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To be a leader in the provision of quality, accessible and affordable community care services for the general and CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) communities.

OUR VISION

To be the focal point in Queensland for the promotion and study of the Italian language and culture.



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LETTER FROM THE CEO



The team have been busy attending Expos spreading the word about our services and we have been very involved in welcoming new staff members who will bring expertise and enthusiasm to our workforce.

This quarter has seen us celebrate some milestones with great fanfare. As you'll know from our previous edition, CEO Dina Ranieri retired after 37 years in the seat and we were delighted to hold a cocktail evening for staff and friends to send her off for some leisure and family time.

Also in this quarter we celebrated the contributions of seniors in our community with two events in Brisbane and the Gold Coast subsidised by Seniors Month grants – these events were joyous occasions to dance and connect with many others in the community.

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in welcoming new staff members who will bring expertise and enthusiasm to our workforce.

As Christmas nears, our program coordinators are planning festive activities for the social groups and we are looking forward to brightening up vulnerable clients' lives with our annual Christmas hampers.

As we all look forward to a few days off, remember that our office will only close for the public holidays and staff are still available to assist you during this period.

Happy reading as you catch up on what's been happening at Co.As.It.

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OUR HISTORY

DINA'S FAREWELL CELEBRATIONS

After 37 years of commitment, hard work, and dedication to Co.As.It., our esteemed former CEO Dina Ranieri is now ready to begin the next chapter of her story - relaxation and retirement.

Over 200 guests, including Australian and Italian dignitaries, Board Directors, staff and volunteers attended a memorable evening on 12 October to celebrate Dina's leadership and her many contributions to Co.As.It.

Of particular emphasis was her extensive impact on the comprehensive development of the organisation, its programs and services and its recognised footprint within the aged, community and disability service sector.

Dina's vision for Co.As.It. and her astute financial management consolidated the organisation's financial prosperity which will ensure future service provision for the most vulnerable in our community.

We wish Dina the very best in her next chapter, filled with family and friends, travel, and happiness.





THE POWER OF HOME NURSING CARE

Early prevention and intervention are always better than crisis management.



When a 90-year-old client's concerns were dismissed as "just aging," it took a registered nurse's careful attention to uncover a serious heart condition that required immediate intervention. This compelling story highlights the critical importance of professional nursing care in home health services.

The Warning Signs

For over a week, something wasn't quite right. Despite having no obvious signs of distress, the elderly client experienced concerning symptoms: shakiness, sweating, blurred vision, and worsening lower back pain. A visit to the GP earlier that week had resulted in a dismissive response: "You're 90 years old and need to take it easy." Family members urged a hospital visit, but like many seniors, the client was hesitant to make "unnecessary fuss." That's when a routine health check-up changed everything.

A Crucial Intervention

During the well-being check, our registered nurse conducted a thorough assessment. While vital signs appeared stable and pupillary responses were normal, the nurse's training and experience prompted deeper concern. Rather than dismissing the symptoms as age-related, our nurse took decisive action and called for an ambulance.

This decision proved life-saving. Further testing at the hospital revealed a serious cardiac condition, resulting in emergency surgery and the installation of a pacemaker.

Today, the client is recovering well - all because a skilled nurse listened, assessed, and acted.

The Value of Professional Nursing Care

This story illustrates why regular nursing assessments are important for seniors receiving home care. A comprehensive nursing check can:

- Identify subtle health changes before they become emergencies
- Provide professional evaluation of symptoms that might otherwise be dismissed
- Ensure appropriate medical intervention when needed
- Create continuity of care between doctors' visits

Other assessments a well-being check can look at are:

- Current and emerging health issues
- Medication management
- Mobility and personal care needs
- Nutrition and daily living activities
- Cognitive and sensory health monitoring
- Chronic disease management and vital observations

Taking Action

Early prevention and intervention are always better than crisis management. As this client's story shows, sometimes the most significant health challenges don't present with dramatic symptoms.

Contact your care coordinator today to learn more about incorporating nursing services into your home care service.



ALLIED HEALTH

A PATIENT'S POEM PAYS TRIBUTE TO OUR PHYSIO

Believing that her physiotherapy would end after the program, Sylvia wrote a poem to express her gratitude and say farewell.



Sylvia began receiving physiotherapy service under the Short Term Restorative Care (STRC) program, along with other allied health support including occupational therapy and podiatry.

During this eight week program, Sylvia particularly benefitted from the physiotherapy treatment provided by Ian.

Believing that her physiotherapy would end after the program, Sylvia wrote a poem to express her gratitude and say farewell.

The poem highlights the positive impact we can make in the community we serve.

*There's a bloke from Brazil I've got to know
His name is Ian - he says it's so!
He's a special lad, he's a trained physio
If you're whingeing and groaning about your aches and pain
He lives by the motto 'no work no pain'.*

*I'm sure I am a disappointment, as I don't put in enough time
I'd rather be making cards, painting rocks or making a rhyme!*

*So, I have to get myself into gear
Get these bones a moving before he gets here
He makes me laugh and cheers my day
And I'll be sad when he goes on his caring way.*

*There will be others who benefit from meeting this likely lad
But I'd like to say, I feel better for his physio work and laughs we have had.*

However, in a positive plot twist, she was pleasantly surprised to learn that she could continue with Co.As. It. including receiving physiotherapy support from Ian under the Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).

Sylvia currently remains a Co.As.It. client and has now transitioned to receiving support under the Home Care Program (HCP).

She continues to look forward to and benefits from weekly physiotherapy visits from Ian. Sylvia is



also receiving ongoing personal care support and occupational therapy support as required.

As a provider, we appreciate the kind words and compliments Sylvia has shared over the past few months, and we are pleased to continue supporting her in the community.

NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

CO.AS.IT. SUPPORTS PEOPLE LIVING WITH A DISABILITY

Co.As.It was delighted to host an information stand at the 2024 Brisbane Disability Expo.

We had an incredible experience sharing information about our support coordination and other services available.

The expo linked thousands of people with a disability with service providers, and we were excited to participate.

As a Registered NDIS Provider, our expertly trained staff provide support coordination, services, and care.

You can count on us for the provision of self-care, daily life, community access, therapies, and support coordination.

Co.As.It. is delighted to create opportunities for more people to achieve their goals and live fulfilling lives.

Find out more at coasit.asn.au/community-care/ndis



NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME

BREAKING BARRIERS

In the bustling heart of Brisbane, a remarkable transformation story unfolds. Nicholas, an NDIS participant, has turned his health and wellness goals into stunning reality, shedding over 20 kilograms and discovering a passion for boxing that would reshape his life.

