



Grow Well, Live Well

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Grow Well, Live Well Leadership Group Update

PROJECT UPDATE:

What are we up to?

- Grow Well, Live Well data party, 27/2/15 @ 9am
- Pooled funding opportunities being explored and some funding secured.
- Leadership Group Terms of Reference finalised. Project promotion is ongoing.
- Community engagement activities have commenced.

Welcome to Issue 2 of this bulletin, which aims to encourage regular communication to interested parties regarding the Grow Well, Live Well initiative in Palmerston, NT. As you can see – we have had a name change! The previous name didn't exactly roll off the tongue – so we changed it! We hope you like the new name and by line and that these changes help to improve the accessibility of this project to key stakeholders. The Grow Well, Live Well Leadership group continues to meet on a monthly basis and there have been a number of developments over the past couple of months. We are looking forward to progressing our project outcome and objectives in 2015.

It is great to be able to share the news of a major funding opportunity through [Johnson & Johnson Pacific](#). This funding is fundamental to the success of the project and it is great to have supporters like Johnson & Johnson working in partnership with us to improve the wellbeing of children and young people in Palmerston. The Northern Territory Medicare Local has also contributed financially to the project and we are very excited about their involvement in the Leadership Group. Other funding opportunities are being explored to complete our pooled funding model – watch this space!

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REMINDER:

Data Party

When: Friday 27th February 2015, 9:00am – 12:00am

Where: Palmerton Council Chambers
Civic Plaza, First Floor,
2 Chung Wah Terrace,
Palmerston

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The idea of a data party is to get everyone excited about data and to start thinking about how we can use data to tell a story, our story. There is plenty of publically available data out there that can help us to understand our community better and make better decisions regarding helpful community led action, decision making and activities. The purpose of a data party is to talk about data and understand how we can access, organize and use data to improve the wellbeing of children and young people in Palmerston. The more people that get involved in these conversations the better, so we hope you can join in the conversation. See you there!



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A great opportunity to learn more about how data is being used across Australia, The Australian Early Development Census National Conference takes place in Glenelg, SA from 18 – 20 February 2015. The theme for the conference is "Bridging the Divide - Linking data to action in schools, communities, and governments across Australia". This conference aims to increase awareness, understanding and utility of the AEDC, both in Australia and internationally. There are some links below to both the Conference website and the AEDC website if you are interested in learning more. A member of the Grow Well, Live Well Leadership Group will be presenting at this conference, providing a window to the developing project here in Palmerston. For those of you who can't make it to the conference, you may be interested in this upcoming [FREE webinar on February 19th - "The Importance of Collective Impact"](#). This webinar has a strong NT flavour with Dave Pugh and Michelle Lucas presenting case studies, and talking about successes and challenges.

The results are in from the Community Led Action Survey, where the following two questions were asked: When Palmerston is working well for children and families, what would it look like? What would it take to create a Palmerston community where all children and young people thrive?

Those surveyed were all female, aged from 23 – 60 years with children ranging from 4 months to ten years old. The general themes of the results ranged from easier access to activities for children, through to increased information about local events and community activities. In response to what it would take, the general themes were money, education, commitment from Government & the community, and promotion through a website or Facebook page.

We hope to see you at the Data Party planned for the 27th February at the Palmerston Council Chambers. It should be a great morning, with a number of stakeholders involved in both the planning and the partying!

LINKS:

- [The State of Launceston's Children Report 2014](#)
- <http://www.wellbeingaustralia.com.au/wba/> - Wellbeing Australia release Position Statement on Education.
- Find out more about the AEDC (<http://www.aedc.gov.au/>) and AEDC National Conference – Bridging the Divide (<http://www.aomevents.com/AEDC2015>).
- Check out the link to Talking about Early Childhood Development and the following link - <http://www.frameworksinstitute.org/toolkits/ecd/>

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