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Fiedler's Focus

As most of the Police-Citizens Youth Clubs around the State finish their sport and recreation activities for the year and their focus goes to operating Vacation Care for the six week school break, it is an opportunity for me to thank all those involved in the organisation.

There is an enormous amount of effort and community involvement that is required to operate the 47 branches and the six CAPE indigenous sites across Queensland. The full team that makes it all happen includes the following

- 1,200 Police-Citizens Youth Club Staff
- 67 QPS Police Officers
- 8 Police Liaison Officers
- 1000+ volunteers, and
- 82,000 PCYC Members

Our key partners continue to be the Queensland Police Service, the State Government, more than 20 local government agencies, the Commonwealth Government and more than 7,000 business from across Queensland.

The range of programs being delivered continues to grow with more than 120 different programs being conducted across our venues across the categories of sport, recreation, welfare and culture.

The benefits of the programs are received by a diverse range of cultures with many groups engaging in the broader activity programs of the branches but also a number of programs that are working with specific cultural groups to improve the integration into mainstream communities following their arrival in Australia.

I hope that everyone involved in PCYC has a fantastic break over the next few weeks and return back to their PCYCs with the same level of enthusiasm and community spirit that has been the tradition of PCYC over 60+years.

2011 promises to be an exciting year for PCYC Qld with 4 new branches opening during the year and the challenge of trying to reach 100,000 members for the year.

Our other challenge is to lift the fundraising and sponsorship received after a tough couple of years for businesses which has resulted in a downturn of corporate support for the branches and programs. If you can help we would love to hear from you.

Thanks to everyone for your support in 2010 and I look forward to your involvement with PCYC Qld again in 2011.

Rob Fiedler
Senior Sergeant
CEO
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BLUE LIGHT / PCYC CATALYST PROGRAM RECEIVES

2010 QUEENSLAND OUTDOOR RECREATION FEDERATION AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND INSTRUCTION

The Blue Light / PCYC Catalyst Program has won the 2010 Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation Award in the category of Excellence in Outdoor Instruction and Education – for demonstrating significant achievements in the delivery of outdoor recreation through quality education/instruction. This award is sponsored by the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service.

The Catalyst Project uses an experiential learning approach in the context of an adventure based program to build the social competence and resilience of young people at risk. It has been named Catalyst as it is the start process in affecting a young person to change the course of their current life.

The award is a recognition of work put in by many Bornhoffen PCYC staff over multiple years to create and develop the program – anyone who has worked at the coalface with young people at risk will know that it is not easy work and that it takes a lot of knowledge, skill, energy, maturity and resilience from staff to help young people become self aware, recognise their emotions and effect change in their lives.

What began in 2005 with seed funding from Queensland Rail and the Queensland Police Citizen Youth Welfare Association (PCYC) has evolved into a substantial project that attempts to partner with schools and identified “at risk” young people (11-14yrs).

The primary aim is to help young people to make positive life choices and experience a meaningful life.

In the broader community many factors can be identified as contributing to/creating a young person at risk. The research points to four primary factors – a challenging family environment, a learning difficulty, challenging behaviour and/or substance dependence

The Catalyst Project for 2009 – 2010 is themed “leading change”. It is recognised that to help a young person change their current situation requires commitment and support from the young person, their primary learning environment – (in most cases schools) and their immediate support group – family and friends.

QUEENSLAND BLUE LIGHT ASSOCIATION CORPORATE CLUB COMES UP WITH \$66K TO RUN CATALYST AGAIN FOR 2011!!!

The Catalyst program has been funded by the Queensland Blue Light Association Inc. Corporate Club in 2008, 2009, 2010 and now again with the Board of Blue Light recently approving funding of \$66,000 to support running programs in 2011.

Everyone knows that the past few years have been tough economic times for businesses and individuals. This has made it even more difficult to raise the funds needed for youth development programs –every dollar is so precious!



We're very grateful to the businesses that have continued to support Queensland Blue Light and PCYC to deliver programs which can make such a difference to the life of a young person in need. Thanks also the Blue Light Board of Directors who have continued to place their trust in our capacity to deliver outcomes with what are hard earned fundraising dollars.

**Mick Foran and Arron Sullivan
Bornhoffen PCYC Co-Managers**

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Bowen PCYC Activity Centre Charity Golf Day 2010

With twenty four teams hitting off we had another successful Golf Day, thanks to the generosity of the Bowen Business Community and the wonderful support we received from our Major Sponsors, on the day, Xstrata, Leighton Marine, QR National, and Kim, from Blue Harbour Motel, who not only made a wonderful donation to the day but he also kept the Bar B Q going all day to feed our hungry golfers.

We ran a very successful multi draw raffle due to the support from Daydream Island Resort and Spa, Whitsunday Cruises and Long Island Resort who kindly donated the prizes, and a big thank you to the Bowen residents and golfers who purchased tickets.



Volunteers for the Bowen Golf Day – Thanks for your support!

