



# Laidley Community Centre Newsletter

Issue 1, 2018

Welcome to what we intend will become a regular newsletter to update you as to what has been happening at the Centre and some of the things that are coming up over the next few months. The Centre is currently in the middle of quite a busy period of change as we welcome a new manager, undergo renovations and work through the process of a name change (among other things). We are all looking forward to getting through this period relatively unscathed so we can breathe a sigh of relief and turn our attention to something equally important - celebrating the organisation's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday!!

To ensure you receive this newsletter regularly you can follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/LaidleyCC](http://www.facebook.com/LaidleyCC)), or let us know your email address and we will put you on our distribution list. There will also be hard copies available at the Centre or we are happy to drop them off to anyone who isn't online yet (or even better, sign up to our Be Connected program and we will teach you how to 'surf the web' – see flyer on page 5). Help us spread the word by showing this to your friends and family so they can link up too – after all, it's all about community!

*~The LCC team.*

## FROM THE MANAGER...

Hi everyone! I just wanted to introduce myself as the new manager at the Community Centre. I'm very excited to be taking up the role and supporting the fantastic services that the Centre provides to Laidley and surrounds. Already I have been impressed with the great team of staff and volunteers we have here at the Centre and want to thank them for making me feel so welcome. Once I get to know the ropes I really look forward to making the time to meet everyone in the community and hear their thoughts and ideas for the Centre.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the work of the previous Manager, Sandra Harvey. I know the team was sad to say goodbye to Sandra at the end of last year and I join them in wishing her the best for the future.

*~ Alana*



## COMMUNITY CONNECT- PROGRAM UPDATE

The team also welcomes another new member, Tracye Backholer. Tracye's role as Community Connect Worker is funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services as part of a state-wide trial. Tracye is available to help community members who may be having trouble finding or accessing the support services they need.

So, if you are facing a challenge and aren't sure how to go about getting help please give us a call and Tracye will see what she can do to point you in the right direction or get you back on your feet.

Tracye will be supported in her role by Lynda and Sam and you will see them out and about in the coming months - be sure to say 'hi'!



## RENOVATIONS

You may have noticed the back of the Centre has been transformed into a bit of a worksite for the past several weeks. This is due to the Centre needing some improvements to meet current standards, particularly in terms of disability access. Once the work on the concrete apron has finished it will begin on the main building. This building will be closed and we will move into the external buildings to operate our services. There will be some level of service disruption however we hope to minimise the inconvenience to everyone and we will use Facebook and other methods to try and keep everyone updated.

We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this time - we'll certainly be glad when everything's back to normal!

## GRAPHIC DESIGN HELP

We are looking for someone with basic graphic design experience willing to volunteer their time to help us with a few new flyers (work from home or use a PC at the Centre) - this might be a student looking to build up their portfolio or just someone willing to spare the time. We are happy to acknowledge the work or provide testimonial as appropriate. Please share this with anyone who might have the skills we are after - Thank you!

## COMMUNITY BOOKS FOR KIDS



We would love to be able to have books available for parents to read with their kids while they are waiting, and even to take home and keep so they have books in their home. We hope that this will encourage a love of learning and a good start to education for local kids. There will be no charge for these books. If you would like to donate any children's books for this purpose please feel free to drop them in anytime.

## BRAKING THE CYCLE

PCYC are now operating Braking the Cycle at Laidley Community Centre. This is a wonderful program designed to help those people who have difficulty completing log book hours to obtain their motor vehicle driver's license. All bookings must be made through PCYC on 32812547. They are currently seeking volunteer mentor drivers to help with the program (vehicle and training provided) so if this interests you please give them a call!

## GARDEN HELP WANTED

After all of this wonderful rain we are seeking a volunteer to help us with our garden. This would include occasional pruning, mowing, weeding and planting. All tools and training will be provided. If you can spare an hour or so a fortnight to help us out please let us know on 54651889 or email [admin@ourcommunitycentre.org.au](mailto:admin@ourcommunitycentre.org.au). Thanks!



## DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Do you know any young job seekers who could use a leg up? We can help 17 – 21 year olds from Laidley and surrounds with interview and resume tips and can also support eligible clients with haircuts, transport, interview outfit etc. This has been made possible thanks to a generous grant from the Commonwealth Bank to allow LCC to support young people in the area get that job.

# DRESS FOR SUCCESS!



Are you under 21? Living in Laidley and surrounds? Looking to 'get that job'?

**If you answered 'yes' to all of these then Laidley Community Centre may be able to help.**

Thanks to the Commonwealth Bank Staff Community Fund we can help young people to prepare for interview, including resume help and interview tips. We can even help with haircuts, tools, clothing & transport if required. Contact us to see if can help you!



For more information or to register contact Laidley Community Centre  
Phone: 5464 1889; email: [admin@laidleycc.org.au](mailto:admin@laidleycc.org.au)  
or drop in to see us @ 13 Mary St, Laidley  
Don't forget to like us on facebook!



## 30<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY

We are already looking ahead to our birthday celebrations which we are organising for mid-year in our newly renovated space. Over the past 30 years many people have been involved in supporting this community and we hope to have a history display on the day that will include memories from those people. If you have anything you would like to contribute, or if you would like to be part of putting the display together, please contact us.



## BE CONNECTED EVERY AUSTRALIAN ONLINE

We're now offering a free program aimed at getting seniors online!

There's something for everyone, no matter what your skill level is.

Simply enquire at reception to make an appointment! Our tutor is available on Monday mornings from 9 – 12. You're welcome to come in and use our public computers every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday if you want to learn more on your own.

Sign up for free with our tutor to start a lesson plan personalized for you!



Australian Government

**Be Connected**

Every Australian online.

## Topics

— The Absolute Basics

— Getting Started Online

— Safety First

— Connecting With Others

— ... And More!

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MON 9.00 – 12.00



LAIDLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE



# Energy Advice, Support and Information

- Worried about rising electricity costs?
- Confused about how to get the best deal?
- Questions about Electricity Concessions?
- Not sure how to read your bill? What do all those numbers mean?

Laidley Community Centre is currently taking names of people that are interested in coming along to an EASI workshop in the near future. Date to be advised.

Please call the centre on 54 651889 and leave your name and number or email [admin@ourcommunitycentre.org.au](mailto:admin@ourcommunitycentre.org.au)





Please be advised that due to technicians attending to upgrade the Centrelink systems and equipment, and to ensure the safety of members of the public,

## Laidley Community Centre will be closed on Tuesday **6th March 2018**

### Centrelink enquiries can be made to the following:

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	

### In a crisis situation please contact the following:

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

**Laidley Community Centre will reopen at 9am on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018. Thanks for your understanding, The Manager.**