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RAATSICC

RAATSICC is a non for profit community organization delivering child, youth and family programs in Far North Queensland..

RAATSICC *focus*

Message to our Members:



Hello everyone, this is our 15th edition of our RAATSICC Focus , and the first for 2017. quarter in the continued commitments of sustainable and complementary partnerships.

We sincerely hoped everyone enjoyed their Christmas and stayed safe throughout the festive season. I also wish to commend all the RAATSICC staff who continued to work throughout the Christmas break to deliver quality services to our children, youth and families in the Far North.

This years Operational directions will focus on

- ◆ Intergration and Collaboration
- ◆ Continual Improvements
- ◆ Efficiency and Effectiveness
- ◆ Accessability
- ◆ Reunification and/or Preservation.

Our focus areas will enhance and improve current practices in all areas of RAATSICC so that we not only complement the reforms but keep up to date with current trends.

We continue to pour a lot of our energy into networking and creating positive partnerships across the region. In February I met with Megan Mitchell the National Children's commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission who was visiting cairns to showcase the work we do in the region in regards to supporting our vulnerable families and children. I also visited the communities of Kowanyama and Pormpurraw this

Internally, RAATSICC is going through some expected changes due to the expirations of contracts. This quarter we focused on informing our clients and stakeholders of these impending changes and proceeded with implementing activities from our exit strategies. Whilst we are yet to hear about our submission of the Cairns and surrounds Family Wellbeing service, we continue to plow ahead with business as usual.

RAATSICC continues to work towards HSQF accreditation and are confident so far in our completed phases. Although at times tedious and full on, we embrace it as a great opportunity to improve so that we remain a credible organisation in the social service sector.

If you would like to know more about RAATSICC or become a valued member, please contact our office on 07 40 300900

Emma Schuh
CEO



INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY—8 MARCH



International Women's Day

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STRONGER FAMILIES SUPPORT PROJECT

RAATSICC facilitated the first STRONGER FAMILIES SUPPORT community workshop in Cairns, 14th and 15th March 2017 at our Cairns secretariat office.

Planned in association with Warringu Womens Service, Victim Assist Queensland and community leaders, the workshop focussed on service available for victims of crime, gaps in service delivery and resources needed to fill these gaps.

Community service providers, individuals and RAATSICC staff took part in 2 days of information sharing, developing relationships and a clearer understanding of victims of crime and how we can support them in their recovery.

The workshop allowed participants to discuss challenges they face in their roles as a service worker, but also in their personal lives when people come to them for support.

Topics covered included:

- ◆ Service mapping
- ◆ Victim Assist Queensland
- ◆ Referral pathways into the future
- ◆ Gaps in information and practical resources
- ◆ Fundamental Principles of Justice
- ◆ Self Care

Day 2 focussed on Accidental Counselling for the individual with the purpose of providing practical and useable skills that participants can use in their personal and professional life.

RAATSICC distribute a community survey to participants and also to those who were unable to make the workshop, allowing feedback into the content of the workshop, but also to gather community knowledge and experience of supporting victims of crime. The survey is still available for input at:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/VVLVJWN

Thank you to everyone who participated at the workshop your knowledge, experience and input was appreciated.

Congratulations to John Bull who won the self-care package for completing the survey.



NEXT STRONGER FAMILIES SUPPORT—COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

NAPRANUM COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

**THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2017 @
RAATSICC NAPRANUM OFFICE**

HORN ISLAND COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

9th and 10th August 2017



Self Help Queensland Inc (SHQ) is a not for profit community organisation formed in 1983. Their aim is to support people in taking

responsibility for improving their own health and wellbeing. They do this by carrying out a range of activities that help establish, develop, promote and sustain Self Help and Support Groups in Queensland. They also act as a point of contact for individual community members, organisations and professionals to locate self help groups for themselves, their clients or patients.

Self Help and Support Groups may be large or small, informal or sophisticated, stand alone or part of a network. They vary across a broad range of health conditions and related wellbeing issues eg genetic conditions, mental health, chronic illness, disability, grief and loss, parenting, sexual health, addiction, employment, environment, multicultural, social action, parenting, etc. For more information take a look at: www.selfhelpqld.org.au

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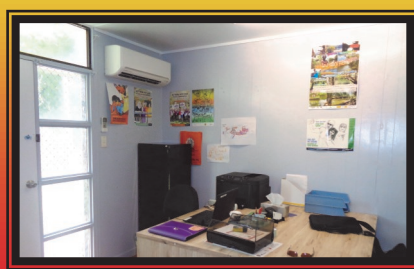


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Phone: 1300 663 411 or email: info@raatsicc.org.au

RAATSICC KOWANYAMA OFFICE

RAATSICC office have redecorated the Kowanyama Office. If you are in the community, please come in and have a yarn with our staff about what services we can offer.



WORKER PROFILE



COLLEEN BURFITT

ADMINISTRATION OFFICER.
AUNTY COLLEEN IS BASED IN THE CAIRNS SECRETARIATE OFFICE.

Hello my name is Colleen Burfitt. I am a descendant of the Bar-Barrum and Tableland Yidinji Tribes from the Atherton tableland.

I have been blessed with two sons and 4 grandchildren to which I am very proud.

I have been with RAATSICC since 2015 in Corporate area as the Administration Officer and enjoy the work that I'm doing.

As part of the RAATSICC team I see the good work that our Family Support and Recognised Entity and Child Counsellors do on a daily basis and who are committed and compassionate about helping families in need.

We are outcome driven and have seen great rewards for families. We want the best for our families and children and will do everything to achieve.

Our motto is "Our Children, Our Youth, Our Families and Our Communities are safe, resilient and empowered"

To be a part of that can only mean empowerment and happiness.



NICOLA (Amovita Consulting) with Emma RAATSICC CEO at Stronger Families Support Community Workshop, March 2017.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Territa Dick—Family Support Worker, Kowanyama
 Norah Bagiri—CWDV, Lockhart River
 Jay Gebadi—Recognised Entity Team Leader
 Pauline Loncaric—Family Support Worker, Cairns



Welcome to new staff
John Bull
 CWDV, Kowanyama

Fiona Kelinda
 Aurukun Womens Shelter

Roy Chevathen
 Recognised Entity Adviser
 (Weipa Cluster)

Larissa Walker (Community Awareness & Resource Support Manager) held a RAATSICC information stall at Mossman High School, HARMONY DAY celebrations. Students were able to take quick pics together to show diversity and friendships—celebrating cultural diversity and cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April

31 March—9 April: National Youth Week
 24-30: Foster and Kinship Carer Week

May

1-31: Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month
 14: Mothers Day
 15: International Day of Families
 15-21: National Families Week
 26: National Sorry Day
 20-27: Under Eights Week
 26: National Sorry Day
 27 May—3 June: National Reconciliation Week

June

3: MABO Day



We appreciated the visit from the National Children's Commissioner, Megan Mitchell who visited the RAATSICC Secretariat office and met with Emma Schuh (CEO) on the 2nd March 2017. It was a pleasure to share and shed some light on the important work we do for our families here at RAATSICC.



January

4th Michael
 13th Allira
 15th Norah
 16th Daphney
 24th Yvette

February

6th Julie
 14th Ani
 17th Cynthia
 18th Moses

March

3rd Nancy
 19th Joe
 23rd Emma



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