

# GHUNDU'S NEWSLETTER

## June Edition 2024



Ghundu's newsletter will keep you up to date with all the best local events for your children and family to enjoy within our Fraser Coast Region.



### What is LEYPS?

LEYPS is a community lead gathering that prides itself in linking early years provider and services to improve the wellbeing of children and families in the Fraser Coast.

### Why is LEYPS important?

LEYPS is an important program as it unifies service providers within the Fraser Coast.

### When is LEYPS on?

Meetings are held once a term.

### Where is LEYPS held?

Meetings are held at the Hervey Bay Neighborhood Centre.

**If you are an early years (0-5) provider and service and would like more information on how you can become apart of the LEYPS deadly work please contact Lachlan Johnston on 0466 126 329**

## CONNECTED BEGINNINGS

### WHAT WE DO

At Ghundu's Djinang-Djaa our aim is to support Indigenous children and their families, connecting them to support services, to best prepare them for school.

We offer services such as;

- Transportation to and from education and/or health appointments.
- Referrals to service specific for your family.
- Connection to Country and cultural experiences on K'gari and mainland.
- A centralized, family friendly drop-in service.
- Enrolment and paperwork assistance for Daycare, Kindy and Prep.
- Advocacy and meditation during tough times.
- Navigating culturally diverse services.

### WHERE?

Our office is located in the lovely town of Maryborough Queensland and our operational scope extends all over the Fraser Coast Region. The country on which we meet, and work is Butchulla Country.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work, the Butchulla people. We pay our respects to their elders past, present, and emerging. We recognize their continuing connection to the land, waters, and culture, and extend our gratitude for the opportunity to meet on this sacred land. May we strive to honor and uphold the values of stewardship and respect for country in all that we do. We also extend our respect to any Indigenous families who receive this newsletter.





# MOONABOOLA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ATSI CORPORATION

Moonaboola Community Development Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Corporation (MCDATSIC) exists to advocate for the social and welfare needs and growth of the First Nations community.



For all things MCDATSIC make sure you jump onto our Facebook page to keep up to date with all our community events.  
<https://www.facebook.com/MCDATSIC>

## ON THE MOVE!

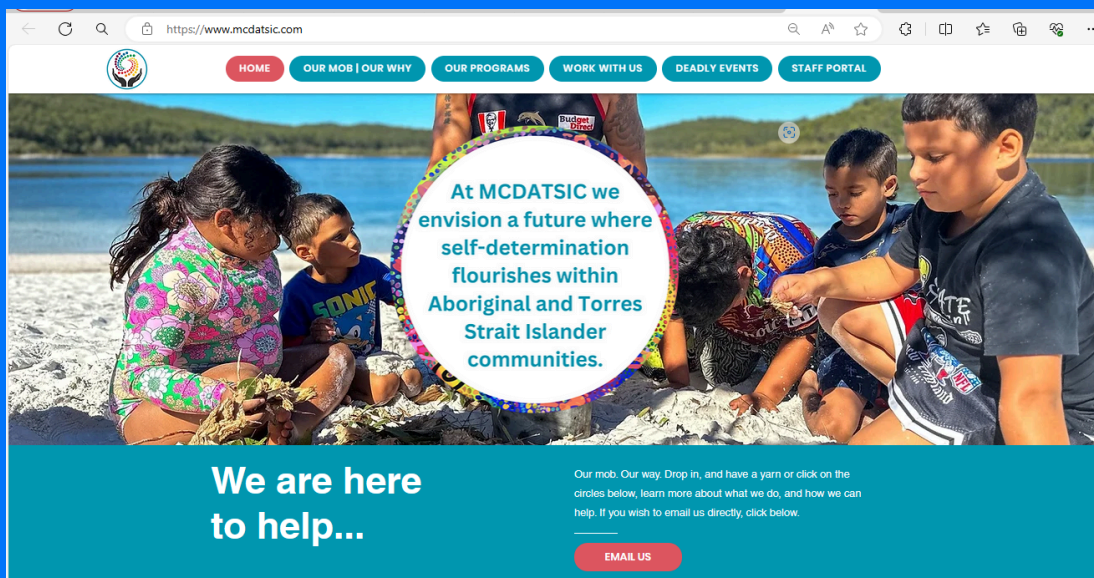
We are on the move!  
MCDATSIC is moving to a new office on Kent Street and we can't wait for you to pop in and see the new building!

