## Laidley Community Centre-Current Services

**NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE SERVICE:** Social space for inclusive community access including information and referral, social connectivity events and activities, printing and computer access. Playground, kitchen, community garden, shower/laundry access when open.

**COMMUNITY CONNECT:** For those experiencing challenges including housing, financial stress, mental health, domestic violence. Staff provide information, advice and referral to specialist services where appropriate.

**EMERGENCY RELIEF:** For those unable to pay bills due to an unexpected or compassionate circumstance. Staff may be able to assist with food, fuel, medicine, water, blankets or other support, subject to eligibility.

**FOOD RELIEF:** Limited rescued and other donated food available most days for those in need. Availability varies. New volunteer drivers always welcome.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:** Baby & new parent playgroup, Under 5's playgroup, transition to school & school holiday activities. Engage with the group via Facebook for most up-to-date event and activity information.

**PARENT SUPPORT:** Information, referral and workshops for local parents with children under 5 through our Early Connections Project, including free access to our parent resource cupboard, subject to availability.

**FINANCIAL RESILIENCE & SUPPORT:** Individualised support for those struggling with household expenses and challenges with budgeting, contact reception for appointment.

**CENTRELINK ACCESS:** providing self-service facilities to access welfare, with help available when needed, including through our volunteer-run form-filling and computer help services.

**BE CONNECTED:** Individualised help to learn computer and technology basics.

**TAX HELP:** Support with completion and lodgement of tax returns for those eligible.

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS & RECOVERY:** Assistance to access emergency payments and grants for residents impacted by bushfire/drought/flood where eligible and support during recovery. Training of community support volunteers between disasters as a preparedness strategy.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Advocacy on issues impacting the community, fostering local partnerships and supporting community groups, activities and events.

**VENUE HIRE:** Various spaces available to community groups and services providing outreach.

**COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PROJECT:** Training and activities for local volunteers to support effective place-based community response to social and logistical needs of residents during tough times such as natural disaster or community incidents.

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