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Lauga celebrates new family, youth service

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga today celebrate the first Child and Family Health Clinic by a new youth service which focuses on health and wellbeing of children and families.

Our Place is an initiative born out of the Community Policing Board and a partnership between Stockland, Darumbal Youth Service, Qld Police Service and Qld Department of Youth Justice.

Ms Lauga said the initiative, focusing on supporting youth, has grown into a larger partnership aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of our children and families.

Current partners involved in the *Our Place* Management Group include: Central Queensland Hospital and Health Service (CQHHS), Darumbal Youth Services, Education QLD, Every Child CQ Inc, PCYC, Qld Police Service, Stockland and Qld Dept Youth Justice.

“The not-for-profit group *With Every Child CQ Inc* is the lead agency, and the partners and stakeholders from across the child and family support sector have agreed on a community space in Stockland where community could access services.

“From this space *Our Place* would benefit everyone, most importantly children and families.”

Susie Cameron, coordinator Every Child Central Queensland Inc., said Stockland has enabled *Our Place* to become a reality by allowing the partners and the community to utilise a shop, *Our Place*, free of charge, “and we thank them for their support”.

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“Today is the first Child and Family Health Clinic to be run out of the space which is very exciting.”

She said there have been several activities already run out of Our Place, and many more are planned, including:

- Story Time – Darumbal Youth Services
- NDIS Community Information Session – *Carers QLD*
- Youth Change Agents Retail Challenge – PCYC
- Youth engagement and activities - PCYC
- Playgroup – Playgroup QLD
- CQ Youth Connect – Youth engagement activities - CQHHS
- Youth engagement activities - Headspace
- Saver Plus – Smith Family
- Children’s Festival - Baha’is Community
- Interactive Story Time – Rockhampton Regional Library
- World Cancer Day – CQHHS

The management group is planning an official launch on the 28th of February 2020.

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