

# Participant Newsletter

Global Disability Support Services



## From the CEO- Wayne Tynan

Welcome to our first edition of the Global Disability Support Services (GDSS) newsletter! As we look ahead to the year to come, we remain committed to delivering care with compassion, dignity, and inclusion at the center of everything we do.

Our team continues to grow, our partnerships are expanding, and we're proud to support our participants in achieving their goals – Every achievement, no matter how small, reminds us how amazing our participants, families, and support teams truly are. Thank you for being such a big part of what makes GDSS shine.

Thank you for being part of the GDSS community.

Warm regards,  
Wayne Tynan  
CEO - Global Disability Support Services



Read Wayne's story here: [community\\_spotlight](#)

Want to know what's on? Have a look here: [Community\\_buzz](#)

For NDIS News click here: [NDIS\\_News](#)

Take a moment for yourself and dive into this month's *Puzzle Patch!* [Puzzle\\_Patch](#)

Meet the team: [Team\\_Members](#)



## Save the Date! - The Ability Ball 2027

15th May 2027 at 7:30pm

Get ready for one of the most inspiring nights of the year – the Ability Ball 2027! This special event will celebrate inclusion, achievement, and community spirit, bringing together participants, families, and supporters for an evening of connection and joy.

Stay tuned for ticket details and volunteer opportunities in the new year! Read more here:

<https://globaldisabilitysupportservices.com.au/the-ability-ball-2027>



## Thank You, Brisbane!



sharing a few laughs – events like this remind us what community spirit is all about.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us at the recent Brisbane Disability Expo, our team had a fantastic time meeting participants, families, and service providers, events like these help us build stronger connections and share important information about disability supports in our region.

We loved hearing your stories and



## Podcast

Coming Soon with your hosts- Wayne, Kurt & Special Guests

Our New Podcasts from the team at Global Disability Support services , Talking about all things NDIS, Positive stories about recovery, Interviews with Support Workers, Service coordinators, Plan Managers, Providers and Services such as Physio's and much more! and a bit of fun.

## FUNctional Market Day

FUNctional Market Day celebrates the creativity and capabilities of people with disabilities as part of Disability Action Week: 23

November to 1 December 2025

Venue 114 Bokarina 10am - 1pm

Lots of fun inclusive activities

You can get more info

here:<https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/living-and-community/community-support/access-inclusion-and-disability/events-activities-and-programs#anchor-v-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-9>



## Disco Fever!



Date: 22 Nov 2025

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Beenleigh Neighbourhood Centre

10-12 James Street, Beenleigh QLD 4207

Little Big Moments are family-focused, disability-friendly activities and events taking place on a monthly basis.

Little Big Moments is all about taking the seemingly little luxuries of community life and turning them into BIG moments that are accessible to those living with a disability in our community.

Phone (07) 3287 2840

Email [bdcda@beenleigh.org.au](mailto:bdcda@beenleigh.org.au)

Website <https://beenleigh.org.au/>

## Paint and Relax

At our weekly \*Paint and Relax\* group, we offer a unique and enjoyable experience for NDIS participants who want to have fun, be creative, and make new friends. Each week, we explore a new work of art in acrylic paints on stretched canvas. Guided by a seasoned artist, our participants receive expert instruction while enjoying a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.

FRIDAY 10AM - 12 NOON

ENOGERA MEMORIAL HALL

36 TRUNDEL STREET ENOGERA QLD

\$60.00pp

ALL MATERIALS & MORNING TEA PROVIDED

Learn more here: <https://www.ndisart.com/>



## Lets Dance!

Every month the Madeline Stuart dance company, which is a dance school for people with disabilities holds a disco for its dancers and the rest of the community. If you love dancing or just want to make some more friends, then come along and join the fun. Most months we have a theme so join in the fun or come in whatever feels good. Please pre-register so we can cater for the event. Please visit [Themed Monthly Disco - Inside Outside Dance](#) to register your details. PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE THROUGH EVENTBRITE, register on the link and PAY AT THE DOOR with card or cash. \$20 If you pay through Eventbrite you will not be notified if the event is cancelled.



## Step into the Spotlight!

Unleash your creativity with *Indelibility Arts* — Queensland's inspiring theatre company for disabled and neurodivergent artists. Join these **free, interactive drama workshops** to build confidence, teamwork, and acting skills in a fun, supportive space. Starting 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am to 2pm

Bookings essential:

<https://www.loganarts.com.au/event/factory-indelibilityarts-drama-workshop-series-2025/>

[entertainment@logan.qld.gov.au](mailto:entertainment@logan.qld.gov.au) or 3412 5626.

## Let's get creative!

Art classes for all abilities

Get In Touch

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[info@kookaburracrea-visions.com.au](mailto:info@kookaburracrea-visions.com.au)
- 22 Kookaburra Drive, Gilston QLD 4211
- One Arts, Gold Coast: Roma Park, Cnr Via Roma & Verona Ave, Isle of Capri, Gold Coast, 13 Verona Ave, Surfers Paradise QLD 4217



Our Goal is to make sure you have a great time tapping into that creative flow

## News You Can Use

### Therapy Pricing Updates - What's Changing?

From July 2025, the NDIA will introduce new **Pricing Arrangements and Limits** for therapies and supports.

#### In brief:

- Some therapy rates will decrease; psychology rates will rise in some states.
- Provider travel is now capped at 15 minutes.
- Sessions can be billed in 10-minute increments for more flexibility.
- Support worker rates increase with CPI.
- Plan Management setup fees removed.

