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Newsletter June 2025

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### Catch up on all the news

This Newsletter is for you... our fabulous REDinc community. Sharing news, stories and updates from across REDinc.

### Special Dates

#### REDinc Mullum - Mid Winter Festival

Come join us for a festival at our Mullumbimby Centre! Saturday the 12th of July, 10:30am - 2pm.

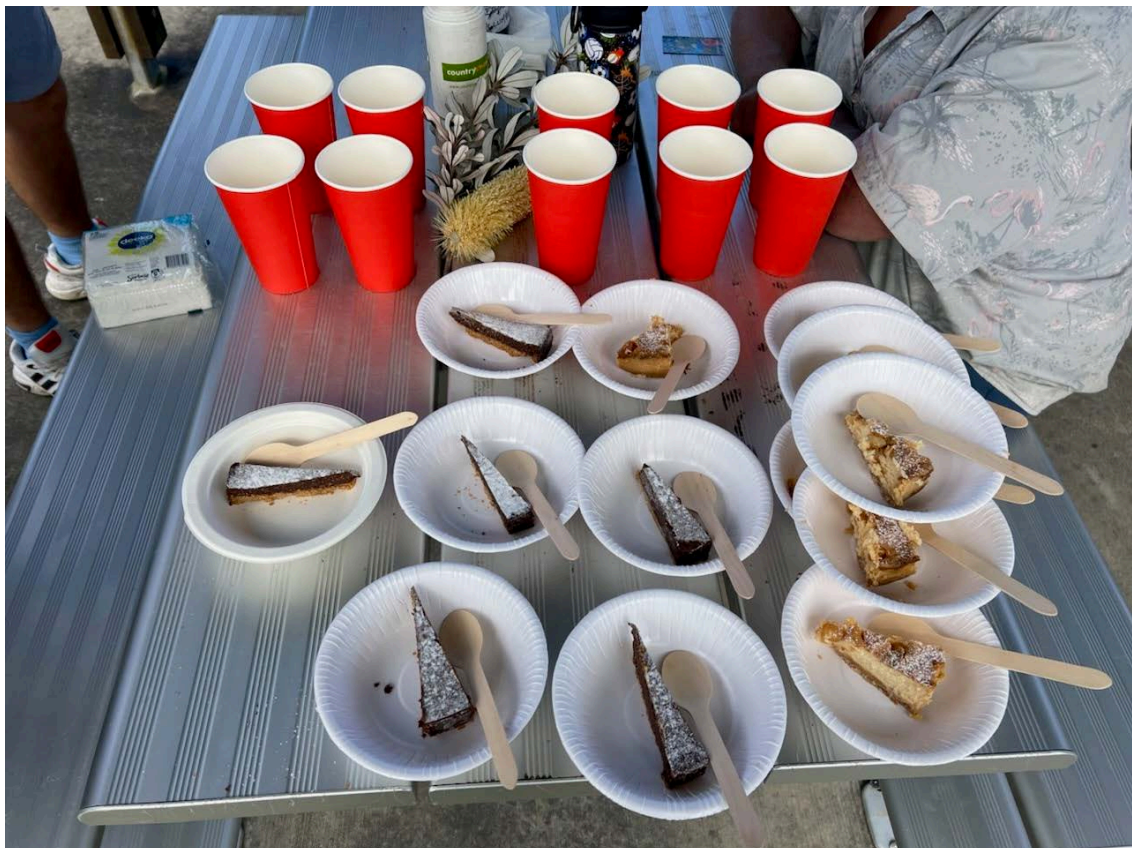
#### King's Birthday Closure

REDinc - we'll be closed on **Monday, June 9th** for the King's Birthday public holiday. We will reopen on **Tuesday the 10th of June.**

### Remembering Stuart

*This week, the Mullumbimby Day Service said goodbye to a long-term participant and cherished member of our community, Stuart.*

*Stuart had been part of REDinc for many years and formed many close friendships during that time. On Wednesday evening, staff gathered to reflect on and celebrate Stuart's life. Today, his friends and supporters came together at the Brunswick Heads break wall to farewell him in a way he would have loved — with his favourite food, cheesecake.*



## CEO Update



Dear REDinc community,

There have been some recent changes to how the NDIS is operating, and we want to make sure you're informed and supported as these roll out.

### New Funding Periods in NDIS Plans

From **19 May 2025**, the NDIS will begin introducing **funding periods** in plans. Instead of accessing your full funding upfront, it will now be released in **3-month blocks for most supports** and **1 month blocks for supported living**.



