



September 2008

Redlands Youth Network NEWS

Meeting News

ATTENDANCE:

Andrew Green, The Smith Family; Peter Greasley, FSG Australia; Nadine Jennings, Centrelink; Saskia de Vries, Centrelink; Tracey Barnes, Centrelink; Amanda Pawley, Queensland Health; Andrew Laming, Federal Member for Bowman; Kara Mansley, Redland City Council; Finn Murphy, Bayside Youth Justice Service; Sharon Reynolds, Open Minds; Andrea Kendall, InSync; Byron Shreeve, Redland City Council; George Gilbert, Mentor One volunteer; Nick Wharton, Cleveland Baptist Church; Di Fletcher, BABI; Deidre Morrow, Young Workers Advisory Service; Dawn Stevens, Relationships Australia Gambling Help Service.

APOLOGIES:

Olivia Fisher, South East Alliance of General Practitioners; Adam Carmichael, Victoria Point High School; Maree Rose, Carmel College.

Local News

RYN SITE VISIT

Don't forget the next Redlands Youth Network meeting is a site visit – we will be hosted by the lovely ladies at InSync Youth Services, which is located at Shop 4, Kyling Corner (Cnr Middle & Waterloo Streets) in Cleveland. Walk up behind the shops to find it, as it's tucked away out of sight! It's all happening from 3pm on Monday 20 October.

Janet Camilleri, Redland City Council

ANTI POVERTY WEEK LAUNCH

Come along to the official launch of Anti-Poverty Week here in the Redlands!

When: 10am Saturday 11 October

Where: Victoria Point Library (Lakeside Shopping Centre, 7-15 Bunker Road, Victoria Point)

RSVP: Please call Janet on 3829 8489 or janet.camilleri@redland.qld.gov.au.

The event will feature a screening of the South Queensland Council for Homeless Persons Inc's short film *We are all just 2 steps from Homelessness – Stories of 8 people who have beaten Homelessness* as well as a free morning tea.

Pamela Doherty, Redland City Council

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, 1 in 4 Australians will have some contact with mental illness either directly or indirectly during their lives. During Mental Health Week (5-11 October), Father Jim Smith, Chaplain Director of Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care will give a talk about this growing problem.

When: Wednesday 8 October, 7:30pm

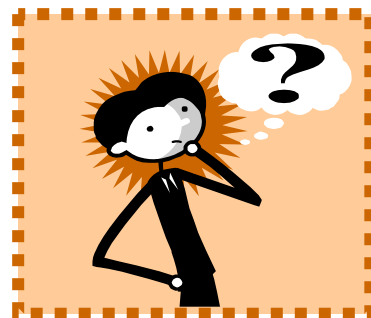
Where: Mary Mackillop Parish Centre, 12 Hardy Road, Birkdale

Contact: Mike Jones, Deanery Pastoral Coordinator, 3820 0109 / 0400 559 177 or deanery1@bigpond.net.au.

Mike Jones, Redland Bayside Deanery

YOUTH ISSUES IN THE REDLANDS

Community think-tank, the Redlands Institute, is running a survey to help identify issues relating to the city's youth. To take part in the survey, visit www.redi.org.au or have your say on the blog. Survey results will drive planning for Redlands Youth Futures Forum, a special summit to debate issues relating to the future of young people (aged 0-25).



Bayside Bulletin

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Redlands Women's Information Network (RWIN) presents the 3rd Annual *Women Making a Difference Awards Luncheon*.

When: Saturday 11 October, 11am – 2.30pm

Where: Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club, Colburn Ave, Victoria Point

Cost: \$25 per person

Bookings: Essential! Please call Flor on 3206 4869 or Norma on 3207 792 or email normarod@bigpond.com.

Come along and join the excitement as the 2008 winners are announced! Promote your organisation with flyers on the community table, and a word game where you can tell of your passion for your organisation. Hurry, places are limited!

Pam Tranter, RWIN

GET BACK TO WORK!

Horizon Specialised Training offers training and targeted assistance for people with a disability, injury or illness, who are unemployed or wanting to return to the workforce. The structured six week program includes industry placement. Enrolments being accepted now for the course to begin on 21 October. Contact Horizon on 3245 3452 for more.

Vanessa Koszyk, Horizon Inc

Grants & Funding**FUNDS FOR FUEL & MORE**

The Federal Government's Volunteer Grants Program can now provide up to \$2500 to help not-for-profit organisations pay for their

volunteers' petrol bills. Grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 may also be used to purchase items such as computers, tools, air conditioners and sporting equipment.

Applications close on Friday 17 October, with successful organisations receiving funding by the end of the year. To find out more, visit www.fahcsia.gov.au or call 1800 183 374.

