



Laidley Community Centre Newsletter

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A BIG ISSUE...

Well this really is set to be a bumper edition! So many fantastic things have happened since our last newsletter...

One of the major highlights is that we celebrated our 30th anniversary! Over the years, so many committed members of the Laidley Community have played a role in ensuring the success of our organisation – it was wonderful so many of them were able to join us on the 28th of September when we celebrated with a family fun day. Highlights of the day included live music, a magic show, wildlife display, jumping castle, flower planting, history display, cake-cutting, BBQ lunch, balloon-modelling and more. We've included some more photos further on in the newsletter.

We thank all of the LCC team (which largely consists of volunteers) for their time and energy spent bringing together such a fabulous event. Thank you also to everyone who attended to support us, and particularly to the Lockyer Valley Regional Council for a grant contributing to the event. The event also saw the drawing of Laidley's Most Mysterious, Most Gigantic, Mystery Prize Ever which included over \$850 worth of donated prizes – thanks to all of our prize sponsors including:

Laidley Lions, Branell Homestead, Kelli's Diner, Bec's Beauty Bliss, Landmark Produce, Laidley Community Centre, Scott Buchholz MP, Laidley Uniting Church, Laidley Golf Club, Cafe Sorella, Laidley Jewellers, Laidley Pharmacy, Mitre 10, Das Neumann Haus, Faye's, Three-sons Cafe, and several generous individuals.

We apologise if we have missed anyone. It's fantastic how local businesses and organisations got behind us and supported their community in this way. All funds raised go straight back into delivering services to locals in need.

Immediately following the celebrations was our Annual General Meeting. The group recognised the dedication

of outgoing President Jim Nicholls through the presentation of life membership. Jim has expressed his ongoing commitment to the group and will continue to offer support as a much-valued board member. The meeting was well-attended and a new board was selected as per below. A big thank you to Councillor Kathy McLean who chaired the elections for the organisation.

The newly elected Board of Management is as follows:

President – Adrian Shepley

Secretary & Co-Vice President – Margaret Fisher

Treasurer & Co-Vice President – Ian Daniels

Members – Jim Nicholls, Aynur Karraman, Michelle McTaggart, Pam Wardle, Ian Rickuss, Linda Miles, Claire Skelton

We look forward to another positive year as an organisation supporting members of the Laidley Community and we once again extend the invitation to any interested persons to join our general membership for only \$1.



GROUNDS FOR CELEBRATION

Our other major news story has been the announcement that we have purchased Three-sons Café in Patrick Street, with a vision to developing it into a social enterprise café in the future. This initiative is not being undertaken as a fundraising opportunity, but rather, to deliver social capital back into Laidley in the form of training and employment opportunities for young people, and to increase exposure of our services to the community. The hope is that we can continue to empower and support those most in need, as early as possible, to achieve better long-term outcomes for individuals and their families.

The development of the café will occur in stages – for now we're keeping things simple. We want to get our processes well-developed and in place so we can bring on trainees. As this gets underway, we have been lucky enough to welcome Dan Adams to the team as our café supervisor. Dan has been working hard in the café day-to-day as things get established. I am sure you will agree he makes a fantastic cup of coffee!!

Already the public support of the initiative has been amazing and we look forward to working with local businesses and community groups to bring some of the ideas for the space to life. In the coming months, we will be looking to select a new name for the café that reflects what we are hoping to achieve – please let us know your ideas – if your suggestion is chosen you will win a week's worth of free coffee and cake! We hope to have a name chosen by Christmas so get your ideas in soon!



GETTING CONNECTED

There was a lot of focus during the second half of the year on 'tech' and the importance it can play on getting people connected. It's important that everyone has the opportunity to be included now that the digital age is well and truly upon us. We now have upgraded wi-fi and computers for public access at each of our three venues (the Community Centre, the Youth Centre, and Three-sons Café). These can be used by anyone for free for the purpose of job-search, house-hunting, resume-writing or checking emails.

