

## DIARY NOTE

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## Adoption Connections Meeting in Cairns: 15 June 2019

The Benevolent Society's Post Adoption Support Queensland (PASQ) team will host an Adoption Connections meeting in Cairns on Saturday 15 June 2019 from 10.30am-1.30pm to provide information and support for local people affected by adoption.

The meeting is FREE and provides an opportunity for anyone affected by adoption – adopted persons, parents, adoptive parents or extended family members of those impacted by adoption – to find out:

- How to locate and reach out to relatives separated through adoption
- How to apply for your personal records or adoption information
- How to access emotional support and counselling

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet others affected by adoption and professionals working in the field of adoption and reunion. They'll be able to ask questions, join discussion or just come along and listen. Guest speakers who have been personally impacted by adoption will share their experiences of the adoption journey including searching, reunion and discovery.

"It is estimated that one in 15 people are affected by adoption and the effects are often likened to ripples in a pond, as it touches more and more people as time passes and generations of a family grow," explained Katharine McLean, PASQ Team Leader for The Benevolent Society.

The meeting will be held at Cominos House, 27 Greenslopes Street, Edge Hill. Complimentary coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

While the event is FREE of charge, bookings are essential before 17 May. For more information and to book to attend, call (07) 3170 4600 or email pasq@benevolent.org.au.

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WHERE:	Cominos House, 27 Greenslopes Street, Edge Hill
COST:	FREE (coffee, tea and snacks provided)
WHEN:	Saturday 15 June 2019 – from 10.30am-1.30pm
RSVP:	Before 17 May 2019 by calling (07) 3170 4600 or email pasq@benevolent.org.au.

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