Here's what you need to know:

- This change only applies when you receive a **new or reassessed plan**.
- The **total amount of your funding doesn't change**, just how it's made available.
- You'll only be able to use the funds available in the current period.
- Unused funds **will roll over** to the next period within the same plan.
- **Funds do not carry over** into a new plan, so managing your budget throughout the year is important.

You'll be able to track funding and spending through your plan, the participant portal, and the **my NDIS app**.

If your funds run out before the end of a funding period, you'll need to wait for the next one to begin or speak to your plan manager or the NDIA about options.

### What the NDIS Will and Won't Fund

A reminder: the NDIS now has clearer rules about what is and isn't covered under your plan. These are set out in two lists:

- Supports the NDIS **can fund**
- Supports the NDIS **cannot fund**

It's your responsibility (or nominees) to make sure funding is spent according to your plan. If you use NDIS funds for items not covered, you may be asked to repay the money.

navigating any of this. Our team is here to support you every step of the way.

## What Does the NDIS Fund?

### REDinc Casino News

Katrina Cadman - Casino Site Manager

Beef Week has come and gone, and what an incredible celebration it was! This year's theme — "*Secrets of the Museum*" — sparked some amazing creativity, and we're proud to announce that our Casino Centre took out **3rd place** in the *Schools and Care Providers* section of the Beef Week Window Competition!

Our dedicated crew brought the mystery and magic of museums to life with an eye-catching window and yard display that wowed judges and the community alike. A huge thank you to everyone involved — your effort, imagination, and teamwork truly shone.

The **Construction Club** also stepped into the spotlight, showcasing their craftsmanship through the *Circular Timber Project*. Their stunning creations, made from salvaged timber sourced from flood-affected homes, were a powerful tribute to sustainability and resilience. Congratulations to the team for contributing to such a meaningful initiative — your work turned reclaimed materials into something truly beautiful.

We're also excited to welcome **two fantastic new team members** to our Casino crew — Nicole and Stan. Each of them brings fresh perspectives, great energy, and a wealth of experience to the team. Be sure to say hello and help them feel part of the REDinc family!



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### 12 Week Outing Program

We have recently put together a 12-week outing program. If you would like a copy of the 12 week Wednesday outings contact Katrina on 0422 159 109.

## REDinc Timetable (Casino)

This is a snapshot of some of the workshops we offer at Casino REDinc. If you want to do something that isn't here, please get in touch and together, let's make it happen!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Morning 9am 'til 12pm</b>	Meal preparation & Cooking	Community Engagement (Fishing, Bowling, Hiking)  Picnic Lunch	Day Outings	Outdoor Activities	Men's Shed (all day)  Women's Coffee Club and Baking
<b>Afternoon 12pm 'til 3pm</b>	Fitness	Outdoor Games (Winter)  Swimming (Summer)	Day Outings	Creative Arts	Men's Shed (all day)  Garden Club  Social Gaming



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## REDinc Mullum News

James Robertson - Mullumbimby Site Manager

### Beach 'n' Bounce on the Gold Coast!

The Mullum crew teamed up with some friends from Lismore for a fun-filled day at the trampoline centre in Burleigh Heads. In the photo below, Saffron and Isaac take a break while Charlie shows off an impressive somersault!



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### REDinc Choir Performance

Visitors to the Mother's Day Fete at the Anglican Church in Alstonville last Saturday were treated to a special performance by the entire REDinc Choir, with members from both the Lismore and Mullum branches coming together to put on an incredible show for the Alstonville community.

A big thank you to the Anglican Church for organising such a great event and for their ongoing support of REDinc over the years.



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Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Morning 9am 'til 12pm	Picnic Group  Dance	Bowling  Morning Focus (Photography for all)	Cooking  Drama	Performance Choir	Ocean Club  Craft	Monthly Saturday Socials, Adventure Club and Fishing Club
Afternoon 12pm 'til 3pm	Picnic Group	Art  Coastal Connections	Art	Beautiful Noises	Bowling  Music	
Late Afternoon 3pm 'til 6pm					Friday Flix and Chill	



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### REDinc Lismore News

Sarah Williams - Lismore Site Manager



#### 🎉 Lismore Lantern Parade—You're Invited!

Lismore Day Service invites you to join us in this year's **Lismore Lantern Parade** on **Saturday, 21st June!**

We'll be walking with our magical lanterns—including the **Queen of Hearts**, the **White Rabbit**, and more —bringing colour and fun to this iconic community event.

