

Annual Report 2017 - 2018

NOVEMBER 2018

Queensland Youth Housing Coalition Inc.



Our Vision

The vision of the Queensland Youth Housing Coalition (QYHC) is: All young people need a safe and secure home to be included in our society and experience holistic wellbeing.

Our History

The Queensland Youth Housing Coalition (QYHC) was established in 1984 and is a not-for-profit state-wide coalition of organisations and individuals acting as a think tank across projects and campaigns. QYHC is intent on conducting research projects, informing policy and community education and working on workforce development activities to ensure a robust sector and community able to address homelessness and the associated issues that impact young people.



About Us

Individuals and organisations join the coalition due to their collective belief that all young people need a safe and secure home to be included in our society and experience holistic wellbeing. In doing so, they agree to participate in QYHC's policy and practice activities as well as its campaigns.

QYHC is not an industry body. It is a coalition of like-minded individuals and organisations who share social justice values, are intent on

inclusion and use an evidence base to focus on strategies that ensure all young people have access to a safety and security in their home.

Funding

The Queensland Department of Housing and Public Works supports the work of the QYHC through a 3 year strategic alliance.



QYHC would like to thank the many supporters throughout Queensland that support our work.



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QYHC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



(Photo: Adam, Cate, Christine and Alice)

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(Photo: Statewide networking breakfast)

Chairperson

Adam Barnes

Secretary

Alice Thompson

Treasurer

Christine Hastwell

Ordinary member

Cate Ryan

Ordinary member

Karen Halberg

Ordinary member

Lorraine Dupree

Ordinary member

Megan Hall

Chairperson's report

It gives me great pleasure to be able to contribute a report regarding the work of the Queensland Youth Housing Coalition in 2017/18. To see QYHC once again resourced to deliver on our objectives is a position that many of us had almost given up on.

I want to acknowledge the commitment to collaboration and partnership demonstrated by the Department of Housing and Public Works and by homelessness services in Queensland. This next 3 years presents an opportunity to build on this commitment and to work collectively. I am thankful to write that our experience thus far has been defined by a determination to navigate new ground together.

I have been moved by the commitment of the youth homelessness sector and others to continue to participate so strongly in QYHC activities during recent years. The Platform 1225 event this year once again affirmed the need for facilitating dialogue that is firmly focused on improving outcomes for young Queenslanders.

The shared space between violence and homelessness requires particular attention. It was heartening at this year's forum, to hear voices of young people, domestic violence and homelessness services, government and non-government agencies engaged in the issue. Importantly there were both practice and policy learnings taken away. Thanks to everyone for being part of it and thanks particularly to Caitlin King for her time and skill in managing the event.

This event in May marked the re-establishment of a funded Queensland Youth Housing Coalition. I was thrilled to be able to stand up and announce the recruitment of Maria Leebeek as Executive Director. The management committee was grateful more broadly, to be able to share the operational responsibilities of the organisation. The team hit the ground running. Recruitment, office set up, finance systems and policy development filled a very busy couple of months for both management committee and staff.

Once again, the organisation is equipped with a resourced work plan to achieve in the next 3 years. Looking forward, QYHC needs your ongoing participation in this work to be truly successful. Several years without resourcing have meant that we are rebuilding our vital connections with stakeholders in each of the regions and I ask you to reach out and join the conversation wherever possible.

This past year effectively closes a significant chapter in the history of QYHC. It also begins a new page with some exciting work ahead. I am grateful to report that the story stretching across the two volumes is rich with your ongoing determination to work together to make real change.

Adam Barnes

Executive Director's report

Passion, hope and a desire to make a difference – this is what is at the heart of the Queensland Youth Housing Coalition. It is wonderful to be part of an organisation that is passionate about social justice, hopeful about young people's future and a desire to see positive social change.

At a time when government is looking to work differently with the not-for-profit sector to create positive social change it seems natural that they would look to an organisation with similar attributes. It is wonderful therefore to see that a strategic alliance has been formed between the Queensland Youth Housing Coalition and the Queensland Department of Housing and Public Works within the Queensland Government "Partnering for impact to reduce homelessness in Queensland".

The strategic alliance is something very new in Queensland and it is a fantastic opportunity to explore and develop improved housing outcomes for young people. Whilst focusing on outcomes, it will be a chance for new ways of working together and includes the ability for QYHC to be co-located once a week in the Homelessness Programs/Housing and Homelessness Services team in the Department of Housing and Public Works.