Since 2019, Nicholas has been working with Co.As.It., a support coordination service that helps NDIS participants navigate their plans and connect with the right providers. When Nicholas expressed his desire to improve his health and wellbeing, his support coordinator made a connection that would prove transformative – introducing him to Luke of Headband Hero.

“I have had the pleasure of training Nick twice per week since April 2022,” says Luke, a dedicated fitness professional who has witnessed Nicholas’ journey firsthand. “Rain, hail, or shine, Nick shows up to our sessions, both outdoors and at Southbank Fitness Centre, with fierce determination.”

The results speak for themselves. Beyond the impressive weight loss, Nicholas has developed what his trainer describes as “elite cardiovascular capacity” through his dedication to boxing. He’s now a regular at the Fitness Centre, where his presence serves as inspiration to others.

However the physical transformation tells only part of the story. *“His overall confidence and competence has improved immensely, and his outlook on life has become very, very positive,”* Luke notes. *“Nick is a shining example of how hard work, a good attitude, and commitment can help someone achieve more than their initial goals and dreams.”*

This success story highlights the vital role of NDIS support coordination in connecting participants with services that can truly change lives. Through building skills, understanding their NDIS plans, and linking with the right providers, participants like Nicholas can unlock their full potential and achieve goals that might once have seemed out of reach.

For Nicholas what started as a simple goal to improve his health has blossomed into a journey of personal transformation that continues to inspire both his trainer and those around him.

His story stands as testament to the power of dedicated support, personal determination, and the life-changing impact of the NDIS when its resources are used effectively.



MAKING LIFE EASIER FOR ANGELA



"I am thankful and appreciate all of the individual attention to my personal circumstances and the assistance I receive."

We would like to share Angela's testimonial.

"The support I receive is so valuable to me. I receive help with daily tasks such as dishes, general household cleaning and vacuuming," Angela said.

"All of this support helps to make a huge difference to my quality of life. I am treated with dignity and respect which greatly enhances my experience with Co.As.It."

A single mother, Angela said she was especially grateful for QCSS providing a supportive environment for her, with a personal focus on her wellbeing.

"I am thankful and appreciate all of the individual attention to my personal circumstances and the assistance I receive."

"Thank you Co.As.It. You make the world a better place for a member of the community like me."

The QCSS Direct Care and Support, which Angela receives, includes: regular household activities, personal care and support to attend appointments.

QCSS also offers community connections support to assist clients in connecting to other supports and services in their community to live more independently.

Angela – a Queensland Community Support Scheme (QCSS) client – is among our many Co.As.It. clients who are keen to say a heartfelt thank you for their support.

Angela, 51, lives with a permanent disability that impacts her day-to-day capacities.

Recently, Angela shared her appreciation for her *'positive and ongoing experiences with the team at Co.As.It.'*

AGED CARE VOLUNTEER VISITORS SCHEME

(formerly called Community Visitors Scheme)

EVERY PERSON MATTERS

Louise looks forward to listening to many more of Alda's life adventures in a match that is among the many wonderful stories emerging from the ACVVS.



They're a generation that embraced friendliness, loyalty and community. When we received a referral to match a visitor to Alda, they mentioned that she loves to chat, and that was not an exaggeration!

For our volunteer visitor, Louise, the experience of walking into Alda's house, was a sensory delight – filled with the soothing sounds of the soundtrack of Alda's favourite movie, Cinema Paradiso.

Louise enjoyed her initial visit with Alda so much that she did not realise almost 2 hours had flown by. Louise said, *"It felt like we had only sat down 5 minutes ago."*

Before Louise had even sat down, Alda – also a Home Care Package (HCP) client – said she had many stories

to share but first she needed to know about her background.

Alda's greatest joy and passion was talking about her children and grandchildren.

A mother of 3, Alda is deeply proud of how she has instilled in her children the value of a good education. Alda also delighted in reading aloud birthday cards from her grandchildren that declared their love for her.

Another fond memory Alda loves to share was doing a Camino de Santiago walking tour with her son in 2002. This exciting travel adventure is close to her heart and one she will always cherish.

Louise's initial visit to Alda marked the start of a beautiful friendship between the two women. They both look forward to seeing one another as part of the ACVVS program.

Louise said, *"It gives me great joy to see the joy in Alda's eyes at being able to share her fondest memories."*

Louise looks forward to listening to many more of Alda's life adventures in a match that is among the many wonderful stories emerging from the ACVVS.

The ACVVS is a national program to improve the quality of life for people living in residential care or at home with support from Home Care Packages.

Volunteers provide friendship and companionship and help to develop social connections. Stories like Alda and Louise's connection inspire and motivate us every day to continue to reduce social isolation one volunteer visitor at a time.

CIAO PROGRAM

NEVER TOO OLD TO ENJOY AN ITALIAN SING-ALONG

Residents who have made the transition from the family home to an aged care home, now enjoy a stronger sense of engagement and belonging.



Italian immigrants who once crossed oceans for a new life in Australia are now reviving cultural traditions, including sing-alongs of favourite folk songs, in their golden years.

The quest for reawakening Italian culture in residential aged care homes has broken new ground thanks to the CIAO (Cultural Italian Activity Opportunity) program for seniors.

Our mission for the Co.As.It CIAO program is to bridge the gap between the daily activities in residential aged care homes and Italian residents. Many aged care homes across Brisbane are now filled with the sounds of Italian chatter mixed with laughter and song.

Coordinators of the CIAO program have identified positive changes, not only for residents but also for staff. Residents who have made the transition from the family home to an aged care home, now enjoy a stronger sense of engagement and belonging.

When Concetta at Portofino Hamilton joined the CIAO program, the benefits were obvious to everyone.

Concetta may have limited use of her hands but that has not stopped her from enjoying tossing a ball with fellow residents in aged care.

The simple activity of throwing and catching the ball has strengthened Concetta's hands, while enhancing friendships and a sense of community.

The monthly CIAO program brings Italian aged care residents together to sip Italian coffee, reminisce and solve the world's problems while enjoying companionship.

Another popular feature is a sing-along of Italian folk songs. Even the quiet residents can't resist joining in and reviving their treasured Italian memories!

COMMONWEALTH HOME SUPPORT PROGRAM

A DESIRE TO CONNECT



For Christine – who faces mobility challenges, shortness of breath, and has limited access to community activities – the CHSP services have been pivotal in enabling her to maintain her independence and continue living at home.