Tania Kennedy, Dept of Communities

**HEPATITIS SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**

Grants of up to \$10 000 are being offered to fund one-off hepatitis health promotion initiatives or activities by community groups and organisations. Applications close Wednesday 12 November. Please contact Kelly on 3238 5709 or kelly@hepqld.asn.au for an application pack, and to discuss your project prior to submitting an application.

Anthony Peet, Qld Health

GAMBLING GRANTS

The Gambling Community Benefit Fund has grants of up to \$30 000 to support community groups with costs such as equipment, one-off events and activities, community and/or organisational development, motor vehicles and minor capital works. The current grant round closes on 30 November 2008, so call 1800 633 619 or check out www.olgr.qld.gov.au for more.

Karen Finlay, Redland City Council

JUPITERS CASINO FUNDING

These grants (of up to \$150 000) assist community organisations to maintain properties/premises and acquire essential equipment to help in their service delivery. Preference given to applications indicating a high level of community involvement and/or where the expenditure of the funds will benefit the broader community. Call 1800 336 958 or go to <http://jccbf.org.au> for further information.

Karen Finlay, Redland City Council

EAT WELL BE ACTIVE

The Eat Well Be Active Community Partnerships grants support increasing participation in physical activity and improving eating patterns. Guidelines and forms are available at <http://tinyurl.com/6ef9mk>; applications close on Thursday 30 October. For more, call 1300 663 647 or cpgp@qld.gov.au.

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Information & Resources**YOUTH DISABILITY ADVOCACY**

According to a 2005 report, there were more than 100 000 young Queenslanders (aged 0-25) who were restricted as a result of a disability. The Youth Affairs Network of Queensland (YANQ) is keen to establish an advocacy service for young people with disabilities. Your support, advice and comments are all welcome! Please contact admin@yanq.org.au to find out more.

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SAFER SEX

The Safer Sex project is a joint project of the Australian Drug Foundation and the Youth Substance Abuse Service, which aims to empower young people to attain and maintain the highest possible standard of sexual health. At the Safer Sex website, young people will find:

- Information about contraception, sexually transmitted infections and sexual health.
- An anonymous and professional Q&A service that provides clear, unbiased, non-judgemental answers to any questions they may have about sexual health.
- A safe space to share their stories and experiences.
- A searchable database of Australian youth-friendly health services and organisations.
- The ability to sign-up for free sexual health SMSs.

Check out www.safersex.com.au or call (03) 9278 8100 for more information.

Anthony Peet, Qld Health



AFRICANS IN QUEENSLAND

Introducing the Queensland African Communities Council Inc (QACC). QACC aims to facilitate and support collective development while encouraging each African community and individual to promote his or her own culture and skills. To find out more about QACC, please contact Bobby Whitfield on 0421 035 070 or qacc@live.com.au.

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THE FRANK TEAM

Need an engaging and fun presentation for your young people? The Frank Team can help:

- schools with their careers programs;
- community groups with leadership, community development & motivation workshops; and
- youth workers with program development.

The Frank Team has Brisbane-based presenters who are young, experienced and passionate about inspiring other young people to take their ideas and make them a reality. See www.frankteam.com.au or call Jessica on (02) 9966 4333.

Rachael Uhr, LGAQ

MUSLIM YOUTH SERVICE

MYServices (MY = Muslim Youth) is funded by the Department of Communities, and services Brisbane and surrounding areas. MYServices welcomes opportunities to work collaboratively on youth development projects that aim to support Muslim youth, and can also help your organisation with free Islamic/cultural awareness training and advice; liaison with your Muslim clients; information and referral. To find out more, call Shaima Khan on 0402 529 395 or visit www.myservices.net.au.

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MENTAL HEALTH EXPERIENCES

The Queensland Alliance is holding a forum in Brisbane on 13 & 14 November, run for and by people with lived experience with mental illness. Expressions of interest are invited from:

- Performers and entertainers whether in dance, story, poetry, music or comedy, with lived experience;
- Facilitators, artists, speakers, peer developers, creative thinkers, advocates, or storytellers with lived experience to share their ideas, projects, workshops and activities (timeslots up to 2 hours).

Space will also be available for artists, authors etc to display and promote their work. No sales permitted. Please contact jen@qldalliance.org.au or 3832 2600.

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THE YOUNG AND THE MEDIA

The website of Young Media Australia is a resource that focuses on the impacts on young people of television, the internet, mobile phones, video games, advertising etc. Hot topics include the sexualisation of children in the media, and how the media affects eating habits. See www.youngmedia.org.au for more.

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TOO MUCH TOO SOON?

