

Bravo has successfully completed our NDIS Quality Assurance Audit and have been recommended for recertification.

I want to express my gratitude to Participants who took part in the interviews and Board Members for their attendance, commitment and support throughout this process.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Bravo Team for your exceptional support, attendance, and follow up during the recent HDAA audit. Your dedication and hard work were truly commendable, and I am incredibly proud of the way the team came together to ensure a successful audit process.

Your attention to detail, cooperation, and proactive approach were evident throughout the audit, and it is because of your efforts that we were able to navigate this process smoothly.

The efforts of the Rostering team were also positively acknowledged.

Reforming public transport to make travel accessible for all

The Australian Government is reforming disability standards to help make public transport more accessible. This is the first major reform to the Transport Standards since they were introduced over 20 years ago.

Key points:

- The new standards will improve accessibility, support independent travel and ensure people can access information in accessible formats

- More accessible taxi rank spaces will be made available for use by wheelchair accessible taxis.
- Public transport staff will understand their roles and responsibilities under the Transport Standards.

Visit: <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/transport-standards-reform>

The full Decision Regulation Impact Statements for both stages of reform are also available.

NDIS Minister introduces new legislation

The bill is called National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No. 1) Bill 2024.

The National Disability Insurance Scheme Amendment (Getting the NDIS Back on Track No 1) Bill 2024 was introduced to parliament on 27 March 2024. This new legislation proposes significant policy reform which will impact current and future NDIS participants. It aims to create a mechanism that allows future changes to the NDIS to take place.

How will this impact NDIS participants?

The bill is proposing to enable early intervention pathways for people with psychosocial disability and children under 9 years old. This means the NDIS would work differently for different groups of people.

Many changes will not take effect straight away. A range of changes will need to be made to the NDIS Rules and the legislative instruments that outline the operation of the NDIS, which are made with the states and territories.

- Determining a Participant's budget
- Quality and Safeguarding
- Plan Management types
- Operational changes for the NDIA
- Definitions of NDIS support

Where can I find more information?

- More information about the proposed legislation can be found on the Department of Social Services (DSS)
Visit: <https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers-programs-services/ndis-reforms>
- An Easy Read version of the bill here:
Visit: <https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers-programs-services-ndis-reforms/ndis-reforms-easy-read>
- Watch or listen to the bill here (AUSLAN video)
Using: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s11tcC8SMW0>

Part Two

Community Networker Update

Every Thursday | 9 AM

Join the BRAVO Movers

Heart Foundation Walking Group for a healthier, connected Community!

Step into a healthier and more connected community by joining the Bravo Walking Group every Thursday at 9 am! Take part in a revitalizing walk and build stronger community bonds.

WHEN: Every Thursday at 9 am
WHERE: Starting point at
37 Tozer Park Road, Gympie

For more details or to register, contact Cindy Buchan, Bravo's Community Networker, at 0428 680 465.

You can also sign up at the starting point.

In collaboration with Gympie ARC, Bravo is dedicated to fostering community support.



Tom is a dedicate member of the Bravo Movers Group.

This is more than just a walk – it's a community initiative that goes beyond steps, creating meaningful connections with your neighbours.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to stay active and engaged. Lace up your shoes and join us for a walk that's not just about the stroll - it's a journey towards a stronger, more connected community!

8th to 13th July 2024 | 10 AM - 1PM

Flood recovery pop ups

Qld Government (Queensland Floods) Flexible Funding Grant Round 2

This grant will be expended through a Bravo Mobile Recovery Connect Service (MRCS) of community meetings throughout the Gympie Region.

Some key outcomes:

- Community engagement to enhance effective disaster resilience for people with disabilities.
- Partner with other Community Recovery

specialists and services to foster resilience through community connections to raise awareness of the availability of services.

- Provide information that supports people with disabilities with unmet needs to access services.

The purpose of this project, Mobile Recovery Connect Service (MRCS) is to promote wellbeing and healing and disability needs through accessibility to resources and services.

The dates to attend the flood recovery pop ups will be between 8th to 13th July 2024 between 10am and 1pm. Bravo will keep you posted with specific dates and locations on their Facebook page & flyers will be circulated in the Community.

Photo taken by Kaidyen

Workshops taking place around QLD

Get Ready & Plan Ahead!

The best way to stay safe and well during a severe storm, flood, bushfire or other emergency, is to have your own plan for your health and safety needs.

These FREE workshops are to support people with disability learn how to plan for their support needs in emergencies. These workshops are presented by people with disability, for people with disabilities.

Visit: <https://qdn.org.au/qdn-e-news-update-27-march-2024/>

What will you learn?

- How to use the [Person-Centred Emergency Preparedness tool](#) to identify your strengths and support needs in emergency planning.
- Your local hazards and risks, such as storms, bushfires, power outages etc.
- The role of the local council, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, and State Emergency Services in an emergency or disaster.
- Where to find important information in an emergency or disaster through the Council Dashboard.
- The important items to have in an emergency kit.

Get Involved with Gympie Community Gardens!

Do you love gardening or want to develop your green thumb? Join online to become a member of the Gympie Community Gardens.

