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The Moon Newsletter

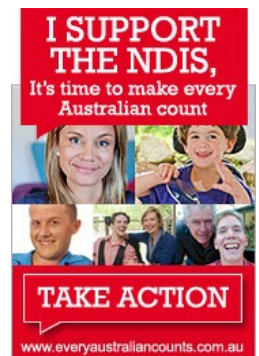


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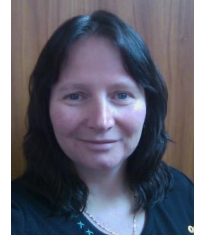
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A message from Jodie Baker Support Services Manager & Deputy CEO



Hello Moonya Community,

For those of you I haven't met as yet my name is Jodie Baker and I am the new Support Services Manager & Deputy CEO of Moonya Community Services.

My primary role is to assist with improving our service delivery through a range of short term and long term strategies designed to assist with increasing opportunities for you (as service users) to meet your goals, needs and assistance requirements.

Over the coming months I will be inviting you meet with me to influence how we can improve our services because your feedback, opinions and views are critical to our planning and service improvements.

Barney (the CEO of Moonya), Shirley and I will work closely with you over the coming months (and years) to ensure Moonya is a responsive, sustainable, inclusive and dynamic organisation that can appropriate and successfully respond to our ever changing environment.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and the people that are important to you over the coming months and hopefully I'll have the opportunity to meet a lot of you at the Moonya Christmas Party on Friday 16th December. I've heard it's a great event and I'm looking forward to it!

If you would like to contact me for any reason please feel free to email me at j.baker@moonya.org.au or call 56724355.



"So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable."

— [Christopher Reeve](#)

A Message from Shirley Dell Support Services Assistant Manager



Hi All,

Welcome to our new look newsletter!

It is unfortunate that we will not be running the Kongwak Dance for the rest of the year. We know that there are a lot people that really look forward to this Dance. Events such as this dance relies heavily on volunteers to keep things running smoothly and many had said they would like to have a break. We have had some wonderful people that have donated their own time over the last few years and we really appreciate everything they have done.

We are extending an invitation to our regular dance attendees to come to Moonya Support Services Christmas breakup at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club on Friday 16th December, 2011 at 6.00pm. Tickets are \$28.00 this includes a 2 course meal and entertainment. Tickets have to be purchased prior to Friday 9th December. There will be no admittance without a ticket. Everyone has to organise their own transport for the night. To purchase your ticket contact Judi or Shirley at Moonya Support Services, Building "C" 64-80 Murray St., Wonthaggi. Want to know anymore details? Phone: 56724355.

Did you know that you have the option of using your ISP funding in a way that suits you?

Talk to us about what you'd like to do that's different from what you're doing now!

Happy Birthday To You!

September	October	November	December
Billy	Rebecca	Angela	Michael R
Emma		Ian	Luke
Kylie		Robert	
Jenny		Michelle	
Dalveen			

Save the Date—Events

- 27/11 until 3/12**—NDIS Spread the Word Week
- 16/12**-End of Year Party—The Wonthaggi Workmans Club
- 23/12**—Last Program Day for 2011
- 24/12 until 18/1/2012**—Holiday Closure
- 16/1/2012**—First Day Back for 2012

What's New—Moonya's Website!

Check out our improved website—see the new 'listen to text' function which allows you to hear the content as well as read it. You can also increase or decrease the text size depending on your needs. There's also a donations link so you can support us any time of day or wherever you please....

www.moonya.org.au

NDIS Update and Information

Ten Reasons Why We Need the NDIS

1. The support system for people with a disability, their families and carers is in crisis. If you, or someone you love, is born with a disability or acquires one later in life, you all run the risk of falling through a huge hole in Australia's safety net.
2. People with a disability and their families and carers want to participate in the social, economic, and cultural life of the nation. But there are many barriers to their full inclusion.
3. Lack of support and services means families are primarily responsible for meeting the needs of their family member with a disability. Many families are struggling with high rates of physical, emotional and financial stress.
4. The current situation is inequitable – people receive different levels of support depending on how, when and where their disability was acquired.
5. An economic crisis is looming. The number of people with a disability is increasing and the number of people willing and able to provide unpaid care is falling. This means the cost to government is expected to escalate dramatically in the future.
6. A National Disability Insurance Scheme would provide people with a disability and their families and carers with the regular care, support, therapy and equipment they need. As a Medicare-type scheme, it would provide a secure and consistent pool of funds for these services and support.
7. It would be fair, efficient and effective. It would focus on early intervention and delivering those supports which produce the best long term outcomes. It would maximise opportunities for independence, participation and productivity.
8. It would be individualised and person-centred. Support would be based on the choices of person with a disability and their family.
9. The scheme would reframe support as investment rather than charity. Timely interventions, appropriate aids and equipment, training and development would become investment in individual capacity rather than welfare. The scheme would therefore lead to more positive results for people with a disability, their families and carers as well as being fiscally responsible.
10. All Australians would benefit from this scheme because disability can affect anyone, anytime. Everyone will benefit from building a more inclusive, more diverse community.



NDIS | revolutionising disability services