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Business Recruitment Drive

Last month the *Foster Carer Card* officer conducted a recruitment drive aimed at businesses from the Far Northern Zone and surrounding areas to participate in the scheme. Six thousand businesses were targeted. We are looking forward to increasing the number of businesses participating in the scheme.

Below are some new businesses that joined the scheme as a result of the business recruitment drive.

- The Lychee Tree (Self Contained Apartments), Port Douglas – ph (07) 4099 5811
- Tony's Tropical Tours (Day Tours), Port Douglas – ph (07) 4099 3230
- Cairns Leading Automotive, Cairns – ph (07) 4033 6039
- Flower Centre, Cairns – ph (07) 4052 1420
- Hair Envy, Mackay – ph (07) 4951 2296
- Croker Fuel and Oils Pty Ltd, Mackay – ph (07) 4952 1933
- Mackay Pest Control, Mackay – ph (07) 4953 2133
- Central Queensland Conservatorium of Music, Planlands, Mackay – ph (07) 4940 7800
- Affordable Specs, Manunda, Cairns – ph (07) 4053 2974
- Green PC (Computers), Yeerongpilly – ph (07) 3255 8300
- Nundah Mower Centre, Nundah – ph (07) 3266 7492

Foster carers are welcome to help recruit businesses in their community. If you require a business proposal application form, please contact your local child safety service centre or the *Foster Carer Card* officer.

Australian Discount Shopping Service

The Australian Discount Shopping Service (ADSS) is a service available to Queensland *Foster Carer Card* holders when purchasing any electrical (white or brown) goods or major items at discount prices. ADSS also supplies theme park discount vouchers. ADSS offers no-obligation, hassle-free shopping service that is available to all *Foster Carer Card* holders. ADSS will act on your behalf to negotiate the best possible price for a wide range of goods and services. ADSS will also usually have the goods delivered to your door. For more information about ADSS, call them now on 1300 658 787.



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SHOPPING SERVICES**



Recreation and Entertainment

The *Foster Carer Card* offers a wide range of recreation and entertainment deals for Queensland's foster carer. Below are some great recreation and entertainment offers for the whole family.

- AMF Bowling Centre at Tingalpa are offering, double fun combo deal at \$15.00 per person including two games with shoe hire, two fries and two soft drinks.
- Cairns Goldpin Lanes – All *Foster Carer Card* holders will receive games at kids prices.
- Paronella Park – 10 per cent discount on admission price
- Brisbane's Alma Park Zoo – 10 per cent discount on admission price
- Dreamworld – Adults enter at kids prices (must supply photo ID and *Foster Carer Card*)

Take advantage of these great deals with your *Foster Carer Card* and enjoy a day out with the whole family. These offers are available to you all year round.

Foster Carer Group Meetings

The Department of Child Safety's *Foster Carer Card* officer attended an Indigenous foster carer group meeting on 2 August to share valuable information regarding the *Foster Carer Card* scheme. The meeting was a great success. Foster carers were pleased to have more understanding of the *Foster Carer Card* and were able to give some feedback.

Thank you to Cheryl, the Indigenous foster carer group and alternative care workers from the Caboolture and Redcliffe area.

If you would like the *Foster Carer Card* officer to attend your foster carer group meetings to discuss and share information, please do not hesitate to contact the officer and make an appointment.

Further Information

For further information about the *Foster Carer Card*, contact the *Foster Carer Card* officer on 3224 7565 or freecall 1800 811 732 or by email at fostercarercard@childsafty.qld.gov.au