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General Updates

Gosford TAFE

Gosford TAFE is holding a free introduction to Computers Course on Tuesdays nights for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse people. Students will learn how to send emails, search the Internet and learn how to do word processing. Students need to be Australian citizens, permanent residents or on eligible temporary visas.

The class is held on Tuesday nights 6-9pm. Call Emma at Gosford TAFE on 4348 2290

Memory Lane Café

The Memory Lane Café is a place for carer's to come with the person they are caring for and share a cup of coffee with other people who are in similar situations in a relaxing yet stimulating environment. The Café will be open between 10am – 1pm on the first Monday of every month at Blue Haven Community Centre, 37 Colorado Drive, Blue Haven.

For more information please call Leanne 4334 2633 ext 122 or Vicki 4324 4244 ext 512

The Café is run in partnership with ADSSI and Community Care Services – Central Coast Ltd.

CALD backgrounds

The Minister for Health and Ageing, Mark Butler, has announced that translation and interpreting services will be made available to older Australians in aged care facilities who come from Culturally and linguistically Diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

The purpose of the service is to help older people from non-English speaking backgrounds communicate on health and aged care matters.

Samaritans

The Samaritans supported Independence program (SIP) provides skills-building activities and support for people with a disability. Sam's Café at The Entrance Community Centre, The Entrance which was opened earlier this year is a new and exciting venture with the support of Wyong Council. The main goal of this venture is to support clients in a real and working environment and give them real workplace experience, social inclusion and to build confidence for the possibility of employment in the hospitality industry in the future. Sam's Café is opened each and every Friday with a variety of hot drinks, cold drinks, snacks and on the menu for lunch are toasted Turkish melts, pies and sausage rolls. For more information please contact the Café on a Friday on 4333 7162 or The Samaritans Foundation Monday – Thursday 4384 8400.

Ageing and Disability Support Service Inc.

ADSSI has respite available through HACC ongoing respite in Gosford and Wyong Local Government Areas

Short respite breaks – out of home – at Breakaway for:

Young physical disability (18-65 years) from 19th – 21st October

Young intellectual disability (18-65 years) on the 16th September – 18th September

Both these camps on a weekend so that clients can remain in work and training activities during the week.

For more information please contact Cheryl – 4334 2633 Ext 123

Physical Disability Council of NSW

The Physical Disability Council of NSW invite the input of people aged over 50 years with a physical disability to support a survey to better understand the impact of ageing on the everyday lives of people with a physical disability. Please follow the link below to access the survey form.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=sNjV0yG8arH6J5BI4KP5Bw_3d_3d

Please return the survey form to:

Physical Disability Council of NSW

3/184 Glebe Point Road,

Glebe. NSW. 2037

Call: 1800 688 831

Down Syndrome

From July 1, eligible children will have access to new Medicare items under the Better Start for Children with Disability Initiative (Better Start).

Better Start will assist children with developmental disabilities to access funding for early intervention services.

Eligibility

Children up to the age of six with hearing and sight impairments, cerebral palsy, Fragile X syndrome and Down syndrome will be eligible to register for assistance. To register, children need to be assessed by one of the following:

- A state/territory government or equivalent multi-disciplinary assessment team.

- Pediatrician
- Other consultant physician

For more information on Better Start, visit the initiative's new website:

<http://betterstart.net.au> or the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) website: www.fahcsia.gov.au

Bungree Aboriginal Association

Bungree Aboriginal Association is the local service provider to run the Intensive Family Based Services program (IFBS). This program is a new support program for vulnerable Aboriginal children and families in Wyong. The program is in line with Keep Them Safe: which commits to a greater proportion of Child and Family services being delivered by NGOs.

The primary goal of the IFBS is to stabilize families so that Aboriginal children can stay home with their family and community in a safe, stable and nurturing environment.

Referral to Bungree Aboriginal Intensive Family Based Service (Wyong) can only be made by Wyong and Tuggerah Lakes Community Services Centres.

