



HUNTINGTONS queensland

Summer 2019-20 news flash



Staff and guests had lots of fun at the Ipswich community fun day at The Workshops Rail Museum

Community fun!

Thank you so much to our guests and volunteers who attended our community fun day at Ipswich Rail Museum in October.

We had so much fun exploring this interesting little museum, and it was lovely to see everyone chatting and enjoying the day.

Thank you so much to Alan McKinless for supporting our community days through his wife Alecca's gift.

Keep an eye out for our 2020 calendar of community fun day events! We look forward to more fun days with everyone!

On the move

Huntingtons Queensland was first established in Brisbane as a volunteer-run organisation in 1976. In 1998, the team purchased, renovated and moved into a large, beautiful Queenslander house-turned-office, courtesy of a very generous bequest by Ms Florence Dannell.

After many years at the Florence Dannell House, Huntingtons Queensland is in the process of selling the building to another not-for-profit organisation.

This is an important step for Huntingtons Queensland to increase our flexibility and enable us to put more funds into supporting families.

It is our intention that Huntingtons Queensland will operate in the upstairs level of the building in the interim while looking for a new office location.

We will keep you informed of any progress.

New venue for Brisbane support group

For those who attend our Brisbane support group meetings, please be advised that we will be meeting in a new location starting from our January 2020 meeting.

The new location will be the Annerley Hall, just behind Annerley Library off Ipswich Road, at 8 Waldheim Street, Annerley.

The venue offers parking and full accessibility, and is easily located using Google maps (image below for example).

Details will also be provided in the support group emails as they come out. Please feel welcome to get in touch if you have any questions about the space.



Event calendar

Visit huntingtonsqld.org.au/support/whats-on for a list of all upcoming events and support groups.

January

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| 6 - Office reopens | 27 - Australia Day |
| 8 - Brisbane support | public holiday |
| 21 - Gympie support | 30 - Bundaberg support |

March

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| 3 - Redlands support | 15 - Gold Coast community fun day(TBC) |
| 4 - Mackay support | |
| 11 - Brisbane support | 17 - Gold Coast support |
| 13 - Sunshine Coast support | 24 - Ipswich support |

February

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| 11 - Toowoomba visit | 21 - Logan support |
| 12 - Brisbane support | 27 - Gladstone support |

April

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| 8 - Brisbane support | 23 - Bundaberg support |
| 10-13 - Easter holidays | 27 - Anzac day public holiday |
| 21 - Gympie support | |

AGM and research update

Thank you to those who attended our annual general meeting (AGM) in mid-November. We are pleased to announce our directors for the Board:

Jason de Bakker (president)
Cate Barrett (vice president)
Janifer Willis (treasurer)
Jan Szlapak (secretary)
Gerry Doyle
Shane Kelly
Susanna Mantovani

We were excited to reveal our annual report for the 2018-2019 financial year. You can access a copy through our website, by accessing "About Us" and selecting "Newsletters and annual reports".



Board director Gerry Doyle (left) with Dr Robert Adam at our 2019 AGM

We would also like to thank Dr Robert Adam from Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital for speaking about the current Wave trial underway in Brisbane.

It is wonderful to have something so exciting happening right here in Queensland, and Huntingtons Queensland is proud to support this trial.

Dr Adam has also revealed that **they have more places available on the Brisbane trial**, so if you fit the following criteria, please contact Dr Adam's team directly on **hdresearchqld@gmail.com**.

You must:

- Be aged 25 – 65
- Have tested positive for HD
- Be mildly symptomatic
- Have a BMI of less than 30

Dr Adam's presentation will be available soon on our website and YouTube channel.

Merry Christmas!

We were delighted to welcome 16 people to our annual Christmas party, held at our office in Annerley, Brisbane.

Although initially scheduled for a Saturday, most guests were unavailable, so we returned it to a Wednesday morning tea, and welcomed everyone for a mid-week party!

It was a wonderful opportunity to get to know a few new faces, and catch up with some familiar ones too.

Thank you to everyone for coming along and helping us celebrate the festive season and the end of a very big year!

Guests and staff celebrating Christmas, complete with a surprise visit from Santa



Thank you, Luke!

Huntingtons Queensland has been delighted to foster a new partnership with financial advisor Luke Muir from LM Wealth Partners.

Luke has been working with us for a little under a year, and has provided low-cost services to many families and individuals impacted by Huntington's disease. In addition, he has gone above and beyond, both in a professional and personal context, to ensure clients are supported.

We are so grateful for Luke's expertise and generosity! If you would like to chat with Luke about financial issues, you are welcome to contact him through us. We would be happy to refer you! Just call our office on 07 3435 4300.



Luke Muir with physiotherapist Rits Rana at our 2019 forum



Holiday closures

Our office will be closed for the festive season from **Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January** inclusive. We will be back in the office from Monday 6 January 2020.

We will also be closed for the Australia Day public holiday on **Monday 27 January**.

If you need support during these times, please contact **Lifeline on 13 11 14**, and if it is an emergency, please call 000.

We wish you and your loved ones a peaceful festive season, and look forward to working with you in 2020!

Make a donation this Christmas

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