Keep up to date with our move over on our social media pages and website.



Our deadly website is now LIVE! if you require any assistance in any way please jump over to our new website and get into contact with us through there. We can't wait for you to see it. This website will keep you up to date with all things MCDATSIC related and a place where you can access the best newsletter in Maryborough (this one) digitally.

Visit our website at: [www.mcdatsic.com](http://www.mcdatsic.com)







# HIPPY MARYBOROUGH

The Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (HIPPY) is a free two-year, home-based early learning and parenting program that empowers parents and carers to be their child's first teacher. HIPPY aims to build and strengthen families' connections to, and engagement with, their local community and to expand their networks and knowledge around local resources. HIPPY recognizes the importance of community, belonging and pride as a key influencing factor in improving wellbeing. If you or someone you know might benefit from this program, please email us and we will support you in beginning this program or check out our Facebook page "HIPPY Program Maryborough"



## AUNTY KYM HARRISON

Meet our deadly HIPPY Coordinator for Maryborough.

Aunty Kym has come onboard with our HIPPY team and has done amazing things networking within our community to get the best information on organisations and businesses that will benefit our HIPPY families.

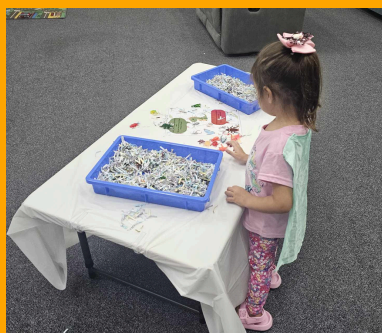
Aunty Kym has a history of Early Years Education and has a passion to see families and children thriving.



## RHEANNAN NEHOW

Meet our HIPPY Tutor Rheannan, Rheannan has been working within the HIPPY team since the beginning here in Maryborough.

Rheannan has a background in disability support and teacher aiding. Rheannan has a passion for families getting the best support they can and getting families confident and involved in their child's education journey from the very beginning.





# COMMUNITY

## RUN BY YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

### First 5 Forever, Babies and Toddlers Pop-Ups

Join a fun-loving group of parents and toddlers for a time of story, rhymes, music and movement at 10:30am at any of these locations;

Maryborough Markets - 1st Thursday of the month

Peir Park Urangan - 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month

Hervey Bay Bunnings - 3rd Thursday of the month

### Rattle and Rhyme 9:30am

Maryborough - Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Hervey Bay - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

### Story Time 10:30 am

Maryborough - Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Hervey Bay - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

### Play Time 11:30am

Maryborough - Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Hervey Bay - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

The Hervey Bay Library building has undergone a range of renovations in recent months, including replacing the roof and air conditioning system, and minor maintenance works.

The library also has a new layout and wayfinding signage to help visitors find what they are looking for quickly and easily. Plus, they've added some fantastic new spaces, including:

A dedicated Children's Library

Toy Room

Digital Experience zone for technology classes and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) use

Comfortable areas for study and reading.

## MARYBOROUGH PLAY GROUPS

### Tuesday

Tiaro State School 9am-11am

Granville Geckos 9am-11am 82 Cambridge street.

Mainly Music, Victory Church 9:30am

Little Riversiders Playgroup 8:45am-11am, 23 Royle Street

### Wednesday

Mungar State School 9am-11am

St Helens State School 9am-11am

Pop-in Play Time, Tinana Church 9:30am fortnightly

Maryborough Central School 9am-10:30am

Mainly Music, Victory church 9:30am

### Thursday

Little Riversiders, 23 Royle Street 8:45am-11am

### Friday

Albert State School 9:30-11am

Little Angels, St Marys 8:30am-10:30am





# MUMS AND BUBS



**GALANGOOR DUWALAMI**  
PRIMARY HEALTHCARE

Galangoor Duwalami Mums and Bubs Program: Daga-mi on Country  
Our service provides holistic care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Families during pregnancy and postpartum, extending this care to bub until school age. Our Midwives, Child Health Nurses and Aboriginal Health Practitioners work with family centered care in mind, ensuring culturally appropriate and accessible care.