Often isolated due to health conditions, Christine says the fortnightly visits from Co.As.It staff are very welcome.

With Christine’s family unable to visit as often as she would like, regular visits from her Care Worker provides the vital social contact, interaction and the support she needs.

Christine said, *“I am very grateful for the Co.As.It staff and the services I receive.”* Christine also appreciates the openness of the Co.As.It staff to discuss her needs.

She feels supported, valued, and satisfied with the options proposed by her Co.As.It. CHSP Coordinator, Concetta, to meet her care requirements.

CSHP provides basic maintenance, support and care services, which are essential to the wellbeing of clients. These can include domestic assistance, personal care, social group activities, respite care, social support, language assistance and allied health services.

A vast number of older Queenslanders facing health challenges want nothing more than to live independently and in the comfort of their home.

Our Co.As.It. Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) helps them to do that, by offering home care options for older people who wish to stay in the homes for as long as possible.

Christine is among our many clients grateful for the services provided to her as part of Domestic Assistance and Social Support from Co.As.It.

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ELDERLY COUPLE FINDS SUPPORT FROM BOTH CHSP AND HCP



Right now across Queensland, millions of people are providing extra support for one another. These unsung heroes – our unpaid carers – work selflessly around the clock to support family and loved ones.

In early September this year, Co.As.It. received a call from one such champion.

The elderly caller had been providing care to her husband, who had been diagnosed with advanced Alzheimer's and Dementia.

This was whilst she was battling advanced cancer. For this elderly couple caring for each other was an act of love.

Despite her own cancer treatment, this devoted wife was determined to support her husband to live independently in the comfort of their family home.

Through extra support from their Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP) they were immediately able to receive critically needed flexible respite.

Only two weeks after commencing, their situation took a bad turn. The devoted wife and mother was admitted to hospital, combatting advanced cancer and now no longer able to communicate.

Both sons returned home from overseas and made the decision to move into the family home to care for their father and were just in time to bid their heartfelt farewell to their dying mother.

Unsure of their next steps, their sons were left asking: *"Where do we turn?"*

Co.As.It. soon provided a solution, immediately arranging individual social support and an urgent Home Care Package assessment that would provide more hours of service weekly for their father.

Thankfully, their father's Home Care Package (HCP) program (Level 4) was assigned a short 2 weeks after their mother's passing, reassuring the ongoing care of their father and supporting this family to stay at home with their much loved parent.

COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES

MAT YOGA AT AMICI HOUSE

We all know exercise is good for us, both physically and mentally. As we get older there are a few extra things to consider, as we embark on any new exercise.

That's why Mat Yoga at Amici House Community Centre is so popular.

Sessions include a breathing exercise, guided meditation or mindfulness techniques.

For Mary, who migrated from Scotland to Brisbane many years ago, Mat Yoga is a weekly exercise she now enjoys. Mary joined the Mat Yoga class after experiencing personal life challenges, and has not looked back.

This decision has proven transformative. Since attending, Mary has discovered a newfound sense of lightness and relaxation.

The yoga has not only brought her serenity but also increased energy levels, empowering Mary to tackle daily challenges with vigour.

Mary describes her yoga journey as a *'breath of fresh air'*, allowing her to reconnect with herself.

Additionally, the social aspect of the classes has enriched her experience. Mary has made new friends, creating a supportive community that shares her passion for wellness.

Reflecting on her decision to join Mat Yoga, Mary expresses happiness and gratitude for the positive changes it has brought to her life.



For Mary, yoga is more than just a practice: it's a pathway to joy, connection, and self-discovery.

Regular yoga can relieve stiff joints, reduce muscle tension, improve your mobility, core strength, circulation, coordination, posture and balance.

Co.As.It runs two multi-level yoga classes at Amici House in Bracken Ridge for \$20 for a bundle of 4 classes.

Classes are held every Friday:
Chair Yoga from 9.30am to 10.30am
Mat Yoga from 10.45 to 11.45am.

Co.As.It delivers the yoga classes as part of our Community and Individual Support Services (CISS).

COMMUNITY AND INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT SERVICES

AMCI HOUSE CELEBRATES ITS THIRD YEAR

Warmth and friendship fills the air at Amici House, in Brisbane's north.

Now in its 3rd year, more than 600 visitors are drawn to the Community Centre and Cafe each week.

Our visitors make their way to the centre for a wide range of exciting activities.

They enjoy social and 'Stay Active' activities, Yoga/Pilates, Latin Dancing, and the opportunity to learn more about technology or attend podiatry or physiotherapy appointments.

A selection of delicious homemade lunches and morning teas are popular among visitors, who like to enjoy coffee and cake with each other.

The Co.As.It. team work with our clients to look for the most suitable activities to bring health benefits, joy, and the opportunity to make connections, and new friendships.

Christmas closure at Amici House:
Last day 20 December
Re-opens 6 January



MIND WELLNESS

MARY'S INSPIRATION



Since opening in 2021, Amici House café and community hub – located 21 km north of Brisbane's CBD at Bracken Ridge – has been filled with warmth and friendship.

Even walking up to the centre – which was once a gospel chapel – you can feel kindness in the air. This is especially important for members of the Nourishing the Soul women's group.

When Mary* began attending Nourishing of the Soul meetings she was bravely taking a significant step towards her own personal growth and change.

The Nourishing the Soul group is a place where women help each other heal.

Now a regular participant of the women-only self-help group, Mary is among the members who meet on the first and third Wednesday of every month.

Run by our Mind Wellness team, the group is designed to help women, who have faced loss and change, or are simply going through a challenging time, to get back on course.

Like Mary, whose husband died after a long battle with cancer. Our Mind Wellness team supported Mary to attend the Nourishing the Soul group along with grief counselling.

The biggest focus for Mary was identifying and understanding the impact of the anguish and heartache she was going through.

The Nourishing the Soul group provided Mary with a safe space to talk. For Mary, that meant exploring grief and it's confronting range of emotions.

For many, grief involves intense sadness and feelings of shock and numbness. Others may experience waves of denial and anger.

Through attending the group, Mary has overcome her initial feeling of being *'lost with no awareness of who I am any longer'*.

In sharing her story, Mary is learning to live with the 'reminders' of her loss, deepen her self-discovery and plan for the future.

(*Real name withheld for privacy.)

