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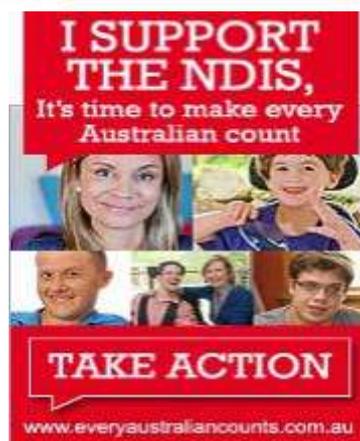
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Greetings Trainees, families and friends of Compass,

As promised this issue includes more photos from the Mother's Day market we held at Caloundra early in May. Feedback about the day was really positive both from those connected with Compass and from the public—many of whom came into contact with us for the first time. A number of people commented on how wonderful it was to experience young men and women with a disability playing such integral and meaningful roles, and so obviously happy and confident in their interactions. There is an enormous amount of planning—and vigilance—that goes into ensuring that all our Trainees, no matter their particular challenges, can enjoy the day and I want to particularly thank the staff who manage to juggle so many balls and finish the day smiling.



To help with providing a wider range of participation opportunities for Trainees this time we introduced some 'workshop' stalls where Trainees could sit and work on some of their craft activities next to the stalls where the product was sold. This was a great success and along with the farm display ensured that the public were able to connect more with the day to day of Compass Education and Training. *More on pages 2 & 3.*



Another significant achievement this month is the news that The Compass Institute Inc were, once again, successful in our Quality Audit completed this month. The Quality System Audit goes in 3year cycles: a major Certification Audit is conducted every three years with annual "surveillance" audits in between times.

### Date Claimers

**Sunday 5 June 2011**  
World Environment Day

**Friday 3 June 2011**  
Maleny Show Public Holiday (Local)

**Monday 6 June 2011**  
"Green" Power Week

**Monday 13 June 2011**  
Queens Birthday Public Holiday (all)

**Friday 17 June 2011**  
Nambour Show Public Holiday (Local)

**Tuesday 21 June 2011**  
CET Tues-Fri group Break up

**Thursday 23 June 2011**  
CET Break up

**Friday 22 July 2011**  
Compass Inst. Woman's Fundraiser

At the completion of the 2day onsite Audit, the audit team advised that they had determined us to be fully compliant in every single aspect of the Disability Services Quality system and will formally recommend our certification continues for another three years. This is a magnificent effort considering the extent and rate at which our service is continually growing and expanding. Thank you everybody—Our Board members, Staff, Trainees, Families, Volunteers—everyone who contributes to improving our systems and supports those who maintain them. This milestone will allow us to get on with what is most important to us—supporting the growth and development of the young men and women at Compass. ... Congratulations all round!



# Mothers Day Market

**Continuous Improvement Plan**  
 We at Compass are committed to ongoing service improvement. If you have a suggestion about how we can improve our service, please write your suggestion on one of our **Service Improvement Suggestion Forms** which are available from the office, any of our centres or on our website: [www.compassinc.org.au](http://www.compassinc.org.au) and we will carefully consider every idea.

**Advocacy**  
 Remember that you are able to bring along an advocate or support person to any meeting that you have with Compass. An advocate is someone who is there to support you or represent you and your interests in circumstances where you feel that this additional support is required. Please ask us if you need more information or assistance with organising for an advocate.

**COMPASS CALENDAR**  
 Need to check dates for the holidays or a special event?  
 Our Annual Planner Calendar is available 24/7 at [www.compassinc.org.au](http://www.compassinc.org.au)





**COMPASS FARM**

The Compass Farm aims to give people with disabilities a wide range of retail-based experiences and learnings.

Would you like to support our Mixed Vegetable Scheme? - If so, please ask for more details or leave a contact number so we can keep you updated on our progress.

# Harvest Kitchen

*The Concept is easy: Our farm grows produce, and there are hungry trainees to feed.*

*What a great work experience and training opportunity for the Palmwoods Training group.*

Every week, I find out what vegetables are ready for harvest & create a healthy lunch menu for Wednesday.

In the morning the Farm team harvests the crop and the Palmwoods crew come along and work at turning the vegetables into a tasty lunch offering. So far the meals have included a warm winter salad, creamy pumpkin potato risotto and a vegetarian curry.

This regular Wednesday Canteen lunch is for sale to the farm team only at this stage; it provides a small but welcome revenue for farm produce.

Carla





## Afternoon Delight

*"Mastering the art of life"*

A fundraising event for Compass Institute Inc.  
[www.compassinc.org.au](http://www.compassinc.org.au)

**Date:** Friday 22nd July 2011  
**Time:** 1pm - 5pm  
**Where:** Mango Hill Farm  
 159 Commissioners Flat Road, Peachester  
**Cost:** \$75  
**Life Drawing workshop:** \$25 (to peruse the class - \$15)  
**Guest Speaker:** Lisa Cox, an inspirational speaker who will share with you her journey of courage.

Finger food & champagne on arrival, raffles, silent auction & more

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RSVP - Friday 8th July 2011  
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# Message from Amy

## ...Compass has Twitter!!!

Have you seen our wonderful new website lately?

We have been making improvement after improvement which has resulted in a beautiful, new, user friendly site with lots of state-of-the-art additions.

I encourage you to go to [www.compassinc.org.au](http://www.compassinc.org.au) to check it out!

Our most recent addition to our website is the establishment of a Compass TWITTER account. Yes, we could not resist becoming a 'tweeter'! We are now a part of that online community which is identifiable by a little blue bird - currently one of the fastest growing phenomena on the internet—giving you access to little mini Compass updates of just a couple of lines at a time...



So the next time you are happily tweeting away search for us: our username is @Compass\_Inc\_

If you like our tweets then please 'follow us'... It's a great way to show your support for Compass ...and stay up to date with recent news.



If you don't have twitter yet but want to have a look at our page click on the  icon inside the "Follow US!" box on the bottom right hand corner of our homepage [www.compassinc.org.au](http://www.compassinc.org.au)

Alternatively paste the following link into your browser: [https://twitter.com/Compass\\_Inc\\_](https://twitter.com/Compass_Inc_)

### There's always a range of skill-sets in demand at the farm...

The May working bee saw a great start made connecting a water supply to the Nursery shed. After consideration, the most efficient option was to trench a pipe from the Office tank and pump, and run it through the culvert under the driveway.

Following the work that took place on the Saturday morning working bee, Jeff and his team of trainees were able to complete the connection on Monday providing us with access to water right where we need it... a major step towards our goal of a fully functioning nursery.



Look forward to seeing you at the next one...

## COMPASS FARM Working Bee Update

We look forward to seeing your tweets, retweets & replies!

Cheers,  
Amy

