

# Investing in Deception Bay's Children

"So many young people have missed out on the vital link with culture. We aim to empower these children who will one day lead our community" – Kylie Flemming (Deception Bay Indigenous Early Childhood Networker).

## The Indigenous Early Childhood Networker

The **Murrijabree Indigenous Early Childhood Networker** helps families gain the confidence they need to access community and Child and Family services in Deception Bay. Through the support of the Networker, existing funded services are able for the first time to provide appropriate child and family support to Indigenous families. More babies and children are now accessing services such as vaccination, early childhood education, hearing and speech pathology screening and cultural activities during this critical stage in a human development.

### **The Indigenous Early Childhood Networker:**

- \* Knows their community and the child and family service network and links them to each other
- \* Helps service providers provide services to families in culturally appropriate ways
- \* Seeks future commitment of resources for Indigenous programs in Deception Bay.
- \* Helps to run the Gundoos playgroup

### **Our Dream For The Future**

- \* That the Networker continues to help families **participate fully in community** and be supported to **raise happy, healthy children** and for Murrijabree to further develop **culturally appropriate Early Childhood resources and education** programs.

### **How This Program Supports Our Community**

- \* Narrows the gaps and bridges the barriers that currently exist between Indigenous community members, local business and service providers.
- \* Since inception, the profile of Indigenous programs and services in Deception Bay has increased significantly.
- \* Participation of the Indigenous community in education and health programs has increased, subsequently building a healthier, stronger community.
- \* Assists and sustains empowerment of Indigenous parents towards better support of children.
- \* The Indigenous Early Childhood Networker works with the library to increase Indigenous participation in library programs.
- \* Promotes a cultural reconnection amongst Indigenous youth of Deception Bay; concurrently maintaining a strong diverse cultural community.

## Investing in our children's future

*Our Children* need *your support* to maintain this quality program. Corporate sponsor packages are available and provide many great benefits to your organisation as a sponsor. We welcome all donations, no amount is too small to help.

### Unable to provide Corporate Sponsorship? How about making a small donation as follows:

- \$30** Purchase one book or resource materials for children and Indigenous Educators
- \$50** Provide transport for 15 Indigenous families to attend playgroup for 1 week
- \$70** Provide morning tea for 15 Indigenous families at playgroup for 1 week
- \$220** Fund the Indigenous Early Childhood Networker for 1 week
- \$330** The cost for 1 family to attend an annual children's cultural program for 4 days
- \$500** Renew and replace toys and education equipment at Gundoos playgroup
- \$1,000** Fund a Mum's and Bubs Family Fun Day for Indigenous parents and children
- \$5,000** Printing 1500 Community Calendars which promotes local Indigenous Services, contacts and special days



*"By engaging and maintaining families in Early Years programs we will make a huge difference by their early teens."* - Uncle Alan Gill (Murriajabree Chairperson and Indigenous Community Elder)



*"Early Childhood programs are essential to increasing the long term benefits of employment outcomes and reducing crime in our community"* – Aunty Lesley Glover (Murriajabree Secretary and Indigenous Community Elder)

### Further Information

For further information on how you can make a donation or become a corporate sponsor of this program or other similar programs for children in Deception Bay please contact:

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