

The logo for Sunshine Butterflies is a stylized butterfly with wings in shades of green, yellow, and purple. It is positioned to the left of the text 'Sunshine Butterflies' which is written in a white, cursive font.

Sunshine Butterflies

YOUR *local* DISABILITY SUPPORT CHARITY



Welcome to our Sunshine Butterflies Autumn 2026 Newsletter for families, members, sponsors 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.

*Community Open Day and
Self-Guided Accessible Pathway Opening*



Our Community Open Day was a huge success, and we were so proud to officially open stage one of our Self-Guided Accessible Pathway, a beautiful new addition designed for everyone from our members to community groups and schools to explore, discover and enjoy at their own pace.

From the moment the gates opened, 'Our Backyard' in Cooroibah came alive with connection, laughter and community spirit.

Visitors explored our 15-acre space, met our amazing team, connected with our programs and enjoyed everything from the Adventure Playground and tractor rides to our gardens, animals and creative spaces.

It was such a joy to open our gates and welcome our wonderful community, whose ongoing support means so much to us.

We were honoured to be joined by special guests from Jessie Baird's Family, Cr Amelia Lorentson - Noosa Council, and the Easter Bunny. We loved seeing so many smiling faces throughout the day.

Guests enjoyed a delicious sausage sizzle (thank you to Woolworths Noosa Village for your generous support), sampled our Pantry Condiments range, purchased beautiful creations from our 'Chippies Corner' and 'Kiss My Art' programs, and relaxed to the fantastic live music from our very own Chris & Tracey.

Following our spectacular members Easter Hat Parade, our Sunshine Butterflies Easter Raffle was drawn live with the 11 fantastic prizes going to the lucky winners.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along and our amazing team here at Sunshine Butterflies, you made the day truly unforgettable.

See more from the day..

Easter Raffle!



Our Sunshine Butterflies Easter Raffle was drawn live on Wednesday 1st April at our Community Open Day, and what a fantastic response we had! Thanks to the incredible support from our community, we were able to raise valuable funds to support the work we do.

A huge thank you to our amazing prize sponsors for making this possible and thank you to everyone who purchased tickets and supported the raffle. Your generosity helps us continue creating meaningful opportunities and experiences for our Sunshine Butterflies community.

Staff Training Day!



What a wonderful day we shared at Our Backyard with our incredible Sunshine Butterflies team!

Staff training is such an important part of what we do, and our annual Training Day is all about investing in our people. This year's event was filled with valuable sessions, tailored workshop and wellbeing topics, while also giving everyone the chance to come together, grow, learn and support one another.

The day was packed with meaningful learning, fun activities and plenty of delicious food. We wrapped it all up with a special guest Michelle Brain, who had us laughing and smiling from ear to ear.

We are so proud of our hardworking, kind and passionate team. It truly takes a special group of people to make Sunshine Butterflies the magical place that it is, and we feel incredibly lucky to be part of such a supportive community.

EXCITING NEWS!



BUTTERFLIES TEAM

There's been plenty of joy to share across the Butterflies team recently, with two beautiful new arrivals joining our extended family.

Ali and Liam recently welcomed a baby girl, Cove, born in January, while Shahn and Jon celebrated the arrival of their baby boy, Grayson, born in March. These precious new additions have brought so much joy, and we send our warmest congratulations to both families during this very special time.

WORK MILESTONES

We're also taking a moment to celebrate the incredible dedication within our team at Sunshine Butterflies.

Congratulations to Chris Cumming, who not only turned 70 recently, he also reached an outstanding milestone - 10 years with the organisation.

Chris is joined by several other long-standing team members reaching remarkable milestones of their own:

Leanne Walsh – 15 years

Leesa Brooder – 12 years

Kim Lewry – 11 years

Damien Walsh – 11 years

Sonia Martin– 10 years

Each of these milestones represents years of care, effort and connection that help shape the heart of Sunshine Butterflies. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing commitment and the difference you continue to make every day.

ABOUT US!

Morning Tea, High Tea or Lunch



We love hosting groups at 'Our Backyard'.

There's nothing better than good company, sweet treats and a relaxed country-style setting to bring people together. From beautifully presented goodies to plenty of laughs shared around the table, every visit is a truly special experience.

Sunshine Butterflies welcomes groups to enjoy a rustic lunch, morning tea, high tea along with a tour. Your host will share the heartwarming story of Sunshine Butterflies as you explore our beautiful facilities, meet our friendly farm animals, wander through lush gardens and discover what our members are enjoying in their day programs.

If you are planning the perfect outing with friends, family, or a special celebration, come and enjoy a charming experience you won't want to miss.

Get in touch to book your next gathering!

Tours run Monday to Friday and booking are essential. Phone Sonia on (07) 5470 2830 or email community@sunshinebutterflies.com.au

Book here..

Sunshine Butterflies Pantry



Our amazing Pantry team created a delicious range of handmade Easter treats! From Easter Rocky Road and Bunny Shortbread to our custom-made condiments, everything was crafted with care and creativity.

