

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to our first (brief) e-bulletin for 2008. We hope to keep in regular contact with our members throughout the year.

Happy 2008!

We at QDHC are back and well rested after the Christmas break. We hope all of you, our members and allies, had a wonderful holiday season.

Aims and Objectives

QDHC continues to be firmly committed -

- To bring together a diverse group of people with disabilities, and others, seeking to ensure a choice of affordable housing options for people with disabilities;
- To promote the rights of people with disabilities to live as part of the community in housing which suits their individual needs;
- To develop policies and strategies to enhance and extend the provision of housing;
- To promote the provision of adequate and coordinated support services required by people with disabilities living in the community;
- To raise community awareness, understanding and knowledge of housing needs of people with disabilities through research, negotiation and community education.

The Year Ahead...

This is certainly an interesting year ahead of us:

- We will vigorously be investigating alternative funding sources, which will enable us to continue our invaluable work, based on our Aims and Objects, mentioned above; thus maintaining our status as a financially stable / viable Organisation.
- Later in the year we will be working on an exciting project (via funds from Disability Services Qld) where we will be conducting workshops with people with disabilities and families in various Qld regions.

Office Move

At the moment however our focus is on moving office space. We are very busy preparing the office for the move. Sorting through years of documents makes us feel proud of all that QDHC has achieved in the past and makes us think of all that there is yet to do!

Staying In Touch

While this is a busy time for us please still feel free to make contact with us at the office. We will have a system for retrieving messages during this transition. We will let all of our members know our new office contact details once we have moved.

New Multifunction/Fax on the way!

The Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund provided \$2, 693.90 to QDHC for the purchase of a new multifunction/fax machine – this will assist us to continue our important work. Thankyou Gambling Community Benefit Fund!

Thankyou

We look forward to your continued support throughout 2008. We would like to say a big 'Thankyou' to all our members who have already supported us through donations. As members would be aware, our recurrent funding through Department of Housing has now ceased. We appreciate any support, financial or other, our members can give us at this time.

The year promises to be another challenging yet rewarding time for QDHC.

PEACE!!

Mike Duffan

On behalf of QDHC Committee and Staff