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Banana Shire Support Centre

(Banana Shire Emergency Accommodation and Support Centre)

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What's happening?

- Quarterly Board Meeting — Wednesday 7 May 2025
- OzHarvest— Thursday and Friday from 1:30pm

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People may hear
your words, but
they feel your
attitude.

John C Maxwell



Our Website ...

bssc.org.au

BSSC welcomed two new staff members at the end of 2024/beginning of 2025...

Peta Ricketts-Mol joined our organisation as *Immediate Homelessness Response Fund Case Manager*. Peta has worked in human services for many years, completing a Diploma of Community Services and an Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management, and managing and coordinating in the NDIS sector. Peta is enjoying all aspects of her work with BSSC.



Stacey Peterson provides *administrative support at BSSC* and she delivers the *No Interest Loans* scheme (NILS). Stacey has experience in retail and in administration and customer service. Her move to BSSC sees her working closely with people on low incomes, assisting them to improve their quality of life by making good financial choices.



BSSC's start to 2025 was challenging!



Our office sustained damage in a storm on January 10. Water and mud came in through the ceiling, down interior walls, through light sockets and electrical switches. There was damage to computers and monitors, furniture, carpets,

the photocopier and some loss of other resources. Staff had to relocate for around 6 weeks while this damage was assessed and repaired.

Thanks to our local Ray White Office staff and contractors for the work they did to get our office up-and-running as soon as possible—new ceiling panels, floor coverings and painting occurred fairly quickly and we were able to replace damaged equipment through insurance. Our office reopened in late February.

THANKYOU to Mark, Nathan, Peta and Stacey for their adaptability in working around these difficult circumstances, and for their commitment in continuing to provide BSSC services to our community throughout these disruptions.

BSSC is a not-for-profit incorporated organisation. We have a Board and we have Staff...so what's the difference between the two?

'What the board does is known as **governance**; what the staff does is **management**. The functions are separate and different but they should operate as a partnership.'

(Quoted from—www.communitydirectors.com.au/help-sheets/board-and-staff-relationships; bolding added)

Governance 2025

President—Pam Semple

Vice President—Marion Meissner

Secretary—Cathie Dendle

Treasurer—Dan McMillan

Board Members—Dan Gordon, Bronwyn Dendle

Association Member—Luke Siegmeier

Management (staff)

Office Manager—Mark Warnick

Housing Officer—Nathan Capuano

Immediate Homelessness Response Fund Case

Manager—Peta Ricketts-Mol

Admin Officer, NILS—Stacey Peterson

Board Member Profile

DAN McMILLAN,
Treasurer



Dan grew up in Biloela. He gained a Bachelor of Economics in Brisbane, before returning to work in Biloela. Dan owns and runs Grow Agribusiness & Finance, with business partner Marty Pentecost. Dan is married to Estelle and they have two young sons. Dan enjoys spending time with his family and fishing, when the weather permits.

Board Member Profile

CATHIE DENDLE, *Secretary*



Cathie has a teaching background, and she has lived in Biloela with her family since 2011. She has been involved in BSSC since the end of 2017 and joined the board at the end of 2018. Cathie is married to Paul and they have two adult daughters. She loves living in Biloela and is pleased to be involved with BSSC – an organisation that provides such great support to our community. Cathie's hobbies include gardening and reading.

2024 CommBank Staff Foundation Community Grant

We were very pleased to accept a \$20 000 grant near the end of 2024. BSSC received one of the 175 grants distributed by this foundation, to community organisations.

BSSC used these funds to support the **Housing + Health Connect** event our staff coordinated in November last year.



We are looking to replace our BSSC 2006 SUV with a new Kia Carnival 8-seater people mover. We believe a vehicle like this would assist us to better support our clients/families and our community. We applied for the November round of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant, to assist us to fund this purchase. We are awaiting the outcome of our application.

Thankyou to the community groups who have made donations to BSSC...if we are successful with our grant application, your donations will also assist with this purchase.



Thankyou...

Rotary donated \$2500 to BSSC from the proceeds of the Rotary Christmas Festival. We are grateful that these funds that are raised locally by Rotary stay local, to support locals.

Banana Shire Council for ongoing support of our organisation.