In order to see whether we are making a difference work has commenced on the collection of data to help set an evidence-based benchmark and we are grateful for the assistance from the Australian Bureau of Statistics in this work.

In exploring the data it has already demonstrated that there are some downwards trends in terms of young people who are aged 12 -16 years and experiencing homelessness. This is certainly something to continue to work on and the focus of the two key starting project.

The first project is the Prevention and Early Prevention Project, with Tanya Turrell as the project lead. As part of their commitment to reducing homelessness the Department of Housing and Public Works has undertaken to trial a place-based case management approach across schools, youth services and homelessness services to support young people at risk of homelessness and this project is the commencement of that work.

The second project is to review the Supporting Young People under 16 years of age: Guidelines for Good Practice for Specialist Homelessness Services.

Additional projects will be developed in response to the identified needs of young people and through the Queensland Government Homelessness Compact.

Critical to this will be the ability to engage with young people and the services that support them.

The youth homelessness sector has a great history of being able to come together with young people and articulate the key issues facing young people and to explore innovative solutions and responses. Networking has

been a big part of the sector in harnessing passion and enabling trust and reciprocity to be built both at a local and state-wide level. In particular these networks allowed the flow of information, critical debate and for shared learnings and success in practice and policy – this has been demonstrated by the success of Platform 1225.

Networks and networking allows for social capital bridging and social bonding both in the sector and within communities. Learnings from other States highlight the importance of this social capital when responding to homelessness as it takes the whole of the community to address this social issue.

Linking people together and creating more opportunities for young voices to be heard will be a priority focus.

QYHC is looking forward to the year ahead and joining with as many passionate and hopeful people as we can across the community and within government to make a difference.

*Each one of us can make a difference
but together we can make a change*

Maria Leebeek



(Photo: Platform 1225 – Kay McGrath hosting a panel session)

Treasurers Report

Queensland Youth Housing Coalition Inc. (QYHC) has continued to grow in its capacity over the last financial year. The Department of Housing and Public Works and QYHC have aligned our strategic objectives over the next three years to deliver projects and services across Queensland.

It has been a pleasure working with my fellow Management Committee members and sector to get us to this point. A big welcome and thank you to all our new staff that have worked very hard to get QYHC back up and running again.

QYHC organisation funds

We opened the Financial Year with a balance of \$95,717.30.

Our income for the year was \$44,225.83 and total expenses were \$58,063.35. Platform 1225 was our biggest expense, but again a great success.

We have closed the 2017 -2018 Financial Year with a surplus of \$82, 513.48, with \$78,035.32 of these funds in an interest bearing fixed account.

Youth Homelessness Development Project funds

Income from the Department of Housing and Public Works for the 2017 -2018 Financial Year was \$82,500. This is excluding income in advance of \$178,000 for the 2018 – 2019 Financial Year. Total expenses for this activity were \$32,034.18, leaving a surplus of \$50,585.82.

We have generated a surplus due to the time it has taken to get the organisation back to full operating capacity. It took time to hire staff to their positions, to find new office facilities and purchase the necessary operating equipment. Surpluses were carried forward to continue set up costs and complete projects set out in partnership with the Department of Housing and Public Works.

Audited Financial Statement

Our Audited Financial Statement have been prepared by Haywards Chartered Accountants and it has been declared that Queensland Youth Housing Coalition Inc. is in a viable financial position.

Appointment of Auditor

I propose that Hayward Chartered Accounts be appointed as the auditors for the 2018 – 2019 financial year.

Christine Hastwell



QUEENSLAND YOUTH HOUSING COALITION INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Minutes

November 30 2017
Hughie Williams Room, PCYC Paddington

AGM opened at 4.00 pm

Present: Adam Barnes, Megan Hall, Alice Thompson, Lorraine Dupree, Paula Nixon, Cate Ryan, Christine Robinson, Siyavash Doostkhah, Kirstin Cooper, Tracey Woodward, Elisabeth Kobierski, Wally Dethlefs, Rees Maddren, Caitlin King

Apologies: Lisa Evans, Karen Halberg

Proxies:

Member	Proxy
Karen Halberg	Adam Barnes
Annemaree Callander	Adam Barnes
Dave McNair	Adam Barnes
Tania Lawrie	Cate Ryan
Cath Bartolo	Alice Thompson
Tamara McGuigan	Cate Ryan

Adam Barnes opened the meeting with a formal Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners. Adam welcomed all and offered thanks for continued commitment to QYHC and to the various organisations who continue to drive issues for the young people of Queensland. Adam acknowledged QYHC was currently unfunded and praised the energy and commitment of the Management Committee who continue to volunteer their time and assist the organisation to plan for the future. A highlight for QYHC in 2017 was Platform1225, a major Queensland Youth Homelessness Matters Day event. QYHC were proud to be able to deliver the event which enabled key stakeholders within the youth housing and homelessness sectors to come together and explore strategies to address youth homelessness. Feedback received showed a re-energized commitment within the sector post Platform 1225. QYHC hopes to expand on this event, working in partnership with communities across Queensland, in 2018. Adam advised Paula Nixon would step down from treasurer position and thanked her for all her work.

Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes from the 2016 AGM were tabled and a motion was made to approve the minutes without correction.

Moved: Adam Barnes, Seconded: Alice Thompson, Actions arising: Nil

Financial Report

Paula notes it was a busier year with the organization of Platform 1225 which was supported by the DHPW, BCC and the sector by attending. Another Platform 1225 is planned for May 2018 and QYHC has agreed to assist funding. Paula confirmed an audit is not required.

The 2016/2017 financial report was tabled and a motion made to move the report.

Moved: Adam Barnes, Seconded: Alice Thompson

Election of Office Bearers

All positions were declared vacant by the Returning Officer, Wally Dethlefs.

Committee nominations were as follows:

Name	Position	Nominated by	Seconded by
Adam Barnes	Chair	Lorraine Dupree	Christine Robinson
Alice Thompson	Secretary	Christine Robinson	Cate Ryan
Christine Robinson	Treasurer	Alice Thompson	Cate Ryan
Lorraine Dupree	Ordinary	Adam Barnes	Alice Thompson
Megan Hall	Ordinary	Lorraine Dupree	Alice Thompson
Cate Ryan	Ordinary	Alice Thompson	Christine Robinson
Karen Halberg	Ordinary	Christine Robinson	Cate Ryan

The Committee was duly elected. Wally Dethlefs declared the new Management Committee in place.

Moved: Rees Maddren, Seconded : Elisabeth Kobierski

Adam thanked the committee for their dedication to the Coalition given its current circumstances. Adam acknowledged the work of the committee towards a vision and future for the coalition. Adam declared the meeting closed.

AGM close: 4.15pm

Notice of a Special Resolution

NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION

That this general meeting of the Queensland Youth Housing Coalition incorporated resolves as follows the change to the QYHC Constitution;

Subsequent annual general meetings

23. Each subsequent annual general meeting must be held—

(a) at least once each year; and

(b) within [**remove: 3 months and replace with: 6 months**] after the end of the association's previous financial year.

Section 3 of the Associations Incorporation Act 1981 provides as follows:

Item 3 Special resolutions

(1) Written notice of a proposed special resolution, and of the time and place of the general meeting at which it is proposed to move the resolution, must be given, as required under the association's rules, before the general meeting to each member of the association who has a right to vote on the resolution.

(2) The notice must state the terms of the proposed special resolution.

(3) A special resolution about which notice has not been given under this section has no effect.

(4) A declaration by the person presiding at a general meeting that a resolution has been passed at the meeting by the votes of 3/4 of the members who are present and entitled to vote on the resolution is conclusive evidence of the fact, unless a poll is demanded at the meeting.

Join QYHC

A Coalition is only as strong as its membership. The experience and knowledge of the members of QYHC is drawn from a cross-section of the community. By becoming a member you are bringing your expertise to the Coalition.

Annual Membership

As a member, you are entitled to information, representation and the right to participate. To become a member you need to apply to the organisation by filling out our online membership application form. Your application for membership will be presented to Management Committee who will consider your membership in the month following your application.

Make a donation

Make a donation to QYHC to help with funding for our housing and homelessness work. Payments can be received through PayPal's secure payment system by clicking on the 'Donate' button via our website page.

Support an event or become a corporate partner

Homelessness happens: It must be spoken about to be addressed. Learn about our upcoming events and to get involved!

Contact our team via:

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