**Interested in coming along?** Have a chat with your intake team member for more info!



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# ATTEND THE LANTERN PARADE

**SATURDAY, JUNE  
21ST**  
**4PM – 8:30PM**

**KINDLY BRING CASH TO  
COVER YOUR DINNER.**

Speak with your intake member  
closer to the date to organise drop  
off/pick up point

**LANTERN MAKING  
WORKSHOPS**  
**WITH THE OUT AND ABOUT  
PROGRAM**

Cost:  
\$10

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May (9am – 3pm)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June (9am – 3pm)

## "A Small Plot of" Land"—REDinc Art Exhibition

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming art exhibition, **"A Small Plot of Land,"** showcasing the creative work of REDinc participants.

 **Thursday, 12th June**

 **From 1pm**

 **Performing Arts Centre**

There'll be light refreshments, beautiful artwork, and plenty of imagination on display—don't miss it!



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# A SMALL PLOT OF LAND

## A REDinc Art Exhibition

In this exhibition, each artist is given a tiny, imagined plot of land to shape into a dreamscape—be it lush terrain, surreal homes, thriving communities, or fantastical flora. Together, these visions build a collective town, celebrating the beauty of diversity and imagination.



### FEATURED ARTISTS

- LEE SPYKERS
- FINN ANDREWS
- WILLIE MUTTON
- NICKY ATTA-SINGH
- NAIKIA TAYLOR
- SHIRLEY GIBSON
- JASMINE ROBERTS
- RYAN HICKEY
- CHELSEA MOSS-JOHANNASSEN

**12 JUNE 2025**

START FROM 1PM

**PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE**

79 MAGELLAN STREET,  
LISMORE.



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Our Lismore Performance Choir had the absolute pleasure of performing at **Friends Childcare Centre** on **Friday, 23rd May**, thanks to a lovely invitation.

A big thank you to the children and staff for being such a warm and welcoming audience!



#### **Shout Out to Kevin—World's Greatest Shave!**

Huge congratulations to **Kevin from Lismore** for taking part in the **World's Greatest Shave!**

We're so proud of your bravery and big heart, Kevin—well done!

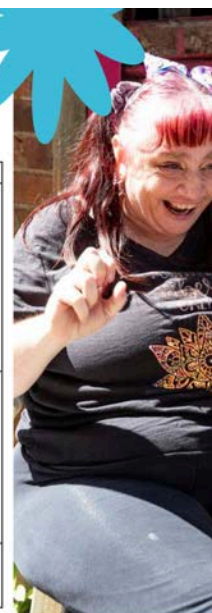


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## REDinc Timetable (Lismore)

Participants can be part of a group pickup and drop off, however families are encouraged to provide transport wherever possible. Drop offs and pickups by families, carers and other providers is at 9:00am and 3:00pm in the afternoon respectively.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning 9am 'til 12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SLES</li> <li>Drama</li> <li>Path Finders (all day activity)</li> <li>Literacy and Numeracy Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Literacy and Numeracy Group</li> <li>Out and About Group (all day activity)</li> <li>Dungeons &amp; Dragons (all day activity)</li> <li>Performance Skills</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooking</li> <li>Dance</li> <li>SLES</li> <li>Bowling (all day activity)</li> <li>Mindful Moments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music</li> <li>Sensory Group</li> <li>SLES</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beautiful Noises</li> <li>Social Gaming</li> <li>SLES</li> <li>Bowling (all day activity)</li> </ul>
Afternoon 12pm 'til 3pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Karaoke</li> <li>Board Games &amp; Cards</li> <li>SLES</li> <li>Path Finders (all day activity)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art</li> <li>Out and About Group (all day activity)</li> <li>Dungeons &amp; Dragons (all day activity)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SLES</li> <li>Drama</li> <li>Bowling (all day activity)</li> <li>Sports Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Art</li> <li>SLES</li> <li>Indoor Gym</li> <li>Tabletop Painting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance Choir</li> <li>Social Gaming</li> <li>SLES</li> <li>Bowling (all day activity)</li> </ul>
Late Afternoon 3pm 'til 6pm		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pop Culture from 3pm - 5pm.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Gaming</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Gaming</li> </ul>



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## School Leavers Employment Support (SLES) Update

Ric McQueen - SLES/Work and Training Coordinator

The School Leaver Employment Supports (SLES) program has had an outstanding quarter, with many participants achieving fantastic outcomes—from enrolling in further education to reaching employment goals.

now enjoying ten free driving lessons each, delivered by a qualified driving instructor. We also want to celebrate Xavier, who has progressed from his learner's licence to his provisional (P) plates—well done!

Funding through Finding and Keeping a Job, along with other supports, can also be used to help participants access educational opportunities such as RMS learner licence preparation, TAFE courses, and further study. REDinc is proud to offer what we believe is the only driving simulator available in the Northern Rivers specifically for people with disabilities. It's a valuable learning tool that simulates real driving experiences and delivers proven results.