We loved setting up our stall at Noosa Civic in March to share these goodies and showcase our social enterprise with the community.

A big thank you to Noosa Civic and everyone who stopped by, made a purchase and supported Sunshine Butterflies. Your support means the world to us and helps us continue the meaningful work we do.

Our Pantry..

'Our Backyard' Playgroups



Playgroup at Sunshine Butterflies is held every Tuesday and Thursday morning and now all year round, even in the school holidays!
However, we will take a short break over Christmas and New Year's two weeks (21 Dec to 3 Jan).

Playgroup & Cafe Open:
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am - 10:30am

Grab your coffee and snacks from our cafe and check out the range of condiments in our pantry, including yummy strawberry jam.

Visit 'Our Backyard' Adventure Playground.

Playgroup at Sunshine Butterflies is \$10 per child.

To stay up to date with our Playgroups, follow the Facebook group below.

Pigs



We are so excited to welcome two very cute, very snoozy new additions to our furry family at 'Our Backyard'.

Meet Smudge and Ginger, our new pigs! They are 10-year-old brother and sister with beautiful temperaments and are already settling in so well to their new home at 'Our Backyard' in their very own Pig Palace.

If you would like to Sponsor Smudge and Ginger or any of our animals, please visit our website:

[Sponsor an animal..](#)

Sunshine Butterflies News!

Allens Asphalt and Shadforth Civil Contractors

A massive shout-out and heartfelt thank you to the incredible team at Allens Asphalt and Shadford Civil for their unbelievably generous donation of all the bitumen, materials and labour for our driveway and carpark project.

Their skills were truly on display, especially navigating our tight driveway and they were absolutely the right team for the job. Thanks to their hard work, the dirt and mud are officially gone and our driveway and Pantry Cafe area now look absolutely incredible.

This was a massively generous donation, and we honestly can't thank you all enough for your role in transforming this space. What a team effort!

We are beyond grateful.

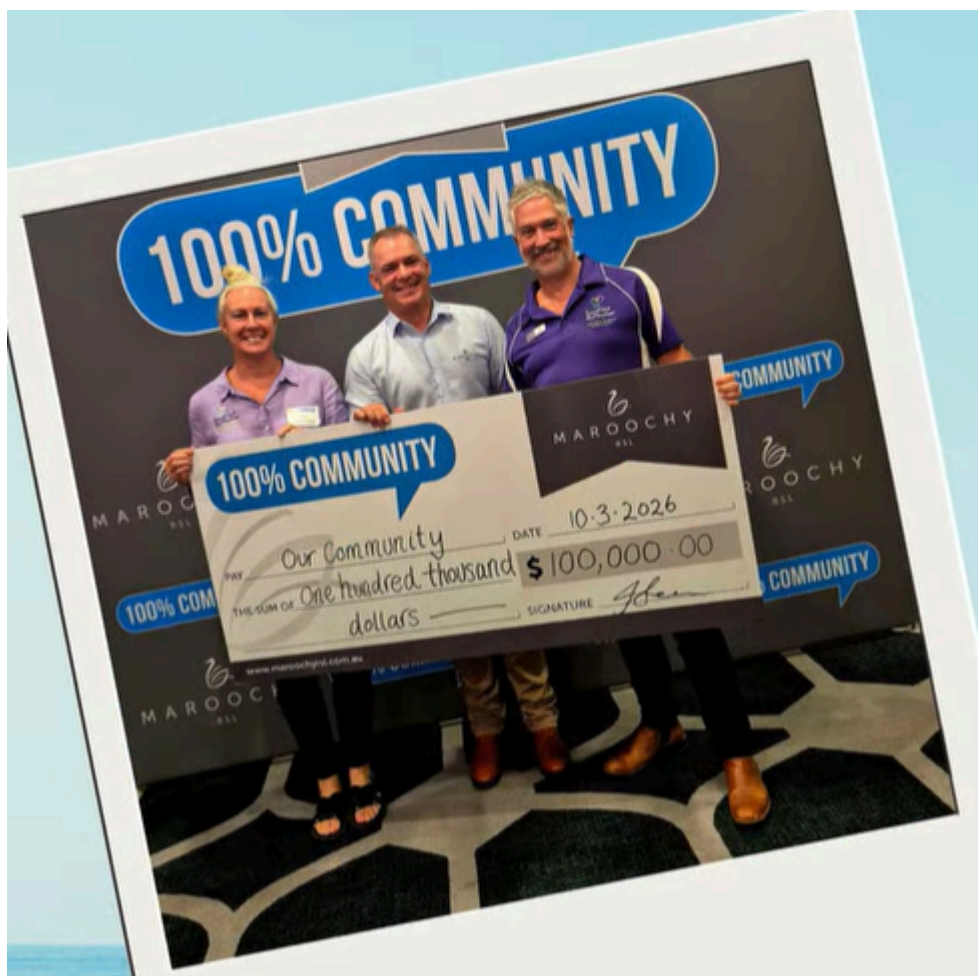


Maroochy RSL

Sunshine Butterflies was incredibly grateful to receive a generous \$10,000 donation from Maroochy RSL!