POP UP STORE LUTWYCHE MIND WELLNESS TEAM

"Join our impactful monthly pop-up at Lutwyche Shopping Centre, every second Thursday from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. We're here to support our community, especially older Italian men seeking guidance in their native language. Get help with My Aged Care (MAC), access referrals, and find support to combat loneliness and isolation. Our team also offers counselling for dementia carers and those recently diagnosed.

We've already made a difference - successfully helping clients access MAC and join our social groups. In one touching case, we supported a man's transition to a Nursing Home with dignity, working closely with his grateful family. Whether you need assistance or just a friendly chat, stop by and connect with us.

Let's continue building a stronger, more connected community together."

AMELIA

After a short stay in hospital, Amelia was able to return to her beloved home where she is residing with her daughter and her beloved dog, Missy.

Amelia loves watching the big screen TV and is an extremely avid football spectator. Her daughter Deb, along with Amelia's Care Services Coordinator have organised additional services to maintain nursing, social support and cleaning in the home since Amelia's return.

Amelia is settling into her new routine well, and is happy to be watching the TV replays of football games along with Missy resting next to her on the lounge.

Amelia's health is fragile, although her spirit is strong. Amelia feels supported and relaxed due to the additional services.

Amelia is comfortable with her carers and nurses, engaging happily with the understanding she can maintain living at home with her daughter and Missy for as long as possible.

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OUR COMMUNITY

RHYTHMS OF LIFE CONCERTS ROCK BRISBANE AND THE SOUTH COAST

The air was filled with laughter, joy and warm hugs at this year's annual seniors' events held in Brisbane and the Gold Coast.

Celebrating Seniors Month in October, the Rhythms for Life luncheon brought together members of our community to celebrate the pride and joy of being a senior and honouring the invaluable contributions they have made.

This annual event has grown into more than just a luncheon, it's an opportunity for seniors to celebrate, connect with friends and form new friendships. Smiles and warm embraces filled the room as guests greeted one another on arrival which set the tone for an afternoon full of joy and enjoyable memories for all.

After learning a few simple every day exercises to keep us well and stay active, by our guest presenter and a delicious meal, our forever young seniors took to the dance floor with live music from Vince Gelonese and Frank Debellis, proving that you're never too old to dance and groove.

The sense of connection and feeling proud to be a senior was evident, with everyone already looking forward to next year's celebration.

Be sure to keep a look out for next year's event so you don't miss out on this annual enjoyable event.

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OUR SENIORS MONTH 2024 INFORMATION DISPLAYS

We were delighted to connect with hundreds of wonderful seniors who stopped by our information stands during Seniors Month 2024.

It was our pleasure to share valuable information about our in-home support services and assistance programs at a range of popular expos.

We were thrilled to attend the Bonner Seniors' Expo in Wynnum on 3 October and the Centenary Volunteers in Policing – Over 50's Expo in Seventeen Mile Rocks on 9 October.

We had such an exciting month sharing information about our Home Care Packages (HCP) and Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP).

Through these programs we are dedicated to providing exceptional person-centred care tailored to match unique circumstances

We thank everyone who stopped by to learn more about how our services can shape their future.



Offrite assistenza e supporto a un familiare o amico?



Il Portale dell'assistente (Carer Gateway) fa per voi



Offrite assistenza e supporto a un familiare o amico che ha una disabilità, una malattia, una malattia mentale oppure che è una persona fragile a causa dell'età?

Vi aiuterebbe avere dei servizi che vi supportano al fine di continuare a essere disponibili per la persona che supportate?

Se avete risposto di sì a una di queste domande, Carer Gateway fa per voi.

Che cos'è Carer Gateway e a chi si rivolge?

Carer Gateway offre servizi gratuiti di supporto e informazioni alle persone che offrono assistenza e supporto a un familiare o amico che ha una disabilità, una malattia, una malattia mentale oppure che è una persona fragile a causa dell'età.

Non importa se ricevete o meno una sovvenzione governativa, potete comunque accedere a Carer Gateway perché, dopo tutto, ogni situazione di supporto è diversa.

Alcuni assistenti si prendono cura di un'altra persona 24 ore al giorno e la aiutano nella vita quotidiana, mentre altri supportano le persone per alcune ore con le mansioni quotidiane.

Come posso contattare Carer Gateway? Chiamate Carer Gateway al numero 1800 422 737 dal lunedì al venerdì dalle ore 8:00 alle 17:00 per parlare con il vostro fornitore di servizi locale in merito al supporto e ai servizi a vostra disposizione. Il sollievo di emergenza è disponibile 24 ore su 24, sette giorni su sette allo stesso numero. Se necessitate di informazioni in una lingua diversa dall'inglese, chiamate il servizio di Traduzione e Interpretariato al numero 131 450. o difficoltà di linguaggio, chiamare il National Relay Service al numero 133 677. I servizi online e ulteriori informazioni sono disponibili al sito web di Carer Gateway: carergateway.gov.au

NOOSA'S CAPTIVATING CHARM

Both journeys for our Southside and Northside groups started with a delicious morning tea of fresh scones and hot coffee at Amici House Community Centre and Café.



Natural beauty, pristine beaches and natural bushland make the Sunshine Coast hotspot of Noosa, a must-visit for our social group.

With rolling waves lapping against the sandy foreshore and a charming streetscape filled to the brim with happy tourists, Noosa is a destination for postcard-perfect pictures.

So spectacularly beautiful, our Social Groups made 2 separate visits to the outstanding resort area. Both journeys for our Southside and Northside groups started with a delicious morning tea of fresh scones and hot coffee at Amici House Community Centre and Café.

There's nothing quite like a day of sightseeing in exceptionally fine Queensland spring weather. Luckily for our group, the bright blue skies enhanced the panoramic coastal views for everyone to enjoy.

It's just a short stroll down the famous Hasting Street yet there's plenty of galleries, boutiques and cafes to explore. Our groups discovered there's something for everyone to enjoy in Noosa.

Overlooking a popular beach, the Noosa Heads Surf Lifesaving Club provided breathtaking views for our groups to enjoy while enjoying a delicious lunch together.

With new friendships forming on every outing, participants are always keen to secure their place for the next outing.

AGED CARE | SOCIAL OUTINGS

A BREW AND A COFFEE AT THE SCENIC RIM

A trip to the Scenic Rim Brewery and The Café at Beaudesert was described by our Social Outing group as one of their most memorable highlights this year!

With their first pit stop being The Café at Beaudesert, this popular venue for morning tea always delivers a delicious selection of homemade treats and hot beverages.

