

# Pave the Way Newsletter

December 2012



## Christmas Greetings for 2012

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The Christmas period is a time to count our blessings, and to celebrate joy, peace and love with all those dear to us. The team at Pave the Way are privileged to meet with so many wonderful people, and to hear the stories of each family on their journey in search of a "good life" for themselves and their family members.

Pave the Way celebrated its tenth anniversary this year. In recognition of this significant milestone we have compiled a calendar which we hope you will enjoy and draw inspiration from during the year ahead. If we have your mailing address, watch out for your calendar in the mail in the next few weeks.

We are looking forward to sharing a positive and progressive year in 2013. Owen Feltham (1602-1668), an English writer quoted "*The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means and the exercise of ordinary qualities. These may for the most part be summed in these two: common-sense and perseverance*". How true and reassuring this is.

We hope that your Christmas is filled with all the lovely things that this time of year can bring, and you have an opportunity to relax and enjoy it all. Best wishes for a wonderful and safe festive season from everyone at Pave the Way.

### Staff News

Peter Vacca has joined the Pave the Way Team, after being part of Mamre at Newmarket. Peter writes. . .

It's a joy to join the team at Pave the Way in the role of Development Worker. I'm looking forward to learning from families and colleagues and contributing to the great work that happens here.

My work history supporting families with a son or daughter with disability began over 12 years ago. That history includes various roles including Coordinator and Keyworker and in recent years as the Team Leader for the Mamre Family Support Program on Brisbane's north side. During that time I have particularly enjoyed having conversations with families and facilitating planning sessions that help families to clarify their vision for their family member's future.

I look forward to meeting some of you through the various workshops and visits that are conducted throughout the year.

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Hard copies of Pave the Way's information including stories on our website, can be obtained by contacting the office on (07) 3291 5800.

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For any further information about Pave the Way and the services we offer, phone (07) 3291 5800 or 1300 554 400.



## Pave the Way

Pave the Way assists families throughout Queensland to clarify their vision for their family member with a disability and to plan to implement that vision. We encourage planning which is vision driven, 'whole of life', developmental, outside service planning and which safeguards family members in the long term. We believe it is other people who keep people safe and support the development of personal networks, including Support Circles.

## Contact Us

Please contact us if you would like to be on our mailing list, or would like information or assistance developing a vision and plan or developing a support circle or similar network. If you are part of a group of families and would like us to come and talk about these issues, let us know.

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## Upcoming Events

### Planning for Now Tomorrow and the Future

Toowoomba	20 Feb 2013
Gold Coast	27 Feb 2013
Caboolture	6 Mar 2013
Townsville	3 April 2013

### Building Lifelong Supports & Safeguards

Mt Gravatt	23 Feb 2013
Gold Coast	23 March 2013

### Documenting Personal Information

Ipswich	March 2013 (date tbc)
Toowoomba	April 2013 (date tbc)
Mareeba/Atherton	April 2013 (date tbc)

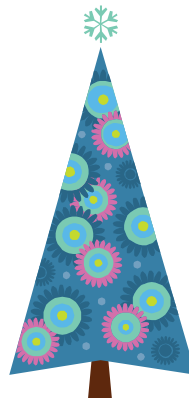
## Regional Visits

### Helen Baird

Cairns / Atherton February 2013 (dates tbc)

### Julie van Oosten

Maryborough 9 – 10 February 2013



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Public Holiday

To book into a workshop, please phone our office on (07) 3291 5800 or free call 1300 554 402. For regional visits please contact Julie van Oosten or Helen Baird on (07) 3291 5800 or free call 1300 554 402.

You can also view the workshop and events calendar online at

[www.pavetheway.org.au](http://www.pavetheway.org.au)