Visit: <https://gympiecommunitygarden.org.au/become-a-member/>

If you're interested in planting, growing, tending & enjoying Bravo's newest community project, Bravo Garden Bed, located within the Gympie Community Gardens, contact Cindy at the Bravo office 5482 5336 to find out how you can participate and help the community garden thrive.



Launch of the Gympie Community Gardens Bravo garden bed

Part Three

News & Community Events

10 August 2024 | 10AM - 2PM

Little Kids Day Out

Little Kids Day Out is an exciting event for families with children under eight, (although some big kids enjoy it to) offering activities, performances, and information booths. With support from local schools, early learning centres, and community organisations, the event provides engaging activities that parents and children can enjoy together.

WHEN: 10th August 2024 – 10AM till 2PM

WHERE: The Pavilion (Gympie) & Grounds

Volunteers will model positive adult-child interactions to encourage high-quality parental involvement at home. Come along and discover resources and services that support your child's learning and development.



It's a FUN day out for you and the kids can come to!
Visit: <https://www.littlekidsdayout.org.au>

Bravo is a proud platinum sponsor of the 2024 Little Kids Day Out.

Up-to-date

Health Information

Anyone can call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) for health advice and information, or you can visit the QLD Government health and wellbeing COVID-19 website.

Visit: <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19>

If you have serious symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, immediately call 000 and ask for an ambulance. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.

2024 Gympie Show Day Entrants

Bravo Participants, Staff & Volunteers shone brightly last year with their amazing entries in the 2023 Gympie Show Day. Well, it's that time of the year again, and Bravo is wanting to showcase your hard work and creativity.

If you've entered into any categories in 2024, we'd love to see your entries. Send your photos to photo@bravo.org.au of your masterpieces along with a snapshot of yourself proudly posing with your award if you were lucky enough to snag one!

Congratulations to all the entrants!

A huge shoutout to the Gympie Show Society for their incredible generosity in helping to make this event even more accessible for everyone! Thank you for your support!

Part Four

All About Bravo

Bravo Day 2024

Celebrating 18 years of Community impact

Bravo recently celebrated its 18th birthday, marking nearly two decades of dedicated service for people with disabilities, employer of choice winners 2022 & 2023 at the Gympie Chamber of Commerce Awards and supporting the Gympie Community through its charity.

The Bravo Day celebration held on 13/04/24, was a wonderful success, with around 70 people in attendance, including Participants, Bravo Team Members, Volunteers and Community Members. The celebration was a heartwarming reflection of Bravo's vision of a supportive community where people with disabilities and their families are included and valued.

Bravo extends our deepest gratitude to everyone who has been part of our story. Your unwavering support and commitment have been crucial to our success. Thank-you for celebrating this milestone with us and for being an essential part of our mission.



Gympie Monopoly Board Game

Bravo was excited to announce the launch of the Gympie Monopoly Board Game, on 6 March 2024, sponsored by Bravo! This unique edition features iconic Gympie landmarks, businesses – featuring Bravo, and community spaces, offering a fun and nostalgic twist to the classic game.

Explore Gympie like never before, as the game takes you on a journey through familiar streets and locations. Discover local businesses and landmarks showcased in the game, celebrating the rich history and vibrant culture of our community.

How to Get Your Gympie Monopoly Game: The Gympie Monopoly Board Game is available for purchase from the Bravo Office. Grab your game today and experience the magic of Gympie in a whole new way!

Upcoming Event

Bravo Buzzy Bee Bowling Night

Bee Brave and come along to the bee themed Ten Pin bowling night.

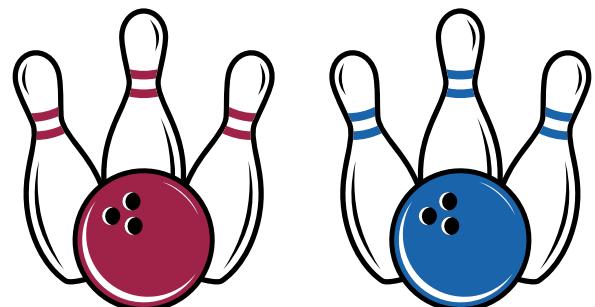
WHEN: 21st June 2024 - 5.30pm to 8.30pm

WHERE: Gympie Ten Pin Bowling,
1A Potter Street, Gympie

COST: \$12 per game

THEME: Come dressed as your favourite bee
(prizes for best dressed)

RSVP: Contact the Bravo office (07) 5482 5336



Bravo's Easter Raffle Winner

We're thrilled to announce the winner of the Bravo Easter raffle drawn on March 27, 2024! **Congratulations to Sonia B!** Thank you to everyone who participated and supported Bravo's raffle. Your contributions will make a meaningful difference in the local community.



Sam, a Bravo Team Member and Michael Condon who graciously agreed to draw the lucky ticket



Codi & Cindy, Bravo Team Members presenting the prize to the lucky winner, Sonia

Bravo's Mother's Day Raffle Winner

Congratulations to the winner of this year's Mother's Day Raffle, Michelle. The much anticipated annual raffle had tickets flying out the door as the prize was a beautiful basket of luxurious gifts ready for MUM to give herself a pamper session.



