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Contact: ddssailability@gmail.com.au

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(Straight ahead through the gates Loveday Cove)

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Tea, coffee, slices, sausage sizzle and drinks available to purchase or bring along a picnic and enjoy the beautiful surrounds of the foreshore while watching. We encourage all to come and have a look, even if you are not sailing, and enjoy an idyllic, relaxing day near the water.

Limited spaces so please contact us to book and also to discuss needs.
Contact: ddsailability@gmail.com.au
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WHERE: 
Darling Downs Sailing Club, Cooby Dam
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Tea, coffee, slices, sausage sizzle and drinks available to purchase or bring along a picnic and enjoy the beautiful surrounds of the foreshore while watching. We encourage all to come and have a look, even if you are not sailing, and enjoy an idyllic, relaxing day near the water.

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Contact: ddsailability@gmail.com.au
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There is no cost to this event.

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Limited spaces so please contact us to book and also to discuss needs.

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Limited spaces so please contact us to book and also to discuss needs.

Contact: ddsailability@gmail.com.au
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ACCESS TO JP

Mr. Glenn, our Deputy Principal, is a registered Justice of the Peace (Qual.). Should you need the services of a JP (Qual.) please enquire at the office to make a time to meet with him.

Some new low-cost mum & bub fitness classes will soon be starting in Toowoomba, and along with our current ‘win a Fitbit’ campaign and the Heart Foundation Walking’s ‘win a Kobo E-Reader’ offer, it would be appreciated if the below could be displayed in upcoming newsletters / emailed throughout networks as appropriate please to in raising awareness of these activities locally:

• NEW $3 Mum & Bub Fitness Classes – starting at USQ Works (Baker St, Toowoomba) Tuesday 24 (9am) and Thursday 26 (4pm) February. Classes run for 45 minutes and are conducted in 6-week blocks. Activities are suitable for 3 months to 3 years, and bookings are essential. To join or for more information contact Kylie on 0468 921 595 or change@toowoombarc.qld.gov.au

• FREE Healthy Living Videos & Win a Fitbit – looking for ways to keep healthy in 2015? Check out the new healthy living videos at www.toowoombarc.qld.gov.au/change for some healthy living hints and tips. Got some helpful healthy living tips to share? Email them with your name and suburb to change@toowoombarc.qld.gov.au by Friday 27 February to go into the draw to win a Fitbit activity tracker valued at $120.

• FREE Walking Groups & Win a Kobo E-Reader – joining a Heart Foundation Walking group is a fun, social and easy way to be active and best of all it’s FREE! Walking groups are available across the Toowoomba region. Join and log 8 walks by 31 March to win a Kobo e-reader valued at $129. To find a walking group near you visit www.toowoombarc.qld.gov.au/change.

Melinda Covey-Hansen
Healthy Communities Coordinator
Parks and Recreation
Toowoomba Service Centre
Toowoomba Regional Council

Come and Sail with us
Sunday the 15th of February

Our Mission
“To provide people with disabilities the opportunity to participate in the sport of Sailing in a safe, fun and supportive environment.”

WHERE: Darling Downs Sailing Club, Cooby Dam
(Straight ahead through the gates Loveday Cove)

WHEN: 9.30 am until 2.00 pm approx.

COST: $8.00 per person for 30 minute (approx.) sail time
$15 for 2 in a family
$20 for 3 in a family

Tea, coffee, slices, sausage sizzle and drinks available to purchase or bring along a picnic and enjoy the beautiful surrounds of the foreshore while watching. We encourage all to come and have a look, even if you are not sailing, and enjoy an idyllic, relaxing day near the water.

Limited spaces so please contact us to book and also to discuss needs.

Contact: ddailability@gmail.com.au
Go to our Facebook page
Or call if you have no email access.
Glen Garvey: 0419 176 441

Please visit our Web site for more info: www.sailabilitydd.org

*Weather conditions permitting. Any changes will be posted on our Facebook page, so please check there if in doubt.

*Also a spare set of clothes is recommended in case of any splashes on the water

SENSORY MOVIE DAY – TOOWOOMBA GRAND

Sensory Movie Day has changed its start time to 11am instead of 2pm. Sensory Movie Day is an inclusive event for families with special needs. Lighting is on dim, sound lowered. Fire exit doors are monitored by Volunteers "Big Hero 6".

Birch Carroll & Coyle Toowoomba Grand.
11am Sunday 15th February 2015.
Tickets cost $8 each.
Children 2 years and under are free.
Companion I.D. cards accepted.
Tickets can be purchased on the day.

TRC FITNESS CLASSES

Funding to help kids participate

Get Started is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government’s Get in the Game initiative to support grassroots sport and recreation. Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club.

The program provides eligible children and young people aged 5 up to 18 who can least afford to join a sport or recreation club with a voucher valued at up to $150 for membership and/or registration fees. It should be noted that vouchers are issued on a first come, first serve basis; therefore there is no guarantee that a child or young/person will obtain a voucher.

Sailability Darling Downs is a GET STARTED Club!!

Round 5 now open for voucher applications.

• Voucher applications open 10am on 28 January 2015.
• Voucher applications close on 10 April 2015 or earlier if all available vouchers are allocated.
• Vouchers must be presented to a Get Started club by 11 May 2015.

If you would like to have FREE Sailing for a year check out the link