Amanda has continued her dedicated voluntary work conducted individual sessions with people through our Be Connected Program. She tailors each session to the participant so if there is something specific you would like help with, be it a phone, tablet or computer, please give us a call and we can book you in. The sessions are popular so we are always on the lookout for other mentors. This role would particularly suit a school-leaver looking at getting some work experience to build up their resume and confidence while giving back to the community.



Even our annual Seniors week event had a tech flavour this year as we explored the theme 'Old School is Cool' by having our youth team learning about how life has been changed by tech, and then teaching the seniors a thing or two about how useful (and fun) today's tech can be. Thanks to grant support from COTA and to Gary & Denise of Eagle Rock Café for hosting us again this year.



END-OF-YEAR NEWS

As the end of year fast approaches we are already planning for how we will celebrate! We would like to invite all our community members, visiting services, and local organisations to a morning tea to be held at the Centre at 11am on Thursday the 20th of December, 2018. In following with tradition, we will have a baby animal farm for the kids, as well as our regular lucky door hamper prizes to be won.

This year our morning tea will coincide with a Family Wellbeing Day designed to give parents and their children some ideas and strategies to deal with holiday stress and boredom. As well as plenty to do to help relax and unwind, there will be free stationery packs given to the first 50 children to register on the day to help with some of the financial stress that back to school can bring.

If anyone would like to donate any non-perishables for the hampers, or stationery goods for the Back to School packs, they can do so by dropping off items at the community centre in the lead up to the day. All support is appreciated.

The Centre and all of its services will be closed for the year from 24th December – 1st January (inclusive). Centrelink and Three-sons Café will then reopen however the remaining Centre services will not resume until 14th January. We wish you and your loved ones all the best over this period and hope it is a happy time. Should you be in need of support during this time, please seek help as per below.



Please be advised that due to the holiday period,

Laidley Community Centre will be **closed** from

Monday **24th December 2018**

Centrelink services only will resume on

Tuesday **2nd January 2019**

All other community Centre services will
resume on Monday **14th January 2019**

In a crisis situation, please use the following numbers:

Police, Ambulance, Fire 000

Lifeline 131 114

DV Connect 1800 811 811

Homeless Hotline 1800 474 753

Kid Helpline 1800 551 800

Beyond Blue 1300 224 636

The 'ask izzy' website may also be of use for those seeking services.

Access our free wi-fi to visit www.askizzy.org.au

Centrelink enquiries can be made to the following numbers:

Job Seekers 132 850

Families and Parents 136 150

Older Australians 132 300

Child Support 131 272

Medicare 132 011

Students and Trainees 132 490

Centrelink Indigenous Call Centre (Free call) 1800 136 680

People with a Disability, carers and sickness 132 717

Thanks for your understanding during this time, The Manager.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We once again thank our wonderful volunteers – we have had some excellent outcomes over the past few months and these wouldn't have been achieved without their support. We currently have some volunteer opportunities in the following areas:

- Reception
- Basic computer skills mentor
- Graphic design (flyers/brochures)
- Café support (cleaning, purchasing, washing dishes, promoting Centre services).

We look forward to welcoming you to our fantastic team!



WHAT'S COMING UP...

There are still lots of upcoming activities/events over the next few months that we will be involved with in some way. These include:

- 15/10 to 3/12 – Retro Games each Monday afterschool
- 8/11 to 8/12 – Youth re-engagement program (Thursdays and Fridays)
- 30/11 – Laidley Christmas Street Festival (visit us at Three-Sons Café for some sweet treats)
- Fridays mornings - Crafts and Laughs
- 20/12 – Family Wellbeing Day and End-Of-Year Morning Tea

A reminder for those who haven't already signed up to our email newsletter that this is one of the best ways to stay up-to-date with what is happening at the Centre, as well as following us on Facebook for those who are tech savvy.

30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS







RETRO GAMES COMP!

