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Changing lives, one person at a time.



Equity Works have been out and about quite a bit lately. [Josh](#) (of JAW Fame) and

Jake manned our stall at Currimundi School's Post School Expo.

Read about our day out [here](#)

We deliver creative options for supporting our community to engage in activities and opportunities of their choice. Our individualised approach puts each of our clients at the centre of the decision making process, in consultation with their families, with the support of our highly trained staffing team. Quite Simply, *Equity Works*.



From Our CEO

The end of the financial year is a busy time in any business and we are certainly no different! With families managing their supports across twelve month periods, the last month or so can be hectic! However we come to the end of another successful year for Equity Works with the knowledge that our work force continues to grow in both numbers and experience meaning we are able to continue with high quality supports we have built our reputation on. We are looking forward to these next six months as our plans for [Creekside](#) begin to take shape, so an exciting time ahead for all. We farewell one of our Senior Staff members, Veronica Wain as she embarks on new endeavours and we wish her well.



Host Support Services and Older Carer Initiative – Adelaide Adventure

Host and OCI worked in collaboration to bring a dream holiday to fruition for one of our families on the Sunshine Coast. By working closely with the family we were able to assist in creating a wonderful holiday opportunity for Melissa in Adelaide. One of the highlights for Melissa was attending her first football game.

More about Melissa's Trip



Brookes Street News - Joel and Hogs Breath Cafe

We are delighted to share that yet another of our clients from Brookes Street is kicking some significant goals. Joel has been attending Brookes Street for a number of years now and has recently been featured in the news with his work at [Hogs Breath Cafe](#), [Mooloolaba](#). Click on to find out more and thanks to [Sunshine Coast Daily](#) you can view the video

Joel's new job....



Respite Plus News

The Respite Plus Forum was held at the end of May and was a tremendous success hosting over 80 professionals and 30 families at the Brisbane International, Virginia. Families were inspired by the commitment and enthusiasm of guest speaker Susan Norwell, whilst our professionals who attended a full day with Susan were blown away by the knowledge and experience she was able to share. You can see some highlights on our Youtube Channel - click [here](#).



[Read About the Beyond Respite Family Forum 2016](#)



NDIS Grassroots Facebook Page

We encourage you to visit this [facebook page](#) where you will read about how the NDIS is shaping up from people who are now experiencing the Scheme in the roll out regions. Many people are sharing their stories from the ground up. With Queensland now moving towards the roll out, this page provides invaluable information. The page is a closed group so you will need to wait to be approved. A new NDIS video has been released [here](#).



My First Plan

As the NDIS rolls out across the country there has been discussion and some concern regarding what ***Our First Plans*** might look like. Head to the Every Australian Counts [Page](#) to find out more.

Older Carers Initiative - Building Community Connections

Quite a few of our families we support have been accessing some great community activities over the past

month or so with the support of Equity Works', Lifestyle Facilitators. One of our younger women, experienced the [Big Pineapple Music Festival](#), featuring many music performers from her favourite radio station. Two other women also attended the [Sea & Sound Music Festival](#) held in Mooloolaba showcasing local seafood & boutique beers with singer [Pete Murray](#) performing. The weather was perfect through the day at a hot 27% -not bad for autumn. Next was a Golf Holiday for three friends, with a three night stay at [Twin Waters Resort](#), Coolum. A 9-hole game of golf was played at Coolum Golf Course (ducking the showers with the large golf umbrella) and fishing at the [Barra Fish Farm](#), Bli Bli, where we heard a huge Barramundi was caught, but not seen, as it broke the rod. Due to a rain deluge, the game scheduled for Twin Waters Golf course was cancelled so it was off to the movies for the afternoon then onto the [Coolum Tavern](#) for dinner and a friendly game of poker. Not sure who won the golf or poker.... Feedback from all participating said they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and look forward to another music festival and holiday opportunity to share time with friends.



[Read More About Our Supports](#)

How we work with you

Equity Works offers flexibility in how we support you. We have various locations across The Sunshine Coast and offer Centre Based and In Home Respite in

Brisbane. We host and are involved in a number of community events each year, including [A Fair Day Out](#), [Rettober](#), [Nambour Together](#) and [Celebrating Women Who Care](#).



Don't forget to use your discount card when you are next at the [Nook and Cranny](#) or [Downtown](#) - every time you eat.....a donation will be made to On Track, supporting our local disability communities. Please contact us on 54412122 or email info@equityworks.org or drop by the office to collect your card to support our local businesses and community.

Equity Works is committed to safe, healthy, supportive and respectful workplaces free from harassment and unlawful discrimination. We ask that all stakeholders practice mutual respect in all interactions with members of the Equity Works family. This includes telephone calls, emails and face to face meetings.

[Read about our approach](#)

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