

February 2025 Edition

Welcome to GRANN!

Hello, Friends, Community and Supporters!

As we step into the new year, we're thrilled to bring you the latest updates, insights, and resources focused on celebrating belonging, equity, and engagement for our Autistic and Neurodivergent community. Our mission is to empower individuals and organisations to create authentically inclusive and diverse environments where everyone has the autonomy to choose.

- Announcing the our first AGM & Annual Report!
- The report will reflect a year of advocacy and connection, highlighting our impact in the community.
 - Inside the report, you'll find:
- 📌 Key achievements in advocacy, inclusion, and engagement
 - A look back at 2024's events and initiatives
 - ₱ Future plans and how YOU can be involved in 2025

Your support made this possible! Thank you for being part of GRANN's journey and what we have achieved together so far. We're looking forward to seeing you all at the AGM to hear more.

GRANN's First AGM

GRANN's First Annual General Meeting. Get Involved!

All volunteer management positions are open, and we are calling for nominations **NOW!**

If you're passionate about supporting the autistic and neurodivergent community in the Gladstone region, this is your chance to make a real impact.

Get Involved! Contact GRANN and Nominate Today!

Help us nurture a supportive, affirming network in Gladstone and our surrounding areas.

You can make a difference!

Further details provided on <u>Page 3</u>, in Upcoming Community Connections.



GRANN is happy to share some insights with you:

Our first newsletter is packed with valuable resources.

These are designed by Autistic & Neurodivergent individuals.

Neurodiversity Glossary
Supporting Neurodivergent Students
Neuro-Affirming Individual

Education Plan Accommodations

Supporting ND Young People

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Whether you're an educator, caregiver, community member or advocate, these resources are designed to empower you with knowledge and practical tools!



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Support GRANN:

Volunteers, Donations & Sponsors Needed!

GRANN is calling on community members, businesses, and allies to support us in the following ways:

Volunteer – Help with events, advocacy, mentorship, and admin tasks Donate – Every contribution helps us sustain and expand our programs

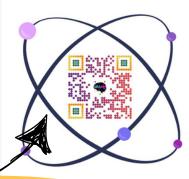
Sponsor – Partner with GRANN to fund initiatives that empower Autistic & Neurodivergent individuals

Become a Member – Access members benefits

Your support helps us champion inclusion, break barriers, and create opportunities for Autistic & Neurodivergent individuals and communities.

Donate to GRANN <u>HERE</u>, or Scan the QR Code and follow the directions.







Collaborate with GRANN

At GRANN, we support Autistic and Neurodivergent individuals, businesses, and organisations in nurturing inclusive and accessible environments in a variety of ways.

Our supports include:

Access to Grants: Gain access to grant making and funding bodies that you would otherwise not have access to as an individual.

Training: Workshops and seminars on neurodiversity, inclusion strategies, and neuro-affirming training.

Support Groups: Support for group discussions, meetings, and events with a focus on Autistic & Neurodivergent communities

Advocacy: Assistance with policy development and implementation to support Autistic & Neurodivergent individuals in various settings.

Local Knowledge & Lived Experience: In-depth understanding of Autism & Neurodivergence, building a deeper knowledge and understanding for you and the community.

Enhanced Collaboration: Developing a stronger working relationship that enhances communication and project outcomes.

If you have a local initiative you would like support with, let's chat.

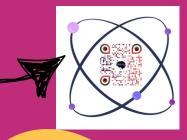
Let's build a collaborative partnership that supports and drives meaningful progress in diversity and inclusion.



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Upcoming Catch-Ups & Events

Join us for our Bi-Monthly Community Connect, designed to enhance belonging and support for Autistic & Neurodivergent individuals. Whether you're a professional, educator, community member, family member, or ally, these meetings are crafted to provide valuable knowledge, networking opportunities, and practical tools.

*** Upcoming Community Connections:**



TEAMSPEAK CONNECT
March dates to come
RSVP HERE for more info.

Annual General Meeting:
The MARCH 15th, 9 AM - 11 AM
Online Event: via MS Teams
RSVP HERE.

Community Connect
TO MAY 17th, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Online Event: via MS Teams
RSVP HERE.

Upcoming Events: School Holiday Fun!



EMBRACE KIDS, Building Better Body Image Film
APRIL 15th,
Online Event: via MS Teams
RSVP HERE.

This uplifting documentary is designed to help young people develop a healthy, positive relationship with their bodies. Featuring real stories from kids, the film tackles social pressures, self-acceptance, and the importance of kindness, both to ourselves and others.

Camp Quality's 'The Big Show' Puppetry Fun APRIL 15th, 2pm-2:30pm Online Event: via MS Teams

GRANN is proud to host Camp Quality's 'The Big Show' Puppetry Performance!

This engaging, interactive online show is designed to educate, entertain, and inspire children by teaching inclusion, and kindness in a fun, supportive and accessible way.

RSVP <u>HERE</u>.

Celebrating Neurodivergence | Building Community | Creating Change

Get Involved

We invite you to join us in making a difference—whether through attending our events, contributing to our projects, volunteering, or supporting our mission in any way. Together, we are building a future where neurodivergence is celebrated, not just accommodated.

We value your contributions and participation in our community. Share your thoughts, suggestions, or questions with us. We're here to listen and collaborate with you to advance our collective goals of belonging, equity, and engagement.

Thank you for being part of the GRANN community. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of Autistic and Neurodivergent individuals everywhere.

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