These changes aim to make NDIS pricing **fairer and easier to understand**. Good news: **your plan will update automatically**, so you don't need to do anything.



### Supporting Young Futures

The NDIA is helping young people with disability build skills and confidence for work through its **School Leaver Employment Supports** program.

Between **July 2023 and June 2024**, over **7,300 school leavers** received employment assistance. Of the **2,165** who finished their programs:

- 12% went on to further study or volunteer work
- 22% achieved open employment
- 4% gained supported employment

Young people who took part in **skill training, job customization, and real-world work experience** were the most likely to find paid work.

It's proof that the right opportunities and encouragement can open doors to independence and success!



Be Scam Aware - Stay Safe Online Please stay alert to suspicious calls, texts, or emails asking for NDIS or bank details. The NDIA will never request your details via links.

Report scams: 1800 650 717 | Email: [fraudreporting@ndis.gov.au](mailto:fraudreporting@ndis.gov.au)

# Puzzle Patch

Grab a cuppa and unwind!

The GDSS Fun Zone

Welcome to the *Puzzle Patch* – a cozy little spot to pause, smile, and give your brain a happy stretch. Enjoy your cuppa and see how many words you can find!

## Word Search

V H F S U P P O R T N K X E C  
D E Q M W G I E X V M T C Q N  
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Z F S U I B I S R N Q S R G K

Developmental	Disability	Participant	Help
Applicant	Community	Provider	NDIS
Support,	Assist	Goals	Plan
Health	carers		



Need a hint? Sneak peak the [Answers here](#)



## Wayne Tynan: Turning Adversity into Purpose

*After a life-changing stroke, the GDSS CEO rebuilt his life – and founded an organization to help others do the same.*

Three years ago, Wayne Tynan's life changed in an instant when he suffered a stroke. What began as just another day at the office ended up with months in the hospital and one of the most challenging periods of his life became the start of a powerful journey of recovery, resilience, and purpose. At first, the road ahead seemed daunting, Wayne faced physical limitations and emotional uncertainty. It was a dark time, in the early days, even the simplest tasks felt impossible. Wayne faced the frightening reality of having to **learn to walk and talk again**, often feeling overwhelmed by anxiety and frustration. Each day there was a battle between exhaustion and determination – but through it all, he refused to give up and with courage and determination, he took the first steps toward rebuilding his life. Supported by his husband Almario, close friends, and an incredible rehabilitation team, Wayne gradually regained his strength and confidence.



*“Even in your darkest moments, there’s always a glimmer of light.” – Wayne Tynan*

**“Getting up and going out is very important – even if you don’t feel like it,” Wayne reflects.**

Through this process, Wayne discovered the importance of community, connection, and compassion, his recovery also sparked a transformation in his lifestyle. Motivated to take control of his health, Wayne committed to making lasting changes – including losing more than **50 kilograms** and adopting a balanced, active routine, he often jokes that his journey could make a great TV makeover story, but behind the humour lies a deep sense of pride in what he’s achieved.

**“The most important thing is having someone who will listen,” he says.**

Inspired by his experience, Wayne founded **Global Disability Support Services (GDSS)** an organisation built on understanding, inclusion, and compassion. His vision was simple but powerful: to ensure that others facing challenges receive the same kind of care and encouragement that helped him rebuild his life. Under his leadership, GDSS has grown into a place where people feel seen, supported, and empowered to reach their goals. Wayne’s lived experience gives him a unique perspective as a CEO – one grounded in empathy, authenticity, and genuine connection.

**“Having a disability doesn’t change who you are – it’s about embracing a new version of you,” Wayne says.**

Wayne’s journey reminds us that every setback can become a new beginning. His story is not only one of recovery, but of rediscovery – proof that strength, kindness, and perseverance can turn even the hardest moments into a source of hope and inspiration.

# Meet the Team

Meet the hearts and hands  
that make GDSS shine.



Wayne

Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Wayne has channelled his business acumen into creating meaningful, effective and compassionate disability support services. His dedication to enhancing the lives of our clients is at the heart of everything we do at Global Disability Support Services.



Almario

Co-Founder, Training Manager & Head Care Coordinator

Almario being an experienced nurse, lifestyle manager in aged care has the experience to train our support team in all aspects of safely caring for our clients.



Kurt

A Very Caring, highly skilled and experienced Support professional.



Eugene

A Very Caring and highly skilled and experienced Support professional.  
Warm and friendly personality. Eugene loves animals



David

A Very Caring, highly skilled and experienced Support professional.

Into sports, Fitness, healthy living & Surfing. David holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from Griffith University.



Lorena

A Very Caring, highly skilled and experienced Support professional.



Natalia

A Very Caring, highly skilled and experienced Support professional.



Letitia

A Very Caring, highly skilled and experienced Support professional.



## Join Our GDSS Community

- Share your story for a future newsletter.
- Volunteer or partner with us at upcoming events.
- Follow us on social media for updates and inspiration.

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Please share your thoughts, all feedback welcome! If you would like to share your story or have an upcoming event please contact us, the story must be authentic and you must have permission to share photos, we look forward to hearing from you



At Global Disability Support Services, we acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional owners of the lands across Australia on which we work and live. We pay our respects to Elders, Past, Present and Emerging. We honour their deep connection to land, sea, and community, and recognise their continuing culture and contribution to our nation. We are also committed to embracing diversity and empowering individuals of all abilities. We acknowledge the strength and resilience of people with disabilities and are dedicated to creating inclusive, respectful, and supportive services for everyone in our community. Together, we strive to foster an environment of understanding, equality, and mutual respect for all.



Check your answers!

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