



# Sunshine Butterflies

YOUR *local* DISABILITY SUPPORT CHARITY



## Butterfly Bulletin

**Autumn 2023**

*Welcome to 2023 and our first Newsletter for parents, members and supporters of Sunshine Butterflies. Take a look to see what we've been up to these last few months and the exciting things we have coming up in the future.*

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## *Supported Employment Initiative!*



We are thrilled to welcome more Supported Employment members to the team!

Our members Hannah, Lisa and Ty have recently joined our Supported Employment crew in their new roles.

Sunshine Butterflies Supported Employment Initiative offers opportunities for people with disability to work in the local community, develop small business skills, be part of a team and gain independence and confidence in the workforce.

We provide a supportive and inclusive work environment with ongoing training and support to employees with disability to help them succeed in any of our social enterprises or other local businesses.



Hannah and Ty are now working in our 'Learning Cafe' and Lisa is working in our Gardens.

We are so excited to have them join the team alongside our other members Krystal, Damian and Daniel.

We now have a total of 6 Supported Employment Members and look forward to growing this even further and providing more opportunities for people with disability to get into the workforce.

We are so proud to be offering this service at Sunshine Butterflies. To find out more please contact us below.



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*Sunshine Butterflies News!*

**Butterflies in the skies!**



Sunshine Butterflies was thrilled to be invited onboard Bonza's first flight to Mackay and second flight ever!

Our CEO/Founder Leanne Walsh took to the skies with Community Engagement Manager Heather, decked out in our signature purple for a fun day trip up to North Queensland.

We are so excited about the launch of this new airline on the Sunshine Coast and are pretty stoked about our matching purple colours.

We look forward to our members and staff taking more regional routes for their holidays and respite.

Take a look to see how our day went!

[See more](#)



# Sunshine Coast Airport Visit!



In other Air related news, we welcomed the Project and Communications team from [Sunshine Coast Airport](#) out to 'Our Backyard'.

Sunshine Coast Airport is embarking on a terminal expansion to deliver an improved passenger and visitor experience.

The team connected with Sunshine Butterflies to engage with people with disability, their families and support workers to learn about what would make a more positive passenger and visitor experience at Sunshine Coast Airport.

Our members and staff joined the airport team and provided them with valuable feedback and recommendations about the airport experience and space.

The wonderful Chris from [Cerge](#) also joined us to offer important information on providing personalised support to people with disability.

At Sunshine Butterflies we love working with other local businesses to help support them in making our community more accessible.

We are excited to see how Sunshine Coast Airport will become more inclusive and accessible in the future.

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## SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

### *Shanahan Family Law*



*Last year Sunshine Butterflies connected with the wonderful Luke Shanahan and his team from **Shanahan Family Law**.*

*We were thrilled when Luke came on board as a Partner with us and have loved welcoming Shanahan Family Law to our Butterfly community.*



*Since then, Luke and the team have been involved in events like Walk In Wings, our Members Christmas Party and our Triathlon and supported Sunshine Butterflies to continue to provide life-changing programs and services to individuals with disability and their families.*

*Shanahan Family Law are dedicated to providing a holistic and client-centred approach to family law support in all aspects of divorce, separation, relationship breakdown and property settlement.*

*Their principal solicitor, Luke Shanahan, started the law firm to offer people a cost-effective way to resolve family law matters and acknowledge that people are not numbers. They focus on out-of-court resolution.*

*There are plenty of choices when it comes to selecting a family lawyer. Shanahan Family Law want to help you understand some of the key differences you need to think about before hiring a lawyer.*

*"At Shanahan Family Law, we understand the importance of supporting initiatives that make a difference in our community. That's why we are proud to be partnered with Sunshine Butterflies, an organisation that brings joy, by improving the lives of those with disability and their families.*

*We believe in creating a better future for all Australians, and we are proud to support the work of Sunshine Butterflies who provide life-changing services to individuals with disability."*

*Head over to their website, [shanahanfamilylaw.com.au](https://shanahanfamilylaw.com.au) for more information.*

*Partnerships are essential to the success of Sunshine Butterflies and we are so grateful to have partners like Shanahan Family Law.*

*If you see any of the Shanahan Family Law team at our events, make sure you pop over and say hello!*

**Visit their website**



**Find out more about how you can partner with us:**

Please email [heather@sunshinebutterflies.com.au](mailto:heather@sunshinebutterflies.com.au)

or visit our website [HERE](#)

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## *Celebrity chef visit*

Sunshine Butterflies 'Farmyard Cooking School' were excited when Celebrity Chef Sally Jenyns came to visit their program.

Sally is a Chef, former TV presenter, author, fisher and boater. You may recognise her from the very popular Creek to Coast show!

Sally came out to visit our 'Farmyard Cooking School' program and cook a delicious recipe with our members and staff.

They made delicious Quesadillas, guacamole and salsa using all local ingredients, including herbs from 'Our Backyard'.

It was fabulous to have Sally join us and share her knowledge, passion and joy of food with our members.



# *New program: Butterfly Bubs!*



*Free Playgroup for infants, babies, toddlers and pre - schoolers who are showing signs of developmental delay.*

'Butterfly Bubs' allows mums/dads/carers to exchange tips and tools, and form friendships with other parents or caregivers.

- Explore language, movement, sensory integration
- Social, physical and sensory development
- A special start to your child's life.



- Your child can enjoy playing with other children of different ages.
- New and creative activities

We have just kicked off our weekly program on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 10:30 am at our beautiful 15-acre space, 'Our Backyard'.

This program runs over 40 weeks following the school terms.  
If you would like to join us for Term 2, please contact us today!

[community@sunshinebutterflies.com.au](mailto:community@sunshinebutterflies.com.au)

A huge thanks to [Ansvar Insurance](#) for supporting this amazing playgroup.

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## EXCITING NEWS!

We would like to extend our thanks to all our wonderful supporters who are assisting Sunshine Butterflies to create a positive change in the lives of people with disability. Check out the existing projects coming up for Sunshine Butterflies, all thanks to the success of the following community grants, sponsorship and donations.



Queensland Government Community Benefit Gambling Fund which will allow us to install an accessible lift at 472 McKinnon Drive so members living in the house and visitors are able to access the bottom floor and be involved in social activities.

*Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!*

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*Drama Program performs 'Greatest Showman'*



**Our 'Drama Kings & Queens' shared a very special performance with their families at 'Our Backyard'.**

They performed an incredible rendition of 'The Greatest Showman' to celebrate their last day with Program Coordinator, Lisa, who is going on maternity leave.

Our families enjoyed watching their loved ones perform on our outdoor stage.

What a lovely way to send off Lisa and also welcome our new Program Coordinator, Jo Hendrie who will be taking over our Drama group.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS!

We have so many amazing programs at 'Our Backyard', take a look at some of the impressive things they have been getting up to.





## Gone Fishin

Our Gone fishin' program have been scoring some amazing catches this year. They recently embarked on a fishing charter where they enjoyed all the beauty of the Noosa river and learnt plenty of new fishing skills.



## Chippies Corner

Sunshine Butterflies 'Chippies Corner' have been creating so many amazing projects! Their newest kitchen knife holders are so impressive!



## All Sports

Sunshine Butterflies 'All Sports' program have been enjoying getting out in the water this summer, their new boogie boards and SUPS are a great addition to this active program.

For more information on our programs, please visit our website [HERE](#)  
or contact [admin@sunshinebutterflies.com.au](mailto:admin@sunshinebutterflies.com.au)

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