FREE ENTRY

PRIZES

Laidley Community Centre
is hosting afterschool **OLD SCHOOL GAMES**
SKILLS & COMPETITION sessions for
YOUTH

POOL
COMPETITION



ARCADE
COMPETITION

AIR HOCKEY
COMPETITION

Where: Laidley Youth Centre
Address: cnr Ambrose & William st, Laidley
Dates: Every Monday from 15th October until 3rd December
(except 22nd October - student- free)
Time: 3:15 - 4:45PM

Open to youth aged 10-16 years

Younger children welcome but parent must remain onsite (computers and kitchen available next door)
Alcohol & Drug free event

FREE snacks

Supported by



Parental consent forms must be completed at first visit.
Contact 5465 1889 or email
info@laidleycc.org.au

CRAFTS AND LAUGHS

BYO craft or choose a small project from our supplies – includes coffee/tea/bickies.

STARTS 14th September

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weekly

Laidley Community Centre
FRIDAYS 9:30AM - 12PM

Call 5465 1889 to register your interest or email admin@ourcommunitycentre.org.au



FREE!

you are invited to

FAMILY WELLBEING DAY

Full of fun activities for kids and their parents to beat the holiday stress and boredom!

9:30am- 12:30pm

20th December

**Laidley Community Centre
13 Mary St, Laidley**



Pot plants, make stress balls, do art & crafts, pat baby animals, learn some relaxation techniques, cook a sweet treat and more. Suitable for all ages. Free back-to-school stationery pack for first 50 children to register on day.

At 11am, enjoy free morning tea as part of the Community Centre's end-of-year celebrations. All attendees go in the draw to win one of three Christmas hampers. Visiting services and their clients are also welcome to attend.

For more info: 54651889 | Event updates: facebook.com/Laidleycc



LAIDLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.

OUR PROGRAMS & SERVICES

(Please contact us for more info on any program – call 5465 1889 or email info@laidleycc.org.au)

BE CONNECTED (COMPUTER TRAINING)

Individualised training for Seniors on computer use – by appointment.

TAX HELP

Available every year from July – October for eligible participants – by appointment.

FORM FILLING

Help available for community members to fill out paper and digital forms – by appointment.

CENTRELINK

Access to Centrelink phones, computers and free wi-fi. Staff on hand to help visitors use computers.

EMERGENCY RELIEF

Individuals and families facing unexpected crisis can attend for support. Support may vary but can include food or fuel vouchers.

COMMUNITY CONNECT

Support, referral and advocacy for community to connect with services as required in times of need.

RETRO GAMES

Arcade, pool table & air hockey skills sessions & comp - Afterschool 3:30 – 5p Mondays Term 4.

SCHOOL HOLS ACTIVITIES

Free activities for youth during holidays (dates vary, places limited).

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Support for young people (under 21 years) accessing employment including uniforms, haircuts, tools & resume support.

VENUE HIRE

Community spaces for hire.

CRAFTS AND LAUGHS

Every Friday – 9:30 – 12pm.

FREE COMPUTERS & WI-FI

Computers for public use incl. free Wi-Fi.

THREE-SONS TRAINING CAFÉ

Hospitality training and employment support for young people in operational country café.

VISITING & SUPPORTED SERVICES

The following is a list of visiting services/groups currently attending at or supported by Laidley Community Centre (subject to change without notice).

We believe that the more services that attend in Laidley, the less our community members have to travel and the more likely they are to get the support they need.

Please contact us for further details about how to access any of these groups/programs.

- OPEN MINDS – mental health support.
- PCYC - BRAKING THE CYCLE (driver's licensing help).
- WOMEN'S GROUP (Mondays at Cultural Centre)
- LITTLE LEGS PLAYGROUP – meet 9am Wednesdays during school term at the Centre
- ANGLICARE – youth programs
- ENGAGE PSYCHOLOGY
- EACH – NDIS support for under 6 years
- CARER'S QLD – NDIS local area coordinator advice
- SALVATION ARMY -Moneycare financial counselling
- WESLEY MISSION - STARH Housing support
- HEARING AUSTRALIA
- EACH - Alcohol & other drug counselling.
- ANGLICARE - Alcohol & drug counselling for youth.
- PROBATION AND PAROLE
- OCTEC employment
- APM employment
- BETTER HEALTH
- SPIRIT OF THE VALLEY EVENTS
- SARINA RUSSO

If you would like your organisation to become part of a growing hub of place-based services in Laidley please contact us for more information.

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Email: info@laidleycc.org.au Web: www.laidleycc.org.au