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*HAPPY NEW*

*YEAR!*

Welcome to another New Year! We hope all enjoyed a wonderful festive season and are ready to begin the year full of hope and enthusiasm.

*What Parent to Parent achieved in 2007*

On Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, we successfully achieved certification against the Queensland Disability Services Standards. The Disability Sector Quality System was implemented in July 2004 and provides a framework that recognises the importance of providing quality services that are responsive to the needs of people with a disability, their families and carers. Services receiving funding from Disability Services Queensland have until June 2008 to receive their certification.

Our State Centre in Kulangoor/Yandina celebrated its Official Opening on 20<sup>th</sup> November after holding our AGM earlier that morning. Rachel Nolan, the Member for Ipswich and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Disability Services officially opened our new premises. Over 60 people attended and we would like to thank them for their support.

We would also like to welcome back our Management Committee to another bright and wonderful new year!

July 2007 saw the completion of the first full twelve months of our planning activities. Our Annual report for 2006 - 2007 showed 11,432 hours of planning activities including Facilitation, Supervision and Professional Development. Our Support and Information Service produced 15,274 hours which was a significant

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**We have a local group across**

details.

increase from previous years due to the commencement of the planning project. 148 Families and people with a disability attended Person Centred Planning workshops.

Conversation Days were introduced in 2007 and a 31 page report was provided to the Minister of Disability Services Queensland.

Conversation Days (refer November 2007 Newsletter) provides a means for Parents and People with disabilities to have a say in a comfortable and confidential manner whilst also providing feedback on service satisfaction levels to Disability Services Queensland.

Parent to Parent's Annual Report for 2006 – 2007 is attached and the Conversation Day Report is available from the State Centre on request.

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## Dads Appreciating Disabilities D.A.D.S. – 2008

If we thought 2007 had moved fast, well 2008 looks to have taken off at lightning speed and we are now running hard to catch up. Last year we saw the task of compliance to the DSQ Disability Sector Standards as an insurmountable peak. Then looming in the distance, the formation and directing of **Dads Appreciating Disabilities** as a state and in all probably nationwide organization. As word spread and understanding grew of how D.A.D.S. would bridge the communication and development needs for men and fathers who were involved in the lives of individuals with disabilities, the task became even more daunting.

Some of these issues were resolved, when late in August, Julie Simpson & the board of Parent to Parent offered D.A.D.S. the partnership and support of their great organization to assist and guide and support D.A.D.S. as we ventured into uncharted territory.

**Dads Appreciating Disabilities** (D.A.D.S.) primary goal is to provide a network for men that is organized by men. This network provides mutual support, care and information to assist men to fulfill their dreams of being the very best Dad, Father, Partner and Friend for their family member with a disability, as well as the rest of their family for whom they care.

Late in November 2007 we received a VSEG grant from the Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs to purchase two computers to assist us in administration and organizational work, and in October we joined with Parent to Parent and Toowoomba District Down Syndrome Support Group, to tender for use of a building as a joint office complex. In early December Toowoomba Council advised us that our Tender was successful. This building provides

not just office space, but also a room for meetings and training for us all. This gives the South East and South West Regional areas of Queensland, their own Parent to Parent and D.A.D.S. office base. As I write the building is being prepared for occupancy late January 2008.

One project that D.A.D.S. is grasping with both hands is the development of strategies to form networks that can expand skills and abilities that will provide employment opportunities for our sons and daughters as they finish their schooling and seek open employment. This will extend their capabilities & independence in open employment.

Now in 2008 D.A.D.S. is seeking to consolidate and expand its Toowoomba base and encourage and guide other D.A.D.S. Networks as they are developing throughout Australia. The Internet is already playing a vital part in communication - especially with men in regional Australia.

# ***SIMON DUFFY CONFERENCE***

Parent to Parent will be holding two conferences presented by Simon Duffy PhD, who is the Director and Chief Executive of the United Kingdom's - In Control. In Control promotes self-directed support and publishes operating systems for self-directed support in social care on an open source basis. Simon works to advance the rights of disabled people and promote the idea of self directed support and citizenship for all. Simon Duffy's website is: [www.in-control.org.uk](http://www.in-control.org.uk)

Also presenting at this workshop is Mr Peter Dunn who is the Managing Director of My Place, an organisation in Western Australia. My Place enables People with a disability and their Families to chose and enjoy a lifestyle that reflects their individual preferences and needs.

## **FAMILIES GROWING STRONGER CONFERENCE**

**A 3-day gathering for Families and People with a disability exploring self-direction and ways to build collaborative approaches.**

When: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2008 – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2008 (3 days)

Time: 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Where: Maroochydore Surf Club  
34 Alexander Parade  
Maroochydore Queensland

Registrations: Download registration forms on our website and fax/post or email to Kim Henneker at the State Centre



## GROWING STRONGER WITH FAMILIES – WORKING COLLABORATIVELY

A 2- day conference for Professionals, People with a disability and Families.

When: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April & Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2008

Time: 9.00 am – 4.00 pm

Where: Maroochydore Surf Club  
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