Along the same lines, *What is Happening to Our Girls? Too Much, Too Soon - how our kids are overstimulated, oversold and oversexed* by Maggie Hamilton (Penguin Australia), looks at the impact of growing up in our media-savvy, body-conscious, consumption-saturated society.

Check it out at

www.maggiHamilton.org/booksandaudio/ourgirls.htm.

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NEW SUPPORT GROUP

State Wards Affinity Now (SWAN) is a new friendship group for former residents of institutional care who would like to reflect on or share their experiences in "out of home" care. The group meets fortnightly on the Gold Coast. For more information, please contact Palm Beach Neighbourhood Centre on 5598 1505 or info@palmbeachnc.org.au.

Anna Pretorius, H&CS Workforce Council

SELF HARM FACT SHEET

Available on the Headspace (National Youth Mental Health Foundation) website is a new fact sheet on self harm. The fact sheet is available as a PDF download at: <http://tinyurl.com/57qt5w>.

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NOT FOR PROFIT RESOURCES

Find a wealth of resources and tools tailored for not-for-profit organisations, or sign up for the regular e-newsletter, at www.nfpn.com.au.

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SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Salvation Army has just launched the new Hope for Life Campaign which includes an online training program for the general public; training for clergy, chaplains, funeral directors and people working in health, education and emergency services; and a national phone line for people bereaved by suicide. Check it out at: www.suicideprevention.salvos.org.au.

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ANOTHER CLOSET

Another Closet: domestic violence in gay and lesbian relationships is a new booklet which includes a checklist of questions to see if domestic violence could be possible. Visit www.ssdv.acon.org.au for more information or to order.

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KEYS TO LIVING TOGETHER

Check out these family relationship resources, designed to help Australians through three important periods of change: couples moving in together; expecting their first child; and forming step or blended families. Call 1800 050 009 or see www.facsia.gov.au/internet/facsinternet.nsf/family/keys_info.htm.



Rachael Uhr, LGAQ

Youth Opportunities**INDIGENOUS YOUTH LEADERS**

Applications are now open for the 2009 Indigenous Youth Leadership Program. The program gives scholarships so Indigenous young people can study at high performing schools or universities and benefit from practical leadership experiences and personal development. Schools, universities and communities are encouraged to identify and assist eligible students to apply for this great opportunity. For more information, contact free call 1800 252 316 or visit www.youngaustralians.org.

Rachael Uhr, LGAQ

TUTOR ENGLISH

This FREE short course has been specifically designed for volunteers interested in helping refugees and migrants improve their English during the resettlement process. The course will run over five Thursdays from 5.30 – 8.30pm, commencing on October 16 at the Multicultural Development Association, 289 Vulture Street, South Brisbane. To find out more or register, please call Lorraine on 3337 5428 or lorrainea@mdabne.org.au.

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Research & Reports**AFRICAN REFUGEES**

The *New Futures for African Refugees* report found that almost 5000 refugees and other humanitarian entrants had been resettled in Queensland from Africa in the past five years. To download the full report visit www.multicultural.qld.gov.au.

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HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING

Making Progress: The health, development and wellbeing of Australia's children and young people is a new report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare. Find out more at:

www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10653.

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SEX IN THE MEDIA

The Federal Government has recently released the report from the *Inquiry into the Sexualisation of Children in the Contemporary Media*. For more, visit www.apf.gov.au/SENATE/committee/eca_ctte/sexualisation_of_children/.

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YOUTHSPEAK REPORT

YouthSpeak: A Conversation for the Future presents the ideas and concerns of almost 13 000 young Australians from all walks of life, collected over the past six months. The report is available online at www.unya.asn.au/youthspeak/get.asp.

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HEALTH FOR THE DISADVANTAGED

QCOSS has recently presented a paper entitled *Identifying Population Health Interventions that Effectively Target Disadvantaged Queenslanders*. To find out more, please go to: www.qcoss.org.au/Article.aspx?type=submission&id=5039.

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EDUCATION EXPECTATIONS

The Federal Government has released *Quality Education: the case for an Education Revolution in our Schools*, a report that argues that Australia needs to build a culture of high expectations in our schools for students and teachers. Full story at <http://tinyurl.com/5d56o9>.

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YOUNG PEOPLE AND POLITICS

According to research for *Young People Imagining a New Democracy*, young people are not apathetic about politics, just misunderstood. For more information or to download the report, visit www.whitlam.org or call (02) 9685 9187.



Rachael Uhr, LGAQ



PREVENTING YOUTH DISENGAGEMENT

Preventing Youth Disengagement is a discussion paper that presents young people's views on the matter, published by the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth. The accompanying multimedia piece expresses young people's views on engagement and disengagement and is available for viewing at <http://tinyurl.com/6kssko>.

