

Better Homes, Better Futures

Best wishes to all
for a happy, healthy



From the CEO's Desk

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you got to have a great festive season. 2019 is shaping up to be another big year for Access Community Housing with one of our goals being to increase the amount of social housing stock in the Cairns region. We acknowledge the pressure for affordable and available housing in the region and we are committed to working with others to find a solution to the housing shortage.

Christmas was a massive time here with the packing and distribution of 57 hampers. Thanks must go to the Cairns Post for again sponsoring the Adopt a Family Christmas Appeal. This was extremely successful and the families who

donated hampers, gifts and toys deserve a huge thank you for their generosity and Christmas spirit. Thanks also to the staff and board members of Access Housing for their efforts, contributions and kindness. For those who distributed the hampers there was a feeling that is summed up in a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt, "since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give." The photos certainly show the gift of giving.

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed a new staff member Roxanne Creed and welcomed back Ben Whittle. We are thrilled to have their expertise and

commitment, to add to our hardworking and dedicated team.

As families start to prepare for the school year I want to wish all the boys' and girls' best wishes for a successful, enriching year. Education is one of the most valuable gifts we can provide our young people and I hope that 2019 is a fulfilling, inspirational year for our young students.

Donna-Maree



Relationships Australia

Poppers & Popstars

Free 6 week children's group program for 7-9 years (Poppers) & 10-13 years old (Popstars) children experiencing parental separation. We aim to support young people in their experience of parental separation, conflict and change in their family situation. Activities include arts and crafts, games, reading books, sharing ideas and afternoon tea and just . . . **HAVING FUN**

When: 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Where: Relationships Australia –
125 Grafton Street, Cairns

Register: Please phone 4041 6063 or 1300 364 277
and ask to be put through to
Relationships Aust FNQ Venue



Sensory Movie Day

Event Cinemas are proud to bring sensory friendly films to families living with autism and other sensory needs. The cinema lights are dimmed and the movie volume lowered.

Where: Cairns Central

When: Sunday 3rd February

Time: 10.30am

All tickets \$6.00 only

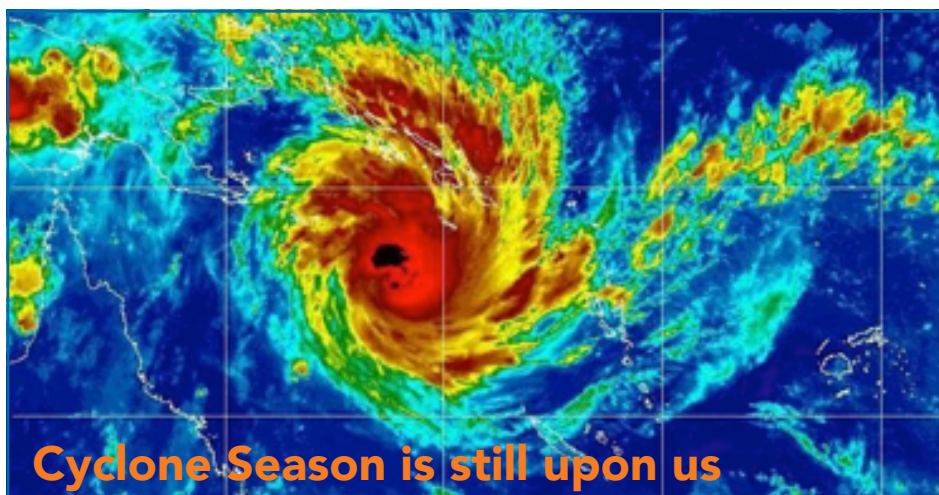


STAFF TRAINING

On Wednesday 20th February all housing staff will be in training. The training is an important aspect of our learning so please be patient if the staff member you want to talk to is unavailable. We will have staff here to answer your queries so if they need to take a message then your tenancy or property officer will call you back the next day.

Thank You

for your patience in advance.



Cyclone Season is still upon us

Don't forget that officially the cyclone season does not finish until 30th April 2019.

Potentially there could be a chance we could see some more activity.

Please ensure that you keep your garden tidy. Any items not fixed in your yard are potential missiles. If advised a cyclone will affect the region you will need to disassemble non fixed items or have them fixed so they will not blow away.

If you require help or need any advice you can contact Cairns Regional Council

Disaster Management on: **Phone 4044 3377 or**
email disaster@cairns.qld.gov.au.

