



Kevin enjoying the lovely breeze at Plantation Park

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MOVIE FUNDRAISER



Leona, Ruth and Belinda enjoying a bite to eat



Everyone digging in to the donated food

On Thursday 20 April 2023, Flexi Queensland collaborated with Stardust Drive in Theatre Ayr to fundraise money to 'revamp the TAC'. Everyone who attended received light refreshments and watched the movie premiere "CHAMPIONS". Champions is about a former minor-league basketball coach who receives a court order to manage a team of players with intellectual disabilities. Despite his doubts, he soon realizes that together they can go further than they ever imagined.

Flexi Queensland had a great turn out of people who attended on the night.

Flexi Queensland had many local business who helped advertise the event and also had many local businesses who donated food for the night including, Arcade Eats, Burdekin Seafood Hut, Phelan's Pies Ayr, Domino's Pizza Ayr, Dal Santos Deli, Cafelicious, Coles and Woolworths.

Flexi Queensland would like to thank everyone involved in the Fundraising event.



Sarsha, Matilda, Emily, Ruth, Belinda, Gaylene and Maria are excited to watch the movie



Everyone settled in watching the movie

CANEFIELD ASHES

Flexi Queensland dusted off their cricket bats and headed out to the Canefield Ashes on Saturday 22 April 2023. Flexi Queensland participated in the annual invitational game against Zookickers. As always the Service Users give their all while having the best fun with all.

Mark Poli took out 'Player of the Match' and the whole team received a mini cricket bat for participating. And of course, Flexi Queensland took out another win!

Flexi Queensland would like to thank Home Hill Cricket Association for always being so inclusive for people with disabilities.



Paul bowling the cricket ball



Gaylene batting



Ashleigh having a bat



Belinda with her mini cricket bat

Flexi Team 2023



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Change is a constant state here at Flexi Queensland so we have some new members to welcome to the team:

Centre Team:

Kristen Broccardo—Senior Administration

Returning from Maternity Leave:

Stephanie Galvin—Support Coordinator

Stephanie has returned to assist Leanne and Teneill with Support Coordination

Welcome to the Flexi Team!

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

June 2023

Tuesday 13 June

Billabong Sanctuary

Wednesday 28 June

Burdekin Show

August 2023

Saturday 12 August

Queen—It's a Kinda Magic

July 2023

Friday 07 July

Townsville V8s

Tuesday 25 July

Ephemera—Seaside Sculptures

September 2023

TBC

Burdekin Water Festival

HOW'RE WE DOING?



★★★★★ **REVIEW!**



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UPDATE FROM THE SDM

What a productive month we have had with the Movie Premiere and the Canefield Ashes invitational game. It is great to see our Service Users and their families' enjoying events and planned activities. A special thanks goes out to the team of staff that assist with organising and ensuring our Service Users are safe and participate to their full potential.

I would like to especially thank the invaluable support from the Board of Directors, Ian Shepherdson, Maryann Petersen, Sue Malaponte, and Rick Spark, who donate their valuable time to Flexi Queensland, and for working closely with Active HR and senior management to make the critical decisions around the organisational changes, organisational governance, and management of operations.

Next, acknowledgment for the dedication and commitment from Leanne Marriot and Teneill Ready to Flexi Queensland and Service Users, which has resulted in them stepping into senior management positions permanently.

Flexi Queensland would not be the successful organisation it has become without the dedicated team of Lifestyle Facilitators. I thank you all for your dedication, commitment, and hard work, in supporting our Service Users to achieve their goals and contributing to their quality of life.

As part our continuous improvement in the delivery of services to our Service Users, we have been

engaging with training providers to come to Ayr and provide a wide range of training topics for relevant staff to attend.

Refurbishment works are in progress at the Therapy & Activity Centre (TAC), and once completed, the TAC will be open to Service Users for recreational purposes during support.

Please help us welcome a new Centre Team staff member, Kristen Broccardo, who is an administrative staff member to our team. Flexi Queensland also welcome back Stephanie Galvin, into a Support Coordinator role. Steph has started a return-to-work plan to gradually join us back to the office in the coming months.

We have also had an update with our Client Management System TRACCS. Members of Centre Team will be in touch as this will bring some minor changes to Service Agreements and claiming - these changes will be streamlined with reduced paper use.

Emma
Morrell



IMPORTANT EVENT INFO

Companion Cards



If you have a disability and a lifelong need for 'attendant care support in order to participate in community activities and attend venues, the Companion Card may help you with the costs of getting out and about with the support of a companion.

Companion Card holders receive a second 'companion' ticket at no charge at participating venues and on participating public transport. The 'companion' ticket is also exempt from booking fees.

A companion is any person who accompanies a cardholder and provides attendant care support. The cardholder's chosen companion may be a paid or unpaid assistant or carer, family member, friend or partner.

The Companion Card is not income or asset tested. To be eligible for the card, you must:

- Be a lawful Australian resident, living in Queensland
- Have a disability
- Because of the impact of the disability, be unable to participate at most community venues or activities without attendant care support
- Need, or be likely to need, lifelong attendant care support.

For more information please visit: www.qld.gov.au/disability/out-and-about/companion-card/

Or pick up a Companion Card Application from the Flexi Queensland Office today.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

We are calling for expressions of interest for upcoming event in June that you may be interested in attending to help us with our activity planning.

Please indicate below if you would be interested in attending and return your slip to Reception at the Ross Street Office as soon as possible.

Event costs to be advised once EOI have been received.

RSVP by 30th May 2023



Service User Name: _____

Date	Event	I would like to attend...
13 June 2023	Billabong Sanctuary	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

OFFICE USE:

Received By: _____ Date Received : _____



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RSVP by 16th June 2023



Service User Name: _____

Date	Event	I would like to attend...
28 June 2023	The Burdekin Show	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

OFFICE USE:

Received By: _____ Date Received : _____