For further information please contact Belinda Field on 4351 0633 or email: belinda.field@bungreeifbs.com

Sue Mann Nursing and Community Care

Sue Mann Nursing and Community Care has a HACC funded Podiatry Program for Gosford and Wyong Shires. Referrals may be made from any source (ie public/family, GP, hospital, HACC agencies). HACC funded agencies are requested to send referrals on the CIARR or own referral.

The target groups are older persons or people with a disability with a clinical podiatry need having difficulty accessing podiatry care due to financial constraints and has transportation difficulty to access a podiatry clinic. Persons with diabetic foot care will be prioritized.

Sue Mann Nursing and Community Care provide: podiatry clinical assessment; podiatry care by home visit due to limited transportation; liaison with carers, family and doctors; and making referrals to other HACC and community care services as required.

Other programs are: HACC Funded Personal Care Program, HACC funded Social Support Memory Loss Monitoring Program.

For more information phone: 4365 3200 or email: mail@suemann.com.au

Independent Living Centre NSW

Independent Living Centre NSW is a leading information, education, and advisory centre for [Assistive Technology](#) and the [Built Environment](#). We are located in Parramatta, NSW Australia and are a not-for-profit, community based organisation and Public Benevolent institution registered as a charity in New South Wales.

Independent Living Centre NSW has all types of Assistive Technology: Aids for daily living; Environmental controls eg; switches of telephone or TV; mobility aids; augmentative

communication eg: devices to assist people with speech and hearing; home workplace modification; computer aids; recreation; prosthetics and orthotics; seating and positioning. For more information phone: 1300 885 886 Email: help@ilcnsw.asn.au Website: www.ilcnsw.asn.au

Heads Together Central Coast Brain Injury Support Group

The new "Heads Together Central Coast Brain Injury" support group meets 1st Thursday each month at 2pm in the Wyong Old Primary School Rankens Court Wyong. Next meeting Thursday, 1st September, 2011. Heads Together is a support group that has been established to help people with an acquired brain injury and their carers, to share their experience of living active and meaningful lives in their homes and community, and by doing that supporting each other. The group is unique in that it is run by people with an acquired brain injury & their carers for people with an acquired brain injury & their carers. The group is proudly supported by the Brain Injury Assn. of N.S.W

Enquiries Shayne 43328300 or Mark 0411274882 or e-mail headstogether1@bigpond.com "

Central Coast Community College

Central Coast Community College are currently offering the following classes for people with a disability at Woy Woy:

Art and Craft – Saturday 9.30am – 1.30pm

Music and Drama – Saturday 1.30pm – 5pm

Dance and Movement – Thursday 6pm – 9pm

Please contact Jean Ardley or Hazel Gibbons on 4348 4300

Website: www.cccc.nsw.edu.au

BrightSky Australia

The CAPS (Contingency Aids Payment Scheme) has now passed its 1st year. The lump sum payment is now \$506.80 as of 1st June 2011, up from last year.

It has been reported, after the first year, that the scheme has been under utilized especially within the area of disability and within families unaware that their children have now reached the eligible age to qualify for this scheme.

The Federal Government has chosen BrightSky Australia to be a consultant and provider for this scheme and this not for profit organization is offering a free in-service for disability agencies and their clients detailing the eligibility criteria and financial benefits available to people with severe/permanent bladder/bowel health issues.

Please contact:

Grant Mould

Consultant, BrightSky Australia,

Central Coast/Hunter

Mob: 0424 174 698 or Email: grant.mould@brightsky.com.au

Cynthia Street Neighbourhood Centre

Free tax help on Mondays by appointment at Cynthia Street Neighbourhood Centre, 10 Cynthia Street, Bateau Bay by appointment only 4332 7450

Mental Health Art Works

The Mental Health – Art Works Exhibition 2011 is on again. Entries close on Monday 15th August 2011. This art works is hosted by the Central Coast Mental Health Service as part of mental health month 2011. For an entry pack contact: Jenice, Central Coast mental health Service – 4320 2941 or email jalliston@nscchs.health.nsw.gov.au

Exhibition dates:

7th – 16th October 2011, Studio Gallery, Gosford Regional Gallery & Arts Centre, 36 Webb Street, East Gosford.