The SLES group also visited the Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre this quarter. It was a fantastic opportunity for participants to form friendships and build peer connections. Activities focused on understanding our place in nature and exploring career opportunities in environmental sectors. This excursion followed on perfectly from our recent workshops with National Parks and Wildlife Services and our involvement in Clean Up Australia Day.

In addition, our SLES Barista Bar continues to thrive. This month, we've introduced new menu items to keep everyone inspired! Participants have been assigned rotating job roles, including money handling, EFTPOS transactions, food preparation, and barista duties, allowing them to build real-world employability skills in a supported setting.

If you're interested in having your son or daughter participate in skill-building activities like these, please don't hesitate to reach out!



### Support Coordination Update



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My name is Angie Mediero, and I am working over in the Molesworth Street office as a support coordinator.

I joined REDinc as I had seen many of the programs for young people based in the arts, which is an interest of mine and such a huge part of the Lismore culture. I had also taken note of many local acquaintances who have been with REDinc for a very long time, so I was sure it had a great supportive culture.



Previously to starting with REDinc, I was in the family space in Victoria as a family practitioner, a very broad case management role supporting families with a range of goals and challenges. Prior to this, I was a coordinator for a family support department.

I'm looking forward to meeting participants, advocating for their best outcomes, and getting more involved with the community since returning to Lismore.

Outside of work I enjoy heading out to the waterfalls and walks (we are beyond blessed in the Northern Rivers), writing poetry, painting, and reading.

People can get in touch by popping in to see me at the office or emailing me at [angie.mediero@redinc.org.au](mailto:angie.mediero@redinc.org.au).

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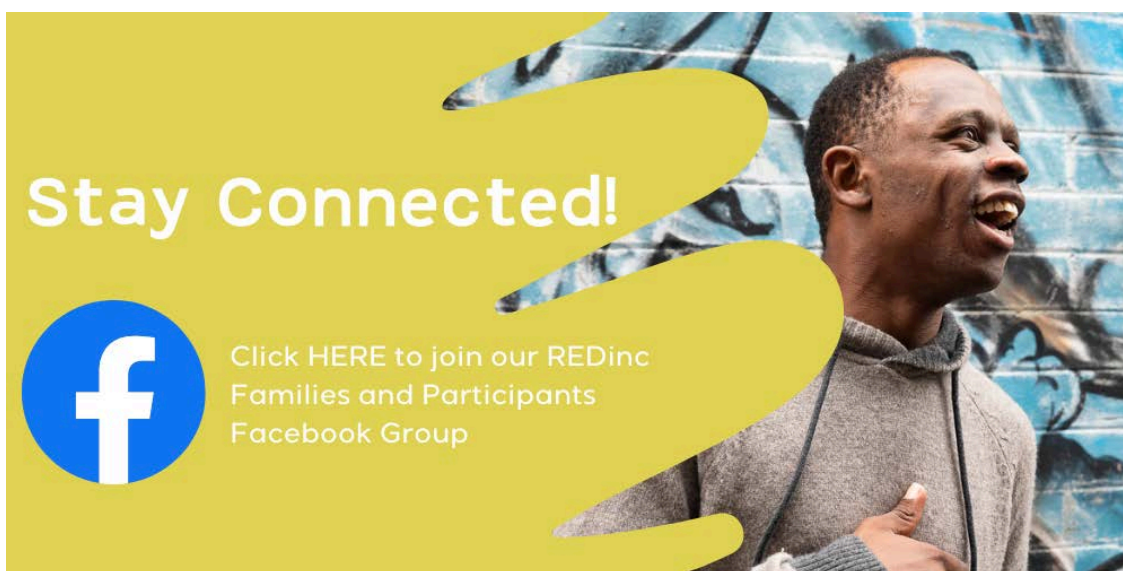
## In School Support Team (ISS) Update

Bree-Anna Currie - In School Support

The In School Support program is excited to welcome a new team member, Belinda, who has joined as the program's **Aboriginal Engagement Officer**. Belinda will be working alongside Mel to support students within schools.



We're also pleased to share that the **Shape Up** after-school program has started again in collaboration with the **NSW Police Youth Team**. The program currently has 14 students participating and already has a

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### Connect with us!

Stay in touch with all the happenings in the REDinc Facebook group for REDinc Families and Participants. Click [here](#) to join.

### Have your details changed?

If your personal details e.g. address/contact details etc. or medical or health related information have changed in the last 12 months, please contact your intake person or Emma Le Gall in Lismore, Katrina Cadman in Casino and James Robertson in Mullumbimby or call 02 6622 3400.



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