We service the Wide Bay area, running clinics from Hervey Bay and Maryborough, and provide home visits.

To get in touch call 07 4194 5554



**REACH** MUMS

Reach mums are a group run out of Reach Church Fraser Coast. They prepared a space just for YOU, Mama, to connect, discover and belong Don't worry they've made sure your little one (birth-5yo) is connecting and growing alongside you too. Join them for a cuppa and play on Tuesday mornings 9am-10:30am or come hang out at one of our dinner parties! You are qualified, anointed and equipped to enjoy these years NOT just survive them.



# COMING UP!

PeakCare Talent Program for Child Youth and Family Intervention Sector.

The Program is a truly unique and worthwhile training-to-employment program. This course will allow you the opportunity for career development, meeting with potential employers, mentoring and coaching with no out-of-pocket expenses.

I would love to have a phone conversation with you about your goals and interests as we have multiple pathways all leading to employment in the Community Services sector for this program.

We provide two alternate options for delivery in this course.

Option 1: Face-to-Face training over 10-Days

Option 2: Virtual Interactive Online (teams meetings) training over 4 days.

**Virtual TEAMS Training:** Date available upon request

Course: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday & Thursdays

Duration: 90 minute sessions each via TEAMS.

It is a requirement to attend each session.

Sessions are recorded and you have access to the recorded session.

**Face-To-Face Training:** Dates available upon request

Locations: Sunshine Coast, Townsville, Rockhampton, Cairns & Brisbane



The 2024 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day theme Strong in Culture, Stronger Together elevates the intention of Children's Day, focusing on the strength of our children that comes from their connection to culture and mob.

This year we stand with our children, proud of their culture, stories, kin and community – all that makes our children special, resilient and the bright leaders of our future. We hope that this year's Children's Day theme empowers our children, making them feel proud of who they are and where they come from. Showing them that their culture is one of the most sacred, strong and important assets that they can have.

If our children are strong in culture, then they are strong in their identity, and this is important for future generations to come.

Children's Day 2024 falls on a Sunday. We are encouraging services and centres to hold their Children's Day events on Friday, 2 August. 4 August will still be marked and recognised as the date for Children's Day, however, we encourage celebrations to happen on a weekday to be inclusive of children, early years services and schools.



The Office of the Public Guardian has staff called Community Visitors. Community Visitors visit young people in out of home care – including foster care placements and residential homes, watchhouses and youth detention centres. The Community Visiting and Advocacy program provides much needed support to young people in care, offering the young people an opportunity to yarn with us and raise any concerns or worries that they may have. When concerns or worries are identified, Community Visitors advocate to the young person's Child Safety Officer in line with the young person's views and wishes.

Community Visitors can help with a wide range of matters such as family contact, schooling, therapeutic support, cultural needs and health and safety. We are in the unique position of being an independent statutory government agency (we are not the Child Safety department) able to exclusively advocate on behalf of young people's views and wishes. About the only thing we cannot help with is a decision to bring young people into foster care.

Community Visiting and Advocacy can be contacted on 1300 653 187 about any concerns or worries for young people in out of home care. When requested by a young person or concerned community member, we will visit the young person to check in and then follow up on any concerns



**RECONCILIATION**  
AUSTRALIA

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Australia's colonial history is characterised by devastating land dispossession, violence, and racism. Over the last half-century, however, many significant steps towards reconciliation have been taken.

Reconciliation is an ongoing journey that reminds us that while generations of Australians have fought hard for meaningful change, future gains are likely to take just as much, if not more, effort.

In a just, equitable and reconciled Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children will have the same life chances and choices as non-Indigenous children, and the length and quality of a person's life will not be determined by their racial background.

Our vision of reconciliation is based and measured on five dimensions: historical acceptance; race relations; equality and equity; institutional integrity and unity.

These five dimensions do not exist in isolation, but are interrelated. Reconciliation cannot be seen as a single issue or agenda; the contemporary definition of reconciliation must weave all of these threads together. For example, greater historical acceptance of the wrongs done to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples can lead to improved race relations, which in turn leads to greater equality and equity.



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EVER**

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2024**

**27 MAY – 3 JUNE**

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