



Community Grounds

Coffee for a cause

THE COMMUNITY GROUNDS STORY ...

In late 2018, Laidley Community Centre Inc. made the bold decision to purchase "Three-sons Café" with a vision to transition it into a social enterprise cafe over time. The community-led Board of Management saw an opportunity to use the café to deliver social value back into Laidley and provide training to young locals at the same time. In January 2019, the first cohort of trainees commenced and by mid-March planning was underway for our grand re-opening under the new name "Community Grounds" - a name chosen to encapsulate the perfect blend of its community-minded goals and amazing coffee!

A social enterprise is a venture that generates a benefit to the community. The ways in which Community Grounds achieves this are by:

- ★ providing training opportunities for young people to increase their long-term employment outcomes
- ★ providing an additional pathway for the community to access the Laidley Community Centre services
- ★ further engaging with the community and building on opportunities that support positive outcomes for Laidley locals
- ★ using any profits generated by the venture to fund other social support services.

With the relaunch of the café, comes renewed focus on creating a community space where all can feel comfortable accessing services of the Laidley Community Centre and experience a sense of belonging.

In addition to great coffee and food, Community Grounds offers:

- ★ Free WIFI
- ★ Free laptop use
- ★ Community library
- ★ Local support services information
- ★ Community art gallery
- ★ Meeting space
- ★ Resumé help
- ★ After-hours function hire

We'd love Community Grounds to continue growing as an important part of the Laidley community and there are a number of ways for locals to get involved – whether it be by way of sponsorship, volunteering, becoming a member or just buying coffee! If you have any questions or ideas about Community Grounds or Laidley Community Centre Inc. please call us on 54651889 or email us at info@laidleycc.org.au.