

December 2025

Banana Shire Support Centre

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What's happening?

 BSSC Office will close during the afternoon on Wednesday 24 December and will reopen @ 9am on Friday 2 January 2026

Contact number during break—

Mark - 0448 859 209

- NILS applications close on 17 December; new applications open 2 January 2026
- Oz Harvest last day for this year—Wednesday 24 December and recommences on Friday 2 January 2026
- Quarterly Board Meeting— Wednesday 4 February 2026



For it is in giving that we receive.

Francis of Assisi

Our Website ...

bssc.org.au

BSSC 2025 AGM

We held our AGM at the Biloela Hotel on Wednesday 5 November. Thanks to those who attended and thanks to our wonderful Staff and Board for another year assisting vulnerable members of our community.



2026 Board Members

President—Pam Semple
Vice President—Marion Meissner
Secretary—Cathie Dendle
Treasurer—Dan McMillan

Board Members—Dan Gordon, Bronwyn Dendle, Luke Siegmeier

Staff

Office Manager—Mark Warnick Housing Officer—Nathan Capuano Immediate Homelessness Response Fund Case Manager—Peta Ricketts-Mol

Admin Officer, NILS—Stacey Petersen

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Strategic Plan 2026—2029

The BSSC Board has completed our new strategic plan.
This plan provides us with strategies, indicators of
success and actions to enact our vision, purpose and
values.

- Objective 1 Facilitate clients' capacity to manage their independence
- Objective 2 Increase awareness through community education
- Objective 3 Engage in strategic partnerships with external stakeholders
- Objective 4 Manage and promote ongoing organisational viability and quality service delivery





Our staff—Peta, Stacey, Mark and Nathan—along with Board President Pam Sample, attended the Central Queensland Housing, Health and Homelessness Forum in Rockhampton recently. This meeting provided valuable opportunities to network with others working in the housing and homelessness sector.



With our best wishes for the Christmas and New Year season.

Thankyou for your interest in the work of BSSC.

Time for a Christmas chuckle...

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What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has No-el!

Why is it so difficult to buy Advent calendar?

Their days are numbered.

Which Christmas bird moves the slowest?

A turtle dove.

BSSC client and family transport service UPDATE!

Our August newsletter detailed the grant we received from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, and our purchase of a new Kia Carnival vehicle using these grant funds (\$35000) along with BSSC funds (approximately \$20000—community donations)...AND OUR NEW VEHICLE ARRIVED EARLIER THAN EXPECTED!

Our manager Mark is gathering information from organisations in other rural towns that use vehicles for similar purposes. This will assist us in this new venture. As detailed previously, we hope to be able to partner with other local community organisations, to also make this vehicle available for their use to assist clients.



Cathie Dendle, Board Secretary and Mark Warnick, Manager with BSSC's new vehicle

We have received a grant from CSEnergy to assist us with running costs for six months. This will be of great help as we assess the demand for and costs associated with providing this service to our clients.

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Thanks to

Moore Biloela and
the Rotary Club of
Biloela for donations
to BSSC.

We very much appreciate these donations and the assistance we can offer to vulnerable people in our community as a result of this financial support.