As the sun shone brightly, the group were treated to magical sightseeing through the rolling green pastures of the Scenic Rim, surrounded by heritage-listed national parks.

This thriving rural paradise is just one hour's drive inland from the Gold Coast, yet a world away from its glitz, glamour and bright lights.

On arrival at the charming Scenic Rim Brewery and Café at Mount Alford, our group was warmly greeted by hosts, Mike and Wendy.

In his traditional German hat, Mike delighted in making us feel welcome, while his wife Wendy prepared a delectable lunch of German sausages and quiches.

Situated in a heritage listed building with enchanting panoramic views of farmland and fresh mountain air, the family-owned brewery offers something for everyone, including local produce.

While waiting for lunch Mike taught us all about his unique method of making flavoured ales before encouraging our group to sip a glass or two with their lunches.

Our group were so delighted with this adventurous experience and its pleasant surprises, that they described the day of spotting hopping kangaroos, grazing cows and sheep soaking up the sunlight, as simply unforgettable.



TAPPING INTO CREATIVITY

With the paint swirling around to form unique patterns, participants took pride in their end results. Many of the colourful canvases resembled vibrant tie die fabric designs.

Participants in the Co.As.It. Social Group Activities at the Gold Coast recently tapped into their creativity to experiment with Acrylic Paint Pouring. This innovative technique involves straining paint onto a canvas, either freely or using implements similar to kitchen sieves.

Following an initial demonstration, participants were encouraged to select paints from their favourite colours.

After pouring the paints, participants then picked up their canvases and tilted them, until the paint covered the entire surface. With the paint swirling around to form unique patterns, participants took pride in their end results. Many of the colourful canvases resembled vibrant tie die fabric designs.

Unlocking their hidden creativity was a joy for many of the budding artists, some of whom approached the project with great enthusiasm, seeking extra guidance on YouTube.

Others were glad they had overcome their initial reluctance to experiment with the rather messy medium of acrylic paints. Every client displayed their own unique approach.

Once the pouring started, the room was filled with laughter and enjoyment as individual masterpieces began to take shape.

That no two paintings were alike, is a credit to their creativity! In unleashing their hidden creative powers, participants in this Social Group Activity are now in possession of their very own acrylic artwork.

Some of the colourful paintings remain on display at the centre – with this budding set of artists joking they may one day prove valuable!

Overall, participants enjoyed the Acrylic Paint Pouring session so much, they have already asked for another repeat session.



AGED CARE SOUTH COAST | SOCIAL GROUP ACTIVITIES

WHALE WATCHING AT COOLANGATTA

As the chill sets in Antarctica, we prepare to be enthralled by the annual migration of our Antarctic treasures, the majestic Humpback Whale.

Each year, some 30,000 humpbacks make an epic 10,000 km return journey between Antarctic and Australia.

Our Social Outing group was there to witness the majestic humpback whales in their natural habitat.

Making their journey to Point Danger, a scenic headland located at Coolangatta, on the southern end of the Gold Coast, the group waited patiently to catch a glimpse of the whales.

During this exciting challenge, amid our spring sunshine and gentle gusts of wind, our group also explored the winding pathways overlooking the popular Duranbah Beach.

The headland is home to the Captain Cook Memorial as well as the iconic Point Danger Lighthouse, offering plenty of memorable and historic sightseeing.

A short walk from the headland, is a spectacular lookout from where our group shared breathtaking panoramic coastline views with happy families and spectators.

As their whale watching experience drew to a close, our group ventured towards their next destination, being Club Tweed.

With its award-winning chefs committed to delivering locally inspired dishes, a highlight of this Social Outing was the delectable roast lunch we all enjoyed together.

For our clients it was yet another wonderfully happy get-together with their social group!



INSTANT CREATIVITY FOR MATILDE

Social Group Activity participant Matilde at Casa Aurelia, Acacia Ridge, may have recently experienced deteriorating eyesight but that has not stopped her from engaging with fellow clients.

Matilde was initially reluctant to return to her Social Group because she can no longer see well enough to play Rummy, her favourite card game, or continue with her beloved craft work. Yet with a touch of encouragement from staff, Matilde painted a lovely painting of hydrangeas with bubble wrap paper.

Matilde was thrilled to return to the group and was also cheered on by fellow clients, offering not only to buy her painting but hinting that this could be a new part-time job for her!



AGED CARE | SOCIAL GROUP ACTIVITIES

MUSICAL FAMILY DELIGHTS AT CASA SERENA

A musical performance by Domenico Taraborrelli and his son Marco at Casa Serena, Stafford Heights, lit up the atmosphere at Casa Serena on 18 September.

Domenico, with his wonderful Piano Accordion and singing voice, was joined by Marco on guitar, to the delight of clients and staff.

The special occasion was the birthday of Domenico's mother – a long-term client at Casa Serena. Many clients were so uplifted by the music they began joyously dancing while others enthusiastically sang along.

With such a well-received performance, everyone is now waiting for Domenico and Marco's next surprise appearance.



TRASH AND TREASURE AT CASA AURELIA



Our Social Groups are great for making new friends and strengthening emerging friendships.

Many of our friendships grow stronger over time, as we share new experiences, go on outings or simply enjoy a coffee and cake together.

So when our Casa Aurelia Social Group decided it was a great idea to swap their unwanted items, their very own Trash and Treasure market came to light.

As bargain shopping crazes sweep the nation, our Social Groups are generally not the type to go online and splurge at Amazon, eBay or Temu.

Instead, they are a generation that like to see and touch their purchases before parting with their cash.

They may also have everything they want but who can resist a bargain, especially when everything has a cool price tag of just \$2.

When our Social Group brought in their unloved goods – clothing, homewares, equipment – for the market they had no idea that their items would be snapped up as hot buys.

With all funds raised for this year's Christmas raffle, our Trash and Treasure was a winner all round.

This fun-filled activity was yet another reminder of why our Social Group Activity centres like Casa Aurelia are a destination for new friendships and incredible experiences for all involved.

COMBATTERE L'AFA IN CASA: 8 CONSIGLI UTILI

- 1. Ventilazione intelligente:**
Aprire le finestre solo di notte o al mattino presto, mai durante le ore calde.
- 2. Usare le piante:**
Posizionare piante rampicanti sul balcone come schermo naturale dal sole.
- 3. Gestire l'umidità:**
Evitare di lasciare indumenti bagnati in casa e fare la doccia nelle ore più fresche.
- 4. Alimentazione strategica:**
Preferire cibi freschi e freddi, limitando l'uso di fornelli e forno.
- 5. Ridurre le fonti di calore:**
Spegnerne luci e dispositivi elettronici quando non necessari.
- 6. Elettrodomestici:**
Utilizzarli nelle ore più fresche della giornata.
- 7. Climatizzazione corretta:**
Mantenere una temperatura di circa 24°C, evitando eccessi.
- 8. Temperature costanti:**
Evitare sbalzi termici bruschi per prevenire malesseri.