We were honoured to attend a special morning tea at Maroochy RSL alongside another 10 amazing local charities, veterans and community organisations. This funding will go towards building fences and shelter for our farm animals, helping us continue to provide meaningful support for the individuals and families we support every day. It makes a real difference in allowing us to create inclusive opportunities, connection and a strong sense of belonging across the Sunshine Coast.

Thank you so much to Maroochy RSL for your generosity and ongoing support, it truly means the world to us.



Grill'd

Sunshine Butterflies is absolutely thrilled to be selected as one of the featured charities in Grill'd Local Matters for the month of March!

We are so grateful to be part of this fantastic program that helps strengthen and support local communities. A huge thank you to the team at Grill'd for making this possible!

Every dollar raised helps Sunshine Butterflies continue building an inclusive, supportive and accepting community for all.



SPONSORS SPOTLIGHT!



We're thrilled to welcome [**Aussie Tewantin and Aussie Coolum**](#) as our newest Gold Corporate Partner.

Owners Clay and Michelle Bremer have been part of our Butterflies Giving Program over the past 12 months, and we're so excited to have them deepen their involvement with Sunshine Butterflies.

Here's what Clay had to say about joining:

"Myself, Michelle and the team at Aussie Tewantin and Aussie Coolum are

excited to come on board as a Gold Partner with Sunshine Butterflies. We love that the organisation provides a wide range of opportunities and activities for all members of the community. Sunshine Butterflies is a wonderful local Sunshine Coast initiative. We look forward to working with and supporting Sunshine Butterflies into the future.”

Aussie Tewanin has a generous offer for our community:

Refinance your existing loan or settle a new one with Aussie Tewanin and they'll give \$500 back to Sunshine Butterflies!*

This is a fantastic way to support our organisation while taking care of your finances. Feel free to get in touch with Clay if you have any questions or would like to explore ways you could save on your monthly repayments.

Please mention Sunshine Butterflies to the Aussie Team!

*Conditions apply. Please email clay.bremer@aussie.com.au for full Terms and Conditions.

Thank you, Clay, Michelle, and your amazing team for your ongoing support and belief in what we do. Together, we can continue creating opportunities and making a meaningful difference in our community

Make a meaningful impact!

Butterflies Giving Program

Welcome to our latest
Butterflies Giving Program Champion


MBA

We are thrilled to welcome Murray Browne and his business MBA Financial Group to our Butterflies Giving Program!

MBA Financial Group provides personalised financial advice to families and businesses, specialising in Retirement Planning Services (Superannuation & Investments).

If you have a superannuation fund and are approaching or in retirement Murray and his team at MBA Financial Group can give you personal service at a low cost.

To enquire with Murray and his team, visit <https://mba.net.au/>

Thank you, MBA Financial Group, for making a real difference in the lives of people with disability and for supporting our community 

Interested in becoming a Butterflies Giving Program Champion, please reach out [Butterflies Giving Program](#)

Grants News!

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our wonderful supporters who are assisting Sunshine Butterflies to create a positive change in the lives of

people with disability. Be sure to keep an eye on our socials for project updates and before-and-after photos or visit [our website](#) to learn more. These projects are made possible through the success of our community grants, sponsorships, and donations.

Here are a couple of recent grant successes:



Maroochy RSL has provided funding towards enhancing our Farmability program by allowing us to extend fencing to create a rotating paddock system and construct a safe, secure animal shelter.



Sunshine Butterflies was successful with The Harcourts Foundation grant which will enable us to start Stage 2 of our accessible pathways across our 15-acre community facility, replacing muddy grass tracks. Completing the loop ensures a safe, inclusive space where everyone, regardless of mobility can fully participate in life at Sunshine Butterflies.



Sunshine Butterflies' "Forever Homes" project is moving forward, with plans to expand housing on its 15-acre property to support people with disability facing a critical housing shortage.

With pro bono support from project partners, a development application is underway to deliver more genuinely affordable housing. A \$1 million community fundraising campaign is also being prepared to help bring the vision to life.

Stage One will provide housing for 10 people on the waiting list. Stage Two will add self-contained options for individuals needing lower support, while Stage Three will update the existing house on the original acres purchased in 2014.

As housing in Noosa becomes increasingly unaffordable, the project aims to give families peace of mind by ensuring long-term, stable accommodation for their loved ones.

Follow along on our socials to stay up to date with this journey.

[Our Facebook..](#)

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.

NEW Term 3 Program (June 2026) Butterfly Beauty



This program is a wellbeing program focused on self-care, confidence, presentation and social skills.

You will enjoy hands-on learning in makeup application, skin care, hair care and oral care, while also practicing posture, movement and body language, technology etiquette and deportment, conversation skills and wardrobe styling. Additionally, you will take part in a photoshoot to showcase your skills and personal growth.

Give us a call on 07 5470 2830, if you would like to book your place in this program, or any of our daily recreational, educational or life skills programs.

For more information on all our programs and timetables,
please visit our website [HERE](#)
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