

PIR Agency:	Aftercare
Date:	Jan 15- Sept 15
Key issue(s)	Lack of access, to peer support for persons living with hoarding.
Main Objective(s)	To provide people living with hoarding the opportunity to engage in sustainable support (via the 16 x week Buried in treasure workshops).
Summary of Impact or Result	The participants reported a significant shift in their understanding of their hoarding behaviours. The pre and post evaluation questionnaires supported these findings.
Context	
<p>This project was develop in conjunction with a range of stakeholders that have a keen interest in this topic. A significant amount of work has been complete in this space and therefore, the momentum was right for the B.I.T program.</p>	
Stakeholders/Partnerships	
<p>Footprints, KEIHS, Coast 2 Bay, Bric Housing, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Brisbane City Council, Centacare, Communify</p>	
Project Management	
<p>Numerous meetings with stakeholders. Training for two Support Facilitators in the <i>Buried in Treasure</i> program. Running the 16-week program with 15 participants. Logistics of workshop managed by project manager.</p>	
Description of Activities	
<p>Development of peer support was successful-ongoing support is being managed by the group themselves. Attendance to the group confirmed the interest and need in the topic. A number of participants reported a change in the condition of their homes through them starting the de-cluttering process. Please see a copy of the reported outcomes attached to the system reform plan.</p>	
Project Impact	
<p>The project has not changed the system, but change is beginning to occur. This should alleviate pressure in a range of system areas i.e. by decreasing the need for some specialist services and removing the pressure with regard to hoarding issues, for the department of housing. The project participants have started to use different language around their illness; confidence has improved as well as assertiveness. Some participants report that their sense of accountability has increased. The participants have put in place a plan to start an on-going peer support group following on from the workshop.</p>	
Lessons Learned	
<p>The budget through the innovation fund was extremely helpful; it supported the ongoing attendance at the group. It enabled the workshop to be held in a convenient, comfortable environment. The financial assistance offered to participants through taxi vouchers and Go Cards encouraged attendance. Feedback has been that the workshops should be for a longer period of time as there is a lot of information to explore. This has proved to be a hugely beneficial venture for those that live with hoarding; highly recommended.</p>	
Appendices	