Vi invitiamo a prestare particolare attenzione agli anziani e alle persone con patologie, assicurando un ambiente fresco ma non troppo freddo.

Seguendo questi accorgimenti, potrete godervi l'estate senza soffrire troppo.



SATURDAY AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

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Saturday morning workshops as well as a workshop during the school holidays continued in September.

Year 11 and Year 12 students from a range of schools in and around Brisbane focussed on strategies aimed at improving the writing skills required for their exams. The program was quite intense, with three-hour daily sessions over five consecutive days, yet there was also room for some laughter and celebrations.

Year 11 students surprised "Prof." Francesca on her birthday with a beautiful bunch of flowers and a card before starting another busy day. It was gratifying seeing students make great progress over a short period of time.

The ILC team wishes the Year 12 students "In bocca al lupo" on their final exam, and looks forward to teaching the current year 11s again next year.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

BRUSCHETTA DAY AT MT. ALVERNIA COLLEGE

On 22 August, Year 9 students at Mount Alvernia College had a deliciously unique experience. They learned to make traditional Italian bruschetta using simple Mediterranean ingredients: bread, tomatoes, oil, garlic, oregano, and salt. This classic Italian summer dish was a delightful surprise for the students who couldn't believe how just a few ingredients could be transformed into such a tasty snack.

But that's not all! This culinary adventure doubled as a fun language lesson. Students practiced Italian pronunciation, including the tricky sounds in words like "bruschetta," "aglio" (garlic), and "olio" (oil).

To make it even more memorable, they performed the "Macarena della Bruschetta," a song written by our ILC teacher for this special occasion. Thanks to its easy lyrics students learned the recipe step by step.

All these activities align with the Australian Curriculum V.9's cultural and linguistic goals for the topic "Let's Eat!" .



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

POLKA-DOTTED PIMPA VISITS ST. MARTIN'S SCHOOL



On Monday 19 August, ILC visited Year 1 students of Italian at St Martin's for an in-school support session.

The Year 1 students, who are about to embark on an imaginary trip to the BEL PAESE, had an unforgettable experience when Pimpa, the beloved red and white polka-dotted Italian cartoon dog, paid them a visit to teach them about summer clothing.

The lesson began with Pimpa introducing her red and white polka-dotted suitcase (VALIGIA) which was bursting with red and white polka-dotted summer clothing.

From a sun hat (CAPPELLO) and a swimsuit (COSTUME DA BAGNO), to sunglasses (OCCHIALI DA SOLE) and sandals (SANDALI), each item provided the opportunity for students to learn new vocabulary related to clothing worn in warm weather.

When Italian teacher Maestra Enza asked: "Why does Pimpa have summer clothes in her suitcase?" the children replied in chorus: "È estate in Italia!"

As Pimpa unpacked, the students had to find the item on their checklist then repeat the name by clapping their hands to the number of syllabus: 3 claps for the word pigiama PI- GIA- MA.

The highlight was when Pimpa revealed she had brought along miniature suitcases for each student who wrote their name on the name tags and drew LA BANDIERA ITALIANA. Inside the suitcases were summer clothing items for them to reinforce vocabulary with Maestra Enza during subsequent lessons.

Pimpa's visit to St Martin's was a resounding success with the hands-on activities and Pimpa's suitcase adventure bringing learning to life.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

CULTURAL FESTIVAL AT MT ALVERNIA COLLEGE

Come da consuetudine, anche quest'anno al Mount Alvernia College di Kedron si è tenuto, il 13 settembre scorso, il Cultural Festival, un evento che ha come obiettivo quello di celebrare la bellezza della cultura nei suoi vari aspetti.

Il tema di quest'anno è stato "World Tour with the Wolf Pack" - "Il giro del mondo con il branco dei lupi".

Pensate che sia un tema per lo meno bizzarro? Niente affatto, se considerate che il Mount Alvernia College è una scuola francescana la cui mascotte è per l'appunto il lupo di nome Gubbio.

Molti di voi conosceranno sicuramente la storia di San Francesco che, giunto a Gubbio, trovò i cittadini spaventati da un lupo feroce che si aggirava nei paraggi. San Francesco decise di andare a cercare il lupo, lo trovò e -parlandogli- riuscì ad ammansirlo.

Non così facile è stato "ammansire" le ragazze del Mount Alvernia la cui energia ha invaso per l'intera giornata tutti gli spazi della scuola, anch'essi dai nomi italiani: La Verna, La Cucina, La Foresta.

Durante la giornata al Mount Alvernia le ragazze hanno partecipato a moltissime attività, tra cui quelle organizzate dall'Italian Language Centre, che si è avvalso della preziosa collaborazione di Annabel Thomas, studentessa dell'anno 11.

Annabel ha condiviso la sua esperienza dello studio dell'italiano con le studentesse delle varie classi, incoraggiandole a proseguire anche nei senior years. Aiutandole a partecipare ai giochi linguistici preparati dall'ILC, ha dimostrato che l'italiano è una lingua che si presta particolarmente ad essere imparata in modo divertente, vista la presenza di moltissime parole italiane d'uso comune anche in inglese.

Abbiamo fatto ad Annabel qualche domanda:

Quando e dove hai cominciato a studiare l'italiano?

Ho cominciato a studiare l'italiano quando avevo otto anni e andavo alla scuola primaria. Le lezioni erano piacevoli e interessanti e questo mi ha incoraggiato a continuare gli studi nella scuola secondaria.

Quale aspetto della lingua ti piace in modo particolare?

Mi piace la lingua per tante ragioni: il suono, le regole di pronuncia semplici, la grammatica interessante. È una lingua bellissima e con origini antiche.

Sei mai stata in Italia? Ti piacerebbe andarci? Dove vorresti andare?

Purtroppo no, non sono mai stata in Italia. Ovviamente mi piacerebbe molto andarci e visitare le sue meraviglie. Vorrei trascorrere un periodo a Roma perché è un luogo bello e ricco di storia.

Cosa rappresenta una sfida nello studio dell'italiano?

