

Far North Queensland: NDIS Participant Readiness activities from January to April 2015

Queensland's NDIS Participant Readiness activities continue across the state in 2015.

Nine organisations have been funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services to deliver a range of activities across the state to help Queenslanders with disability, their families and carers to get ready for the NDIS.

Visit the [Participant Readiness](#) web page to find out about the nine organisations and their activities.

Five organisations will deliver activities in **Far North Queensland** region –Queenslanders with Disability Network, Mamre–Pave the Way, Connections, Deaf Services Queensland and Parent to Parent.

This factsheet lists activities happening in **Far North Queensland** during January, February and March. This information is correct at time of publishing but check with organisations for details of dates, venues and times of activities.

Queenslanders with Disability Network, Ready to Go project

Queenslanders with Disability Network's (QDN) Ready to Go project is designed to help get people ready for the NDIS. QDN workshops are being held across Queensland for people with intellectual or learning disabilities. The workshops are fun and interactive.

Plan ahead introductory workshops will be held in [10 areas](#) across the state in February and March, followed by more throughout 2015.

These free workshops are hosted by people with disability, and delivered in a way that helps with individual and group learning. They consist of two sessions over two weeks. Participants need to attend both sessions.

The workshops are for people with intellectual or learning disability. Parents, carers or support workers are welcome to attend as support for participants.

Plan ahead workshops will be held in **Cairns on Tuesday 24 and 31 March** (participants must attend both sessions).

Find out about the workshops and [register here](#), or follow Ready to Go on [Facebook](#).

Mamre Pave the Way activities

Mamre (through Pave the Way) is delivering NDIS Participant Readiness activities for people with disability and their families in the **North Coast, North Queensland and Far North Queensland** regions.

One of the big findings from the NDIS trial sites is that people attending the NDIA planning meeting were under prepared for the question 'What are your goals and aspirations for the future?'

Pave the Way hopes that through its Participant Readiness activities, Queensland families and people with disability will be better able to articulate their goals and be better prepared for the NDIS and the opportunities this will provide.

Pave the Way's Participant Readiness activities will include:

1. A three-hour presentation called 'Paving the Way to the NDIS' that explains the scheme and some of the important components. The presentation will outline: what is the NDIS, who are the NDIA, strengths and limitations of funding, the importance of planning, the NDIA planning process and choice and control.
2. Rolling workshops (likely to be quarterly in 2015) to follow the 'Paving the Way to the NDIS' presentation on the topics including: documenting personal information, living a good life and choice and control.
3. Development of information resources on topics such as choice and control and being a confident consumer.
4. Individual conversations with families and individuals.

Pave the Way workshops in February and March in Far North Queensland

Location: Cairns

Workshop: NDIS
Date: Sunday 22 February
Time: 1pm – 4pm (Sunday afternoon presentation)

Location: Atherton

Workshop: Documenting Personal Information
Date: Monday 23 February
Time: 10am-2.30pm

Location: Mareeba

Workshop: Documenting Personal Information
Date: Tuesday 24 February
Time: 10am-2.30pm

Location: Cairns

Workshop: NDIS
Date: Wednesday 25 February
Time: 5.30pm-8.30pm (evening presentation)

Location: Mossman

Workshop: NDIS
Date: Thursday 26 February
Time: 10am-1pm

Location: Cairns

Workshop: Documenting Personal Information
Date: Friday 27 February
Time: 10am-2.30pm

Location: Townsville

Workshop: Documenting Personal Information
Date: Monday 9 March
Time: 10am-2.30pm

Location: Tully

Workshop: NDIS
Date: Tuesday 24 March
Time: 10am-1pm

Location: Mission Beach

Workshop: NDIS
Date: Wednesday 25 March
Time: 10am-1pm

Location: Innisfail

Workshop: NDIS
Date: Thursday 26 March
Time: 10am-1pm

Location: Innisfail

Workshop: Documenting Personal Information
Date: Friday 27 March
Time: 10am-2.30pm

Connections

Connections is partnering with Mental Illness Fellowship Queensland (MIFQ) to design and deliver training workshops to educate people about the NDIS.

Connections will deliver information sessions and workshops for people living with psychiatric disability, their families and carers who live in the regions of **North Coast, North Queensland, Central Queensland** and **Far North Queensland**.

The dates for upcoming workshops in Far North Queensland in early 2015 are provided below. For more information contact [Connections](http://www.connectionsinc.org.au) at www.connectionsinc.org.au on (07) 5495 3472 or email yourlife@connectionsinc.org.au.

A workshop in Far North Queensland (to be confirmed) is planned for 17 February in Cherbourg.

Parent to Parent workshops

Parent to Parent is delivering a series of three workshops for older carers (60+ years) and Indigenous carers (45+ years) of people with disability. The workshops are aimed at preparing older carers for the NDIS:

- **Creating the vision**—identify what the NDIS means for you and how to prepare for it, what you need to consider for the future and how to stay strong and motivated.
- **Recording the vision**—explore your loved one's visions and dreams for the future, identify their gifts and strengths, set some goals and document what steps are needed for them to achieve those goals.
- **Sharing the vision**—create a profile for your loved one that provides information about how the person communicates, what is important to them as well as what is important for them to keep them healthy and safe.

Visit the [Parent to Parent](#) web page or contact them directly on (07) 5472 7072 or 1800 777 723 to register or to find out more information.