ANNUAL RENT REVIEWS IMPORTANT

Some of our tenants will have recently received rent review paperwork. It is important that you complete, sign and return ALL the forms by the 4th February. If you need assistance completing the forms, please contact your **Tenancy Officer on 4031 6702**

RTAG Meetings Start

Date:

Friday 1 February 2019

When:

10.30am to 12.30pm

Where:

31-33 Grove Street,
Cairns



Rent Stress????

Please urgently contact your tenancy officer to discuss on
4031 6702.

Don't leave it too late.

ENERGY SAVVY FAMILIES

When: Tuesday, February 19, 2019
- 10:00am to 2:00pm

Address: Benevolent Society, Bentley Park College, Borrowdale Close via McLaughlin Road, Bentley Park.

Cost: Free, includes refreshments

Come along to find out how to reduce your electricity bills through the Energy Savvy Families program. It's free, it's fun and you'll be in the running to win rewards, such as one of 10 x \$1,500 energy efficient appliance vouchers.

- Energy saving tips and advice
- Ergon Energy Retail support
- Energy concessions and rebates
- Payment plans and hardship programs
- Online education tools, Reduce Your Juice app and HomeSmart
- Home Energy Emergency Assistance Scheme (HEEAS)

Don't forget to bring your electricity bill on the day.

You'll be able to talk to your local Energy Savvy Champion to find out if you can take part in the Energy Savvy Families program.



Australia's got Talent

AUSTRALIA'S GOT TALENT will be coming to Cairns to do preliminary auditions on 7th March and would love to receive applications from anyone who may be interested!

With the new re-launch of the show, they are going all out to break barriers with their acts. Dream big!

For more information or apply please visit the website: <https://australiasgottalent.com.au>

Dee's DEPARTMENT, GROOMING & SELF CARE

DEPARTMENT & GROOMING COURSE

Learn From The Best By Registering Now! Contact Donna Corrie on 0457 328 280

Our course will be held every Saturday from 10am to 4pm during the month of March. All ages welcome!

www.deesconsultancy.com

9th-30th MARCH 2019



Change of CRN

Access Community Housing want to advise tenants that as of 1st April all rent and repairs payments will be merged into 1 Customer Reference Number.

You may be contacted to sign further paperwork.

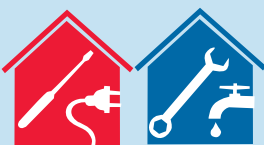
QUEENSLAND Women's Week

Invest in women. Invest in the future.

2-10 March 2019

www.qld.gov.au/womensweek #QWW2019

Repairs & Maintenance on your Property



Please ensure if you have any repairs or maintenance that require attention, no matter how small, please ring the property team on



4031 6702 straight away.

Repairs can become more expensive if not attended to straight away.

Cairns Airport Great Barrier Reef Chinese New Year Street Festival

Saturday, 9 February 2019 at 4.00pm - 9.00pm
Cairns Historic Chinatown, 102 Grafton Street, Cairns City, QLD 4870



Staff joining the team in 2019



Ben

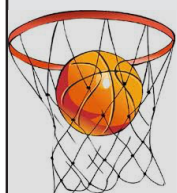
Ben is back from a year away. He will be stepping back into the role as a Property Officer. It's great to have you back on board Ben.

Roxanne

Roxanne is our new Home Skills Coach. Roxanne will be working closely with some of our CRS tenants so please make her welcome.



Basketball Program at 118 Murray St



Basketball for kids 5-15 yrs.

Look out for flyers in your letter box if you live in the Manunda, Mooroolool & Manoora suburbs (3M suburbs).

Bounces off on February 6th from 5.00 pm-6pm.

Dates to remember

Date	Information
Tuesday 5th February 2019	Chinese New Year
Saturday 9th February 2019	National Pet Adoption Day
Wednesday 13th February 2019	Apology Anniversary
Week of 2-10th March 2019	International Women's Week
Wednesday 8th March 2019	International Women's Day
Thursday 21st March 2019	Harmony Day
Friday 5th April 2019	School Term Ends

Are you looking for a new start in 2019



enVizion has limited places open in the QLD Government funded pathways for the Future employment program.

There are various programs as follows;

- Certificate 3 in Community Services
- Digital literacy to meet industry needs
- Industry placements, and
- Intensive mentoring during the program and for up to 6 months in employment

To qualify people must be unemployed or underemployed (less than 25 hours a week).

If you are interested please call
07 4031 2177 for more information.



SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY

WEST BARLOW PARK

Celebrate Culture

History, family and Community

12:30pm-9.00pm

\$5 Entry

(School Aged Children Free)

Rugby Union Match

NZ Residents VS Pacific Islands Barbarians

Cultural Performances

Food Stalls Arts and Craft

Live Entertainment

Free kids Rides and Activities