È difficile imparare a coniugare i verbi. Quando inizio a imparare una nuova coniugazione mi sembra che ci siano un sacco di tabelle da memorizzare. Però quando sono in difficoltà chiedo aiuto alle mie insegnanti sia a scuola sia all'Italian Language Centre. Con le loro spiegazioni alla fine riesco ad imparare anche i verbi più difficili!



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

ITALIAN CONSUL VISITS SUNSHINE COAST SCHOOLS

On Wednesday, 28th August, the ILC Sunshine Coast branch in collaboration with Sunshine Beach State School had the honour of hosting a visit by Italian Consul Luna Angelini Marinucci to both the Primary and Secondary campuses.

The day commenced at the Primary school, where Principal Alison Welch, along with a group of Italian students from Prep to Year 6, extended a warm welcome to Consul Luna. The students demonstrated their Italian language skills by singing a welcoming song, presenting Australian animals in Italian, and delivering speeches in Italian.

Consul Luna then joined a Year 1 and Year 2 class led by teacher Silvia De Paulis. During the lesson, she participated in singing "Il Giro Tondo" and several other nursery rhymes, as well as engaging in a lively role-play activity. The students enjoyed her involvement, and Consul Luna was notably impressed by the teaching methods she observed.

At lunchtime, the visit continued to the Secondary school campus where Consul Luna was welcomed by

several key figures from the Noosa Shire, including Deputy Mayor Cr Brian Stockwell, Local MP Sandy Bolton, and the local Elder from Kabi Kabi.

The Elder extended a warm welcome, followed by a special performance of "Il Canto degli Italiani," commissioned to local musicians Antoni Bonetti and Dennis Feletto. Students Liam and Erin delivered an outstanding rendition of the Italian anthem on their violins.

Following a tour of the school with the school captains, Consul Luna enjoyed lunch prepared by the Hospitality students. During this time, she met with students who will soon embark on a school trip to Italy. The visit concluded with a stop in a Year 7 class and a farewell from the school representatives.

Consul Luna expressed her sincere gratitude to both schools for making the day so special and for their unwavering support of the Italian language and culture.

Special thanks are extended to everyone who contributed to the success of this visit, particularly Italian teacher Silvia De Paulis and Head of Global Engagement and Culture Suanne McGrechan.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS OF ITALIAN



Professional Development for teachers of Italian ILC teachers delivered a series of successful Professional Development Days in Brisbane, Townsville and Cairns, supported by MAECI (Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale).

The sessions attracted enthusiastic educators from various schools in each region, all eager to enhance their teaching strategies and improve language proficiency for Italian programs in Queensland schools.

The workshops for primary school teachers demonstrated how to incorporate a diverse range of texts, resources, songs, games and art into curriculum planning, making learning sessions them both educational and engaging.

Secondary school teachers had the opportunity to learn innovative teaching strategies designed to boost students' oral skills and confidence in public speaking.

Techniques such as the Sprint Strategy, One Note-Immersive Reader, and Gradual Release of Responsibility were highlighted for their effectiveness, particularly when introduced in the early years of education.

Each event concluded with an open discussion, allowing all participants to share their experiences and teaching strategies.

These Professional Development Days were effective in providing teachers with practical tools and inspiration to enhance their students' reading, writing, listening and speaking skills.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

A DAY IN BRISBANE'S FASHION DISTRICT

On Friday 9th of August, Year 9 students of St. John's College Nambour had an unforgettable experience exploring Italian fashion at its finest!

The day kicked off with a typical Italian breakfast at the iconic Caffè Marchetti, where they savoured delicious pastries and hot chocolate. Next, they wandered through Brisbane's fashion streets, admiring the stylish window displays of various clothing shops.

The highlight of the day was a visit to the Gucci store. The friendly staff welcomed the students and shared fascinating insights about the brand's quality, craftsmanship, and rich history.

As part of their Australian Curriculum V9 assessment, students compared Australian and Italian fashion labels and interviewed ILC teachers about their fashion philosophies and the importance of "Fare bella figura" (making a good impression).

It was a day filled with style, learning, and cultural appreciation!



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

STUDITALIA PRIZE TURNS 30

Friday 27th September marked the 30th anniversary of the Studitalia Prize. This prestigious award is dedicated to outstanding Italian students in their final year of high school and includes a four-week stay at a school in Italy.

This year, ten students from across Queensland will embark on an incredible journey to Convitto Nazionale Paolo Diacono in Cividale del Friuli for a life-changing experience.

Congratulations students for continuing to make us proud!

The Studitalia Prize is an initiative of the Queensland Department of Education, the Consulate of Italy, Co.As.It Community Services Brisbane, the Italian Language Centre, Com.It.Es. Queensland and Northern Territory, Società Dante Alighieri Brisbane, Società Dante Alighieri Gold Coast, Fogolar Furlan of Queensland, and the Embassy of Italy in Australia, to promote excellence in Italian language studies.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

CELEBRATING ITALIAN LANGUAGE WITH AUTHOR PAOLO GIORDANO

Acclaimed storyteller Paolo Giordano celebrated his novel "Tasmania" at a recent event organised by the Consulate of Italy in Brisbane, Co.As.It. Community Services, the Italian Language Centre, and the Istituto Italiano Di Cultura.

The event, on 22 October, was part of the Settimana Della Lingua Italiana Nel Mondo -- a yearly global celebration of the Italian language, held in the third week of October.

This year's theme – Italian and Books: Discover a world between the lines – delved into the rich tapestry of Italian literature.

In his semi-autobiographical novel, Tasmania, Italian born author Paolo Giordano interacts with a vibrant cast of characters, each struggling to find a safe haven in Tasmania.

For Paolo, this includes charting his path to Paris to report on the UN Climate Change Conference in the wake of terrorist attacks that shook the world.

Paolo takes refuge in Tasmania to weather the coming crises, both personal and global – climate change, pandemics, authoritarian governments and wars.

"Tasmania" is published by Penguin Random House, RRP \$32.99.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

LINGO FEST AL KELVIN GROVE STATE COLLEGE

Il 12 settembre le insegnanti dell'ILC hanno partecipato al Lingo Fest organizzato dalla scuola primaria Kelvin Grove State College per celebrare l'importanza dello studio delle due lingue- italiana e giapponese - che vengono insegnate in questa scuola.

È stato motivo di grande gioia e soddisfazione vedere come l'insegnante di italiano Carola Scatizzi abbia sviluppato un percorso didattico utilizzando le risorse e elaborando le strategie presentate durante la giornata di formazione per gli insegnanti tenutasi presso l'Italian Language Centre nell'aprile di quest'anno, incentrata sul personaggio della Pimpa.