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JUVENILE JUSTICE

This latest report on young people under juvenile justice supervision in Australia includes info on:

- the characteristics of young people in community-based supervision and detention in 2006–07;
- the type and length of supervision they experience; and
- patterns of supervision over time and analyses of trends.

Read the full text of the report at:

www.aihw.gov.au/publications/index.cfm/title/10645.

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Conferences & Training**REFUGEE CONFERENCE**

The Queensland Integrated Refugee Community Health Clinic (QIRCH) has had to change the venue for the upcoming national conference on 27 & 28 November, due to enormous interest. It will now be held at the Brisbane Convention & Entertainment Centre in South Brisbane. For the conference program, or to register, go to www.materonline.org.au/Home/Events/QIRCH-2008-conference.aspx.

Anthony Peet, Qld Health

NON-ENGLISH COMMUNICATION

Communicating with Non-Fluent English Speakers is a three hour workshop to be held on 12 November from 9am at the Sapphire Conference Centre, 55 Boundary Street (cnr Brereton Street) in South Brisbane. The workshop is relevant to anyone who works or interacts on a regular basis with individuals from

language backgrounds other than English. Contact Partners in Cultural Competence on 3844 9166 or admin@picc.org.au.

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WORKING WITH REFUGEES & MIGRANTS

Do you work with young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds? The Youth Affairs Network of Queensland will deliver training to help you!

When: 3 & 4 November

Where: Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Kelvin Grove

Cost: \$240 (GST incl) includes morning & afternoon teas and lunches for both days

Register: Contact Marilyn on 3844 7713 or email admin@yanq.org.au.

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CALLING ALL COMMUNITY WORKERS!

The Community Centres and Family Support Network Association of Queensland (CCFSNAQ) conference will be held on 16 & 17 October. Plenty of interactive workshops, plus a pamper session, dinner and drinks are all on the agenda. The conference will be held at the Logan Entertainment Centre, 170 Wembley Road in Logan Central. For enquiries, please call 3826 4770 or visit www.ccfснаq.org.

Anna Pretorius, H&CS Workforce Council

FIRST AID TRAINING

Need to gain or update your First Aid qualification?

- Apply First Aid – Accredited

Training:

Saturday 11

October,

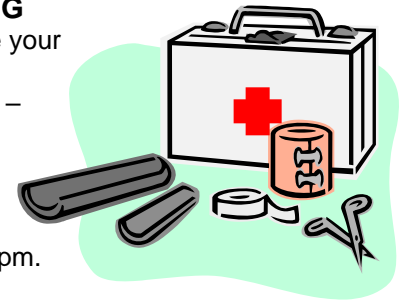
8.30am – 5.30pm.

Cost of \$125

includes morning tea and light lunch.

- CPR Renewal: Saturday 11 October, 8.30 am – 12.00pm. Cost of \$50 per person.

Both sessions will be held at the Redland Bayside Child and Family Support Hub, 9/21 Waterloo Street in Cleveland. Bookings are essential – call Debbie or Luise on 3488 0600.



Debbie Morgan,

Redland Bayside Child & Family Support Hub

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE

The Alternatives to Violence Project Qld (AVPQ) offers low cost workshops in dealing with local, personal and community conflicts. An introductory workshop will be held at the Fortitude Valley PCYC on the weekend of 25 & 26 October. Cost is \$40 for low or no income attendees; \$125 for waged. To register, contact admin@avpq.org.au or call 0435 007 405.

Heather Millhouse, AVPQ



Feedback

ADOLESCENT WELLBEING SURVEY

Young people aged 14-17 are invited to take a survey from Monash University on positive psychology and adolescent well-being. Take the survey to go in the draw to win one of 10 double passes to the movies! The survey can be found at: <http://coldfusion.its.monash.edu.au/med/spppm/questionnaires/jnorrish>.

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Stop Press!

YOUTH LAUNCH

On Thursday 2 October, The Australian Youth Forum (AYF) was launched, as well as Australia's new youth peak body, the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (AYAC). Find out more about AYF at www.youth.gov.au/ayf, and the AYAC at www.ayac.org.au.

Youth Field Xpress

Next RYN Meeting

DAY: Monday 20 October
TIME: 3 to 4.30pm
PLACE: **In Sync, Shop 4 Kyling Corner,
Corner Middle & Waterloo Streets,
Cleveland**
RSVP: janet.camilleri@redland.qld.gov.au or
phone 3829 8489

**The young do not know enough to be prudent, and therefore they attempt
the impossible -- and achieve it, generation after generation.**

Pearl S. Buck 1892-1973