Cindy & Jordan, Bravo Team Members drawing the lucky ticket for the Mother's Day Raffle



Patricia & Cindy, Bravo Team Members presenting the prize to the lucky winner, Michelle

Facelift for the Bravo Website

If you haven't visited the Bravo Website for a while, it's had a makeover.

Jo, from Bravo's Plan Management Team has been working her magic on the website. The Bravo Website is more user friendly, and you can now apply for a job, ask for supports/assistance or access what's going on at Bravo. Bravo welcomes your feedback so click on the link and check it out

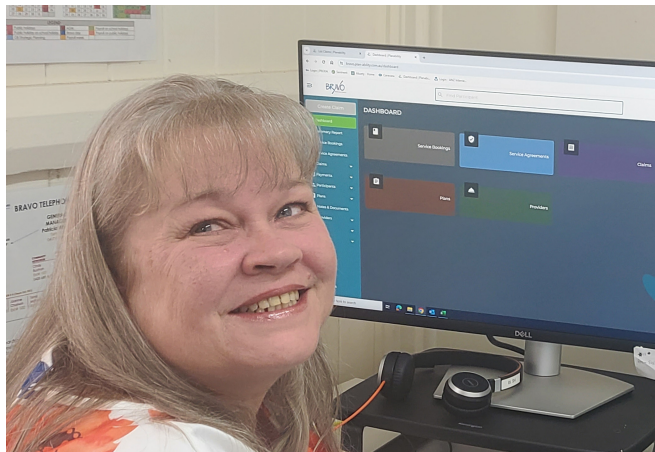
www.bravo.org.au

Part Five

Bravo Services

Getting to know Bravo's Plan Management team

Sam started her career in administration and customer service and has been working in the finance industry for over 28 years. Sam has been with Bravo for over 3 years in a plan management capacity. She enjoys working with Participants to make the most of their plan funding.



Bravo Plan Management Team Member: Sam

What's new to Bravo's Plan Management team?

Introducing... PLANABILITY!

As part of Bravo's commitment to continued improvements, a new software called Planability has been introduced from the beginning of March 2024.

Plan Management has capacity for New Referrals!

Planability provides access for you, the Participant, to view:

- Your NDIS Budget Summary
- Your Claims paid, including a filtering report on provider or invoice status.
- Your NDIS Plan
- Your Service Agreement

To receive your 'Welcome to Planability' email contact a Bravo Plan Management Team Member for access to your Planability login.

Contact details:

- Phone direct: (07) 5482 3899 or
- Email: planmanagement@bravo.org.au

Medication Training

For Bravo Support Workers

Bravo Support Workers have been attending some in house training for Medication Training. One of Bravo's Direct Support Team Members, Chris, and Nurse Chris (the two Chris') were instrumental in providing a training platform that was informative but also provided common sense insights about medication support.

The robust chats that ensued throughout the training provided the opportunity for an exchange

of knowledge and learning between teams which helped drive the conversations into areas that Support Workers were interested in discovering about medication and the support Bravo provides in this capacity.

Thank you to all of the Support Workers who took the time to provide Bravo with their feedback.

This anonymous information will assist Bravo in gauging how we can improve this training and have some insight into the needs of Bravo's Support Workers.

Part Six

From Bravo Governance Board

Board Meetings are held on the third Friday of each month.

President: Dianne Melnyk

Treasurer: Dave Cohen

Member: Jackie Harding

Member: Lesley Nissen

Member: Rebecca Tulle

Member: Barbara Berwick

Member: Emma Buhse

Gail Brown

National Volunteer Week 2024

This celebration will be occurring from 20 - 26 May.

Bravo to all of the Volunteers in Gympie, hope you get yourself a Volunteers Lapel as the Board Members have done and support volunteering in Queensland.

Volunteers play an important role in our Community and as always you are invited to volunteer and give it a go.

Bravo welcomes Volunteers, BRAVO!!

Hello everyone,

Welcome back, we hope everyone is preparing for a cold and cosy winter. The Board is continuing with their work of achieving the goals for the Organisation.

Strategic Planning

The Board and Management Team met for the first time in Gympie to achieve a successful Strategic Planning Event. This Event was held at the Gympie UniSC on the 5 - 7 March, 24 and the Board will make available the 2024 - 2027 Strategic Plan as soon as it is finalised.



Mr Monopoly was introduced to Bravo's Board Members at Strategic Planning Event.

Celebration of Bravo Day

Bravo celebrated its 18th Birthday on Saturday, 13th April at Lake Alford Duckponds. BRAVO!!

Bravo Day is a celebration of Bravo's continued service in the Gympie Region over the last 18 years. Bravo was initially funded on 13th April 2006. BRAVO!!

We are already preparing for the 20-year celebration in 2026 (mark it in your calendar). This will be a big year!

A big thank you to our long standing and dedicated Board Members, Jackie, and Dave for the cutting of the cake, It was a great celebration attended by many people who had a wonderful day! BRAVO!!

Be brave and go there! Bravo will partner with you to provide respectful, responsive, reliable, high-quality, safe disability supports.



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