Abbiamo chiesto all'insegnante di italiano Carola Scatizzi di spiegarci come si è svolta la preparazione degli studenti per questo bellissimo concerto, nel quale abbiamo visto coinvolta anche le insegnanti di musica Megan Grimmer and Cavel McIntyre. Ecco cosa ci ha risposto:

"La preparazione dell'evento e del concerto è stata abbastanza lunga e impegnativa, ma è stata anche piacevolissima e molto appagante grazie all'impegno degli studenti, la loro voglia di imparare e la loro curiosità verso le lingue.

Ho insegnato i testi delle canzoni agli studenti e abbiamo fatto un sacco di prove, usando le canzoni come warm-up iniziale di ogni lezione. Ho poi creato video su YouTube con musica e parole e ho mandato i links a genitori e insegnanti, incoraggiandoli a praticare le canzoni con i bambini il più possibile. È stato davvero un lavoro di squadra e ringrazio tutti i colleghi e i genitori per il loro supporto."

Nel pomeriggio le attività sono proseguite con due workshop sul tema del Carnevale in Italia. Gli studenti hanno avuto la possibilità di scoprire tante curiosità su questa antica tradizione tutta italiana, le sue maschere, i dolci tradizionali chiamati in modo diverso a seconda delle regioni.

Ciascuno studente ha creato la propria maschera originale per poi cimentarsi in due balli coreografati sulle note di due canzoni molto popolari: "La tarantella del Carnevale" e "A Carnevale fai ciao ciao".



Gli studenti si sono anche divertiti a giocare a "Un, due tre stella!" e a "Strega comanda color", ribattezzato per l'occasione "Arlecchino comanda color".

La giornata ha avuto un grandissimo successo, grazie alla stretta collaborazione tra tutte le insegnanti, sia di Kelvin Grove State College, sia dell'Italian Language Centre il cui ruolo è stato quello di assistere nella programmazione e nella realizzazione di attività didattiche linguistiche e culturali in linea con l'Australian Curriculum V9.

L'entusiasmo dei bambini e delle loro famiglie, degli insegnanti e di tutto lo staff del Kelvin Grove State College ha ripagato di tutti gli sforzi.

Non vediamo l'ora di partecipare al prossimo Lingo Fest!



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

“LANGUAGE IN ACTION” AS VILLANOVA COLLEGE STUDENTS VISIT CASA SERENA



Year 9 students from Villanova College visited Casa Serena, where they had the opportunity to practice their speaking skills as they greeted the guests in Italian, interviewed them about their favourite foods, played traditional games like tombola, sang Italian songs, and even enjoyed a game of bocce and Italian cards together.

The students were treated to a delicious Italian morning tea and lunch while listening to captivating stories of World War II, migration, and life from long ago.

They heard from many residents including 101 year old Geppina. Throughout the day, students interacted in Italian, showing remarkable patience, love, and care.

The staff at Casa Serena were full of praise for the boys' behaviour, and the guests were truly touched by their kindness. What wonderful ambassadors for their school.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

ITALIAN SPEECH COMPETITION TOWNSVILLE AND DISTRICT



On 1 August 2024, the Townsville Catholic Education office hosted the Italian Primary and Secondary Speech Competition 2024 at St Anthony's College Assisi Campus, Deeragun.

Louise Dunlop, Language Curriculum Advisor from the Townsville Catholic Education Office warmly welcomed assembled students, parents and teachers in perfect Italian before handing over to St Anthony's Principal Barry Homer who officially opened the proceedings.

The Principal spoke of the benefits of studying a second language, saying that students who continue with a language through to year 11 and 12 have been identified as being very strong in their other subjects too. Language acquisition requires the refining of skills that enhance lifelong learning.

Year 4 and 5 students recited poems and the Years 6-12 delivered prepared speeches.

The invited ILC judges evaluated the students' speaking skills according to criteria including accuracy of grammatical structure, pronunciation, content and delivery. They were most impressed with the high standard of language fluency.

At the end of each session participants received a participation certificate and a memento of the day provided by Townsville Catholic Education. Winners were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals. The highlight was the awarding of the champion

trophy shields. Carmela Di Marzio and her son Donald presented the Maria di Marzio Memorial Trophy to the Year 6 speaker with the highest overall score.

The Dante Alighieri Junior Champion Speaker Award was presented to the highest scoring student in Years 7-10 whilst the Overall Champion Trophy was awarded to the highest scorer in Years 11-12.

Parents and Teachers expressed their appreciation for the efforts of Townsville Catholic Education in organising the Italian Speech Contest which promotes teaching and learning a foreign language and makes a valuable contribution towards students becoming better global citizens.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

43RD GOLD COAST LANGUAGE SPEECH CONTEST AWARDS CEREMONY

The ILC Team took part in the 43rd Gold Coast Language Speech Contest Awards Ceremony on Sunday 18 August.

The Ceremony is a prestigious event that celebrates linguistic talent across the region and is held at Griffith University on the Gold Coast.

The annual event brings together the best and brightest students in language studies, with participants from various schools competing for top honours.

ILC teachers were given the honour of presenting medals to the secondary school category winners.

Their presence at the ceremony not only highlighted ILC's commitment in supporting Italian Schools in Queensland but also reinforced the importance of language learning in an increasingly globalised world.



ITALIAN LANGUAGE TEACHING

LTQ SPEECH COMPETITION - SUNSHINE COAST

On Sunday, August 25th, ILC Sunshine Coast teachers had the pleasure of serving as judges for the Italian category at the LTQ Speech Competition.

The day was a rollercoaster of emotions, filled with laughter, tears, and nervous moments as students delivered their speeches before a panel.

It takes immense courage for these students to step up and showcase their skills, and the judges were deeply impressed by the high quality of the skills displayed.

Participants ranged from Year 3 to Year 10, and it was wonderful to see them embrace this opportunity.

A special thank you to the dedicated teachers who went above and beyond in preparing their students, and to the parents who supported their children throughout this experience.



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La maggioranza del nostro personale è bilingue e capace di assistervi nel vostro ambiente familiare in casa vostra.

I nostri gruppi sociali offrono un pasto casalingo e la possibilità di incontrarsi con gli amici e chiacchierare dei tempi andati.

Attività di arti manuali, canzoni e balli, tombola e gite fanno parte del nostro programma giornaliero.



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