



BC Buzz

Newsletter OCTOBER 2025



Bethany Camp 2025

A camp to remember!

Our annual Bethany Camp at the stunning Camp Drewe was a huge success! Blessed with sunshine and sea breeze, participants enjoyed a getaway packed with laughter, teamwork, and connection.

The adventure offered something for everyone — from exciting activities like archery and catapult building...

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Camp 2025



Prayer Breakfast
with the Mayor



Happy Birthday
Heather



Your life and choice
matters



Congratulations!

to the Service Manager and Family!

We're delighted to share the wonderful news that our Service Manager, Idris, and his wife have welcomed the arrival of their second child!

This joyful addition to their family brings double the laughter, love, and late-night cuddles. Both mum and baby are doing well, and the whole family is overjoyed. From all of us at Bethany, we send our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Idris, his wife and their growing family as they embrace this beautiful new chapter together



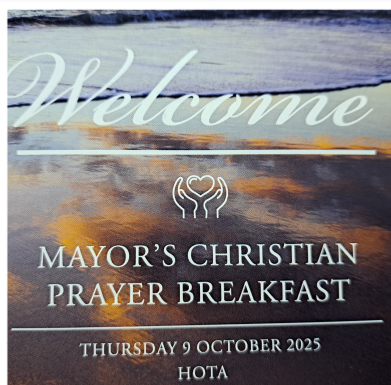
Prayer Breakfast

With the Mayor Tom Tate,

Last Thursday, Bethany attended the Mayor's Christian Prayer Breakfast held at HOTA. The theme for the morning was "The Power of Oneness," inspired by John 17:21: "...that all of them may be ONE, Father, just as you are in me, and I am in you...". This powerful verse reminds us of Jesus' prayer for unity among all believers — past, present, and future.

It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with other Christian organisations, churches, and local businesses, and to enjoy a meaningful time of worship led by the Gold Coast Chapel Team. The morning was filled with prayer for our city, churches, nation, mayor, and council, as well as Bible readings and reflection.

To top it all off, we shared a delicious, cooked breakfast — with a choice between salmon or bacon and eggs!



"It was a wonderful opportunity to connect..."



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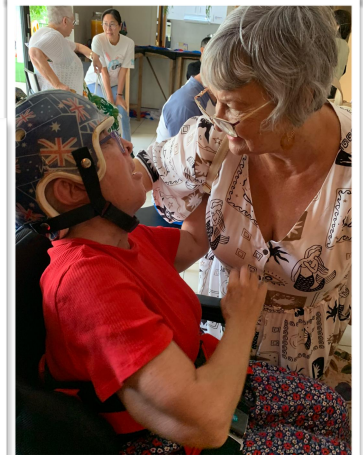
We had a very special day at Bethany as we celebrated long-time group member Heather's 60th birthday. The room was beautifully decorated with balloons and party food to mark the occasion for our special friend.

The excitement began as the birthday girl arrived to cheers and smiles all around. Participants shared heartfelt speeches—some casual, some formal—and joined in lively karaoke performances to celebrate Heather. Everyone gathered to take photos, share laughter, and make lasting memories.

The celebration continued with a delicious lunch, and of course, the highlight of the day was enjoying the beautiful and tasty birthday cake. It was truly a joyful and memorable occasion for everyone involved.

After the birthday girl and her friends left to return to their home, the remaining participants were given the opportunity just to relax and wind down. They opted to watch funny Cat movies. During this time staff carried on with the cleaning until it was time to leave.

Happy 60th birthday Heather.



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Bethany Wordsearch

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Camp Report

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...where creativity and precision were on display, to relaxing beach walks and a memorable visit to the Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary. As evening fell, we gathered around the campfire for singing under the stars, creating warm memories that will last a lifetime.

Thursday night brought out the disco fever at our vibrant 70s Dance Party, complete with classic tunes, flashing lights, and plenty of sparkle!

Throughout the weekend, we were treated to delicious meals, cared for by wonderful staff, and enjoyed fantastic facilities that made everyone feel right at home.

All in all, Camp Drewe 2025 was a joyful celebration of fun, friendship, and the Bethany spirit — a truly unforgettable experience for everyone involved!



