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This newsletter is provided as an  
information service to our members.  
Comments are welcomed.

*The views expressed in this newsletter are  
not necessarily those of Parent to Parent  
Association Qld Inc.*

Happy New Year, to our readers, from  
the staff and workers at Parent to Parent.

As we look back over the last part of  
2008, some great things have happened:  
you can see the benefits of some of the  
improvements to the State Centre Office.  
In addition, the audit was successful  
thanks to the many helpers as well as the  
staff. We'll give you more detail on that in  
future letters.

We also look ahead to next year's first  
main event which is the Maps and PATH  
Training workshop to be held in Brisbane  
in March. Set aside the date if you can.

Those running the Caboolture Centre are  
delighted with a new office with  
consequent workshops and meetings  
planned for next year.

Until next time.

Marjorie Moody

## **Improvements to State Centre Offices**

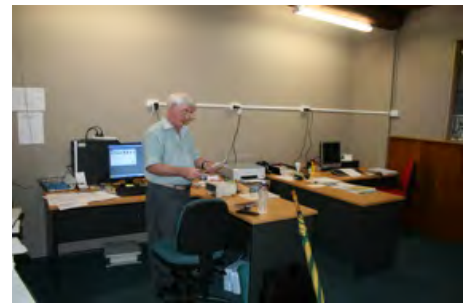
In preparation for our audit and with thanks to Robyne and Eve from Caboolture we were able to lay carpet tiles in the meeting room behind Julie's desk and the previously unused meeting room next to the training room. We have added furniture and curtains.

My thanks to all the people who came in on the Wednesday and helped with the huge cleaning, organising day we had. We cleaned up the area outside the training room and made a nice area for eating lunch outside.

The room previously used by Mary and Ed has been turned into a utilities/binding room and the store room was cleaned out, the possum removed and carpet laid down. We are now utilising every bit of space in the building to the best of our ability.

Take a look at the photos– doesn't the room look great?

Ed and Mary have moved into a different part of the office with better lighting and phone/internet reception



**Marjorie and Rochelle work in the main office of the State Centre**



**Our**

**training room is used frequently**

# AUDIT 2009

On behalf of the Board, Julie and Annette, I would like to acknowledge:

## Sue

- for impressing the auditor with her policy and risk review documentation
- Travelling to Yandina and keeping me sane

## Belinda

- for her work on the accessible brochure
- being able to spend all three days of the audit at the office
- discussing the standards specific to planning

## Kerri

- for updating Owen's plan when she wasn't well
- Having a fabulous facilitator folder to show the auditor
- Imparting her amazing knowledge of E.L.P. and one page plans to the auditor

## Robyne

- for missing a workshop she was interested in to come to the office on Tuesday
- whatever she told the auditor about service access that made standard 1 go so well

## Wendy

- for coming to office the week before audit to make sure her folder was up-to-date
- looking through the standards and making suggestions on ways we are meeting them

## Kim

- for keeping the office running smoothly while I concentrated on the Audit
- all her work on the facilitators and workshop folders

## Mary and Ed

- for the efficiency with which the financials are taken care of

## Diane and Lisa

- for always doing everything that is asked of them

## Carol

- for helping Kim with the calendars and folders

I would also like to thank Angela, Carol, Cath, Debbie, Graham, Kym, Lee, Linda, Marjorie, Rochelle, Rod and Ron for their contribution.

Jodi

# Getting to know Staff

## Profiling Diane

Hi everyone,

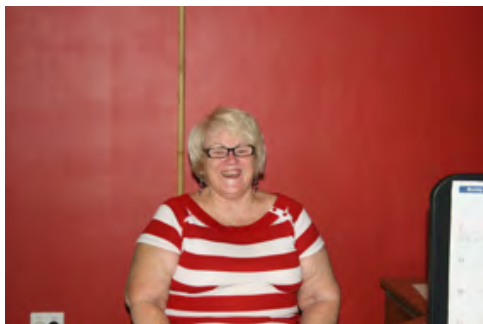
My name is Diane Montgomery and I have been with Parent to Parent now for just over 2 years. It has been a pleasure working with Julie, Jodi, Kim, Lisa, Mary, and Ed. I have learnt many different things from them, which is completely different from the work I was doing in my previous job in Sydney.

