

FAMILIES SUPPORTING FAMILIES INC.

Families Supporting Families is a not-for-profit charity organisation which is run by a volunteer committee. We are an inclusive organisation that provides support for the WHOLE family of a child/ren with additional needs.

Why do we exist?

There is a lot of evidence that connecting with other people who have similar experiences increases resilience as well as reduces that sense of isolation that families have. Many families after our events say things such as, "It's so good! I know I am not alone!!" and "when I take my kids to these events, no one stares or tells me how to parent my child. It is so comfortable and easy. Thanks!"

Our members pay a small annual fee of only \$10pa. Research tells us that many families are under extreme financial pressure and so by keeping our membership costs low, it ensures that everyone is able to benefit from being part of our organisation and its events.

FSF hold family events, workshops, guided discussions, carer's cafés and distribute a bi-monthly newsletter to provide information to our members. These events and newsletters make a significant difference to the lives of our members as they allow them the opportunity to share information, connect with others and gain knowledge which will benefit their family situation in many ways.

In order to provide activities, events, information and knowledge at a low cost or no cost to our members, we require support from sponsors, donations and fundraising. We are endorsed as a Deductible Gift Recipient; and as such we are able to provide receipts to use as a tax deduction. Together, we have the common goal of building resilient families and creating strong community capacity.

FAMILIES SUPPORTING FAMILIES – helping families keep IT together.

Families Supporting Families is an inclusive organisation for the WHOLE family of a child with special needs.

We value the stories and experiences of our members as we celebrate the uniqueness of our children.

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a place where you belong.

The ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES of the FSF COMMITTEE

Are you looking for a challenge? Want to make a difference? Are you able to share your skills? Want to learn more? Then an FSF committee member position may be something of interest to you.

The following roles will be vacated and made available at the AGM:-

ROLE	POSITION DESCRIPTION
Coordinator:	Leadership background. The coordinator oversees the running and organisation of the entire working committee. Strategic planning, networking, representing FSF, future forecasting, and arranging committee meetings.
Treasurer:	Financial background. Collating, recording, receipting and reporting financial data for FSF. Advisor for committee regarding financial choices, grants, funds, bank balances. Manages all accounts payable and receivable.
Secretary:	Secretarial background. Manages members and service provider details. Manages incoming/outgoing correspondence via email (FSF email account) and/or postal (PO Box at Waratah). Literature distribution.
Media Officer:	Administration background. Collects, compiles and creates newsletter and literature. Arrange printing as required. Data integrity, creativity and accuracy required.
Community Connections Officer:	Background in community services, networking, organisational & social skills. Responsible for researching and developing links, knowledge and connections within our community. Planning and organising events for carer's cafe & carer's cafe <i>plus</i> ; including guest speakers. Represents FSF at all times and provides written reports on events.
Fundraising Officer:	Requires motivating personality and organisational skills. Proactively implements and co-ordinates numerous fundraisers throughout the year in conjunction with committee members.
Social Officer:	Utilising organisational and social skills. Organise and implement memorable FSF social events in conjunction with committee members. Eg. Family BBQ's, dinners, annual events, movie days or the like.
Grants Officer:	Utilising highly developed written and oral communication skills with emphasis on attention to detail. Proactively search, compile and submit grant applications that support FSF and its ongoing financial needs. Liaising with other committee members and coordinator as required.