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What is the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower

<https://hdsunflower.com>

The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower is a simple tool for you to voluntarily share that you have a disability or condition that may not be immediately apparent – and that you may need a helping hand, understanding, or more time in shops, at work, on transport, or in public spaces.



Exciting news for travellers with hidden disabilities!

Gold Coast Airport is leading the way by introducing dedicated disability access spaces at both their international and domestic baggage carousels. These clearly marked spaces are designed to make arrivals smoother, safer, and more inclusive for passengers with hidden disabilities, low vision, or mobility needs such as wheelchairs or walking frames.

This thoughtful initiative reflects the airport's ongoing commitment to accessibility and inclusion, ensuring that every traveller feels supported from the moment they arrive. A great example of accessibility in action and a positive step toward creating a more inclusive travel experience for all!



HOPE CHURCH AUSTRALIA

Bethany is a ministry of Hope Church and extends a warm invitation to all individuals and families to join in its dynamic services and community events

Please visit

www.facebook.com/hopechurchgc

www.instagram.com/hopechurchostralia for updates



Meet the Support Worker

New Support Worker, Olivia has been with us since July/2025. Here's a bit about "Olivia"

1. What advice would you give to your teenage self? **I would tell my teenage self not to let others disturb your peace and to stop worrying about what other people think of you.**
2. When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? **I wanted to be a teacher or someone who could guide and help others.**
3. What's the best advice you were ever given, and who was it from? **The best advice I've ever received was from my mum: no matter who it is—whether they've been unkind or aren't your friend—always be kind, because what you sow is what you reap.**
4. What three words would your friends use to describe you? **Motivated, funny, and resilient.**
5. What's one thing people don't know about you? **I'm very musical and love singing.**



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WE VALUE YOUR FEEDBACK



If you have any feedback on what we are doing well or how we can do things better, please contact us. This may include any comments or suggestions about any aspect of Bethany service delivery, for example, policy recommendations. Please contact us to share your views. Your input is important to us.

You can provide your feedback through the following channels:

- By post to Bethany Care Limited, PO Box 35 Varsity Lakes Q 4227
- Email enquiries@bethanycare.org
- Phone 5551 0276
- 'website www.bethanycare.org, click on "contact us"

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BC Office Team

- Service Manager - Idris Akintola
- Assistant Manager - Teresa Athanasius
- Operations Manager - Brian Lynch
- House Coordinator - Obert Ndondodzai
- House Coordinator - John Berriman
- Finance Coordinator - Caron Quilliam
- Support Coordination - Dami Omolabi

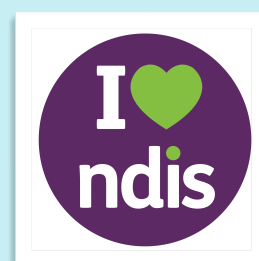
Board of Directors

- Chairperson - Ps Justin Reid
- Treasurer - Amy Leong
- Director - Helen Karena
- Director - Josie Sproul

UNDERSTANDING THE NDIS – 1800 800 110

NDIS provides funding to eligible people with disability to gain more time with family and friends, greater independence, access to new skills, jobs, or volunteering in their community, and an improved quality of life.

The NDIS also connects anyone with disability to services in their community.
<https://www.ndis.gov.au/understanding/what-ndis>



SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

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- BC Bowling - Every Saturday our BC team of bowlers heads off for a morning of friendly competition. There is room for you on the team.
- BC @ Hope Church - Participants are always welcome to join the Sunday morning church service at Hope Church
- BC Camps - Our annual 4 day camp is held every September/October. Most campers and carers say it's the highlight of their year.
- Assistance with Self-Care Activities - We have a team of experienced and trained carers who provide one on one support to help you reach your goals whether in your home or in the community.
- Support Independent Living - Bethany Care has three SIL homes, Yodelay & Barrier Reef for the men and Maidenhair for the women.
- Short Term Accommodation - Hope Cottage available for short stays in a purpose built modern home.
- Support Coordination - Do you need assistance with coordinating all your NDIS supports? Bethany Care has an excellent and experienced Support Coordinator who is available to assist you to navigate your way through the NDIS.





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