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Fed up with other people's kids throwing tantrums in the supermarket? This film will make you think again.

**FREE FAMILY EVENT for Social Inclusion Week
Grafton Showground, Prince Street
25 November from 4pm**

Everybody Belongs is launching a new short film at an outdoor family event at Grafton Showground on Friday 25 November from 4pm to celebrate Social Inclusion Week. The five minute film – which precedes the family feature film *Inside Out (G)* – depicts the isolation and distress experienced by parents of children living with disability; and provides a poignant reminder of simple acts of kindness we can offer to ensure everybody feels they belong.

“Insert a quote here from one of the mums in the clip, which captures the essence, that way even those who don't attend will get a direct message – especially along the lines of ‘a simple smile can help me feel less isolated’!”

The short film has been produced by the Belonging Project, which works with parents and carers of children living with disabilities and with communities in the Northern Rivers who want to build safe and inclusive communities for everyone, including those with additional needs.

Social Futures, Clarence Valley Council, Northcott, NSW FaCS and Cranes have teamed up to produce this inclusive family event which includes free activities for kids of all ages including laser tag, a jumping castle, face painting and the sand wizard.

Event organiser Jason Kingsley from Social Futures said “everyone is welcome. Come along and buy some Christmas gifts at the twilight market, grab something to eat from the food stalls and settle in to watch the free films on the big outdoor cinema screen.”

Local parent support group CV Forward Steps will also use the event to announce its inaugural Access and Inclusion Award to acknowledge businesses in the area that are making families feel comfortable and welcome.

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Notes to editors:

- **Social Futures** (formerly Northern Rivers Social Development Council) is a leading social justice organisation that promotes fairness and social inclusion in regional NSW. **<Link to website>**



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- **Social Inclusion Week** aims to help all Australians feel valued and to give people the opportunity to participate fully in society. [<link to website>](#)
- Research conducted by Melbourne University and the Brotherhood of St Laurence in 2010 [<insert the reference>](#) found that more than one million Australians are subject to profound social exclusion.