



INALA  
COMMUNITY HOUSE

Out Of  
Home Care



# Your Carers Newsletter

## Departmental Updates

### 2024 Carer Allowance Changes.

In 2024, there will be some changes to the carer allowance rates. These are effective as of the 1st of January 2024 and you can obtain more specific information at the [Queensland Foster & Kinship Care website](#).



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## Team Update

Our Youth Worker Sophie has moved on from our service and will now be pursuing her personal passion of providing counselling. We've thoroughly enjoyed our time with Sophie and wish her the very best with her future endeavours.

We have appointed Lauren Perry as our permanent full-time Senior Case Worker in the team. Lauren will primarily focus on our most complex cases, whilst supporting our caseworkers to develop their practice, in addition to other administrative duties within the Out of Home Care program.



## Carer Compliance

There have been some changes to the Carer Health and Wellbeing questionnaire. Your caseworker will always support you in completing this form, but if you want to review this for yourself, you can request a copy from your caseworker.



## Carer Spotlight

As we move towards the end of the year, we wanted to say a huge thank you to our carers throughout the year. We're so grateful that you have chosen to be a carer and support young people in need.

We'll be looking for new carers to highlight in December, but wanted to send a mass thank you to each and every one of you this month!



# Your Carer Newsletter

## What's happening at Inala Community House?

We have a number of events going on at Inala Community House. These events include the Christmas Craft Morning on Monday 4th December and there will be a Christmas Treat Cooking workshop the following Monday 11th December.

Please reach out to your caseworker if you'd like to attend either of these.



## Christmas Craft Morning

You will learn how to create an amazing centrepiece for your Christmas table using a florist oasis and native shrubs and flowers. You will also learn how to freshen up your creation before Christmas using foliage found in your local area

### When

Monday 4th  
December  
10:00am-12:00pm

### Where

Skylarkers  
Neighbourhood Centre  
20 Skylarkers Street,  
Inala



Please contact Mary Prickett on 0422 231 527 to book a place.

## Upcoming Training & Events

With Christmas so near, we have scheduled a few events that are coming up soon:

- **November 30th - BBQ event at Orion Lagoon starting at 4.30 pm.**
- **December 13th - Carer Paint and Sip event**
- **December 20th - OHC Christmas Party at Redbank Cineplex movies.**

Our team is currently planning for 2024 and we look forward to more programs in the new year. If you have some specific training or activities that you'd like us to organise, please discuss this with your case worker.

## Inala Elders Events

The Inala Elders have a number of events coming up that you can get involved with. One key event is the Christmas market, they are providing food and toy hampers to children in need which they are collecting for. You'll see in this flyer that there are two QR codes, one is if you'd like to register a stall and the other is to register a hamper. Registrations close on 15th December 2023.

If you're looking to spread some Christmas joy, why not start here?



## Community Events

There are a number of events both online and in person. Some of these events are free for you to attend and there are some that have a cost associated. [Follow this link to find out more.](#)

## Good News O'Clock

*I always questioned whether I would be ready to foster care. Then I realised that no child was ready to be an orphan. There may not be a perfect time to be a foster carer, but from the perspective of children, they are always ready to have family love on them.*

## Feedback & Complaints

Our community of carers is so important and we want to ensure you have the opportunity to share any feedback or concerns you may have. You can give feedback in several ways.

- Call and speak to a member of our team on **(07) 3372 1711**
- Submit your feedback via email at [reception@ich.org.au](mailto:reception@ich.org.au) or [complaints@ich.org.au](mailto:complaints@ich.org.au)
- Send through written feedback to PO BOX 4800, Forest Lake QLD 4078