I previously lived in Sydney and only moved to the Sunshine Coast 3 ½ years ago,

I have two sons, Nigel and Glenn. Nigel lives on the Sunshine Coast and Glenn lives in Sydney, so I am still travelling to Sydney whenever I can.

The main reason I moved here was because at that time I only had one grandchild (a girl named Hannah) who I hated only seeing twice a year, but now I have 4 and ¾ grandchildren. Three of them live on the Sunshine Coast (their names are Hannah who is 4, Harrison who is 2, and Liam who is 5 months, the other 1 and ¾ live in Sydney who are Mitchell aged 2, and baby on the way due in March 09, which we only found out last week is a girl and she will be called Jessica).

The things I enjoy doing most is watching a good DVD and especially watching rugby league. The team that I follow (the best team of all, I believe anyway) is called the Cronulla Sharks, who will win the grand final next year (**I HOPE!!!**), they have been in the competition for quite a number of years, so their turn has to come soon.



# Coming Events

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Parent to Parent is presenting a **Maps and PATH Training** workshop in March. It will be presented by Jack Pearpoint and Lynda Kahn, both leaders in *Inclusion Press International*. They “enjoy designing learning and planning processes created to engage people in action for social change.” (quote from their information brochure)

## Purpose:

to enable carers / family to improve the life of a person with disability by mapping his/her story including goal setting, action plans and the involvement of people.  
to set out a ‘path’ of the person’s dreams and goals and an action plan.

## Who is it for?

Family members and any people involved in working with or helping.

## When?

9th, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

## Where?

The Broncos Leagues Club,  
Darcey Mitchell Room,  
Fulcher Road,  
Red Hill,  
Brisbane, Q.

## Cost?

Per person: \$750.00 plus GST

## Registration?

Closing date is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2009

## More Information?

For registration and more information, email Kim on [kimp2p@bigpond.com](mailto:kimp2p@bigpond.com) or phone 07 5472 7072

## PROGRESS AT CABOOLTURE P2P

Staff at Caboolture P2P are excited about 2009 now that they have acquired a new office. It has space for two or even three people. The current staff also welcome Kathy who has joined them. In addition, they have access to a training room so those of you in the area can look out for workshop dates for the new year. Monthly P2P meetings are also being planned.

In November, a Training Course and CASS workshop were successfully completed.

You are welcome to call to make a time to meet and have a chat.

Contact details are as follows:

Office: 07 5495 4944

Robyne: 07 5432 3222

0403 870 772

Office Address: Caboolture Business Enterprise Centre

39 Aerodrome Road

Caboolture



# File it and Find



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## **Maps and PATH Training**

Don't miss out on this important event  
Please register by the 2<sup>nd</sup> March

## **PAVE the WAY Workshop Calendar**

Look up: [www.pavetheway@mamre.org.au](http://www.pavetheway@mamre.org.au)  
Email: [pavetheway@mamre.org.au](mailto:pavetheway@mamre.org.au)  
Phone: (07) 3291 5800 or 1300 554 402

## **Carer Business Discuss Card**

Many businesses are making discount available to carers. To apply for a card, go to:  
[www.qld.gov.au/carercard](http://www.qld.gov.au/carercard)  
or  
phone: 131304

## **Travel for Tourists with Disabilities**

For information about the accessibility of accommodation and tourist venues contact:  
[Australiaforall@bigpond.com](mailto:Australiaforall@bigpond.com)  
Or  
Phone: 07 4125 7771

For fully supported holidays, travel and respite options for adults, look up:  
[www.sunshineholidays.org](http://www.sunshineholidays.org)

## **Growing Early Childhood Workshops**

New workshops are commencing in January. For information and registration,  
Phone: 0408 393 965

## **Help with Autism**

For help for children with autism, phone: 07 3273 0000 or email [Danielle@autismqld.com.au](mailto:Danielle@autismqld.com.au)

## **Free Counselling**

Call the Maroochy Neighbourhood Centre for an appointment on 5443 6696



## Reminders

If you would like to be involved in future training sessions, please phone, fax or email us.

To cut down on expense and make for easier delivery, please let us know if you would like to receive your *Chat About* newsletter by email.

If you have any stories or information you think might be good for the next newsletter, email, fax, post or phone them in. Thanks to those of you who have been able to do that.

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