My Time

If you know anyone who has a child of any age with a disability or chronic illness they are invited to attend. My Time is on every Wednesday from 9.30am – 11.30am at the “Jabiru Cottage” in the grounds of Northlakes Public School in San Remo.

For more information please contact Chris Berryman on 4390 9718

Upcoming Events

Suicide Safety Network (Central Coast)

The Suicide Safety network (Central Coast) are holding a memorial service on World Suicide Prevention Day on:

When: Friday, 9th September 2011

Time: 10am – 11am

Where: Gosford Sea Scouts Hall, Masons Parade Gosford (adjacent to the Sailing Club)

For more information please call: Lesley – 0458 255 030 or Liz – 4369 1431

Glendale Fair

Glendale School will be holding a fair which will be lots of fun for children with face painting, jumping castle, free tattoos, stalls, food, and entertainment. Contact the school with numbers if you are bringing groups of children.

When: Friday, 9th September 2011

Time: From 10am

Where: Glendale School, Narara Creek Road, Narara

Hunter Regional HACC Forum

Hunter Regional HACC will be holding a forum “Real People Doing Real Things” to discuss Commonwealth and State latest update; Technology in Business Delivery; Practical Implications of person Centre Care; Victorian Govt. Active Service Model; Regional Dementia Plan Consultation; NDIS; Stronger Together 2; The Gathering; Access point update and local initiatives.

When: Thursday, 15th September 2011

Time: 9.30am – 4pm

Where: Kooindah Waters Central Coast, 40 Kooindah Boulevard, Wyong

Please RSVP by 1st September to jodi.livesley@gosford.nsw.gov.au

Suicide Prevention

St Vincent de Paul Society is hosting a Blue Ribbon Charity Dinner for the Prevention of Suicide on the Central Coast. The guest speaker will be Tim Webster from Ten news and 2UE Radio.

When: Friday, 16th September 2011

Time: 6.45pm – 10.30pm

Where: “The Pavillion”, Diggers@The Entrance, 315 The Entrance Road, The Entrance

Cost: \$75 per person or table of 10 for \$700

RSVP: Friday 9th September, 2011

For further information please call: Lesley West 0458 255 030 or email: suicidecharitydinner@yahoo.com.au or visit www.suicidesafetynetwork.com.au

Conferences/Training/Expos

Central Coast GROW Groups

Central Coast Grow groups are a peer support program for people with a mental illness designed to help them live lives full of meaning, hope and optimism.

Group: Woy Woy

When: Monday 7:00pm

Venue: St. Luke’s Anglican Church Hall, 151 Blackwall Road Woy Woy (behind Church)

Organiser: Amber **Phone:** 4368 3677

Group: Bateau Bay

When: Thursday 10:30am

Venue: Baptist Church, 8 Yakkalla Street Bateau Bay (Back of church)

Organiser: Kevin **Phone:** 0413 060 852

Group: Wyong

When: Wednesday 6:30pm

Venue: Mckinnon Community Hall, Bakers Lane WYONG

Contact Michael Phone: 0424 525 253

Contact GROW NSW for all group locations:

Phone: 1800 558 268

Website: www.grow.net.au

Interagency Matters

Disability Interagency Meeting

Next Disability Interagency Meetings will be held on:

9th November 2011

PLEASE NOTE: NEW VENUE:

Erina Centre (next to Erina Library)

Erina Fair

Room Space 3

Have you wanted to be informed about anything special?

Have you wished the Disability Interagency Meeting covered a certain topic?

If so please inform CCDN on info@ccdn.com.au

Central Coast Community Services Interagencies and Forums

A list of the CC Interagencies and Forums have been compiled to make relevant stakeholders aware of what interagency work is happening on the Central Coast. The document includes the contact, meeting cycles and venue details. The list is available from Anne Boyle at CCDN. Contact 43242355. CCDN will distribute the document via the interagency contact list.