Once again we had wonderful support from the Bowen QPS. Snr Sgt Gavin Oats (Officer in Charge) who entered a team, (sorry no luck on the course), Const. David Standeorough, Const. Mark Habibe, Snr Const. Michelle Vico, and Kym Bennion.

Our Volunteers, where would we be without these wonderful people, our Youth Management Team for all their hard work on the day, Kate Loughnan WRC,

Youth Development Officer and Zeek Power the Sport and Rec Officer who supported the young people and PCYC, and the PCYC Committee members Bruce Cole and Robert Gould.

PCYC Staff a big thank you to Rebecca Pola NQ CPC for coming to Bowen to support the day, Peter Shanahan CQ ZDM, and Kerrie Shanahan for looking after the bar and food, and Gary Penny who is always happy to help out when you need him, sent some prizes for the day. To Toni Akehurst, the PCYC Activity Officer and her family for all their hard work leading up to the Event but due to unforeseen circumstance Toni was unable to be with us on the day.

Hopefully by the time the 2011 PCYC Golf Day comes around we will be in our new PCYC Building.

**Ellie Tarver
CQ CPC**

Thursday Night Events

“Thursday Night Events” is an initiative which is run in partnership with Gladstone youth, Gladstone PCYC, Queensland Police Service, Gladstone Regional Council and many other Gladstone youth organisations.

Thursday Night Events is an event organised by the youth for the youth. The main focus of the night is to create an atmosphere that young people are drawn and addicted to. Each week at *Thursday Night Events* there is something new to compliment the regular weekly activities available such as the skate park which is fully lit with lights donated by Gladstone based hire companies. Up and coming local youth bands are provided an opportunity to play live on stage. These local bands and DJ's attend on the night and perform free of charge for the youth in attendance which adds to the hype of the night for young people. Other regular activities include: PS3 play stations set up for all kids to enjoy; PCYC youth space available for young people to hangout; and a free sausage sizzle for all youth attending the event.

The *Thursday Night Events* initiative was created to address the over representation of youth congregating at the Gladstone Kin Kora Shopping precinct every Thursday night. This over representation of youth created a considerable number of calls for service for local Police and was receiving numerous complaints from concerned residence of the Gladstone Community. The congregation of large numbers of youth and lack of activities led to boredom and an increase in opportunistic crimes.

Local Police liaison officer and Gladstone PCYC committee member Brad Dredge drove this great initiative and recruited a number of youth to form a youth steering committee to construct an idea on how to tackle this growing concern. Identifying the

necessity for the youths to gain ownership of the initiative has been paramount to the overall success of *Thursday Night Events*.

The youth steering committee identified that there was limited activities and locations for young people to encourage their interests on Thursday night which was leading to young people having no other options than to congregate at the Kin Kora Shopping centre. Brad worked with the youth steering committee to seek the support of a number of local industries and businesses to donate equipment and food to assist in running the event. Local hire companies donate lighting towers to light up the skate park during the event to enable young people to use the skate park facility situated beside the PCYC. This has proven to be a popular initiative.

Thursday Night Events first commenced on the 14th of October 2010 and has run every Thursday night since, between the hours of 6.00pm and 9.00pm. Over 300 youth members from the local community attend the event each Thursday night.



The youth steering committee have also set up a Facebook page entitled “*Thursday Night Events*”. This site boasts over 400 members and can be viewed by anyone who is interested, highlighting the excellent work the youth are contributing to the Gladstone Community. Since the commencement of Thursday Night Events there has been no youth congregating at the local Kin Kora Shopping centre and over 300 youth members attending the event. Therefore, the *Thursday Night Events* initiative can be heralded a huge success.



Bundaberg Paddling Their Own Canoes

On the last weekend of September, eight leaders from the PCYC Blazers youth group embarked on a canoeing journey down the Kolan River from Bucca (10km north of Bundaberg) on their way to obtaining their Canoeing Guide certification from Canoeing Australia

With nearly forty youth members in the PCYC Blazers and with three of them planning to go on a four day Silver Duke of Edinburgh expedition in early 2011, it was decided that we better improve our canoeing skills and leadership qualifications.

After three hundred logged canoe hours between us, thirty pages of plans, activity statements and risk assessments, our weekend assessment with our instructor Martin Worth was about to begin.

On the Saturday morning, whilst we were up-to-date on risk assessments, Martin Worth our trainer brought us up to speed on all type of planning and the intricacies of running canoeing activities. At lunchtime it was off to Bucca and our practical tuition began with the launching of the canoes. After a shaky start, which we put down to river flow (certainly not our lack of skills) we made our way down the river to our overnight camp.

That afternoon, after many hours on the water, avoiding obstacles, snakes and learning new strokes, we set up our camp on the riverbank. The training continued and we were still getting critiqued as we went to bed. The Sunday morning brought more instruction in canoeing skills and rescue techniques,



however some of us didn't have to work too hard on the capsizing drill. After packing up the canoes we headed back to the PCYC for a debrief and wrap up of the weekend.

Two months later and after submitting more statements, plans and assessments we have now eight qualified canoe guides. We have put this training into practice by having a successful canoe day with the youth members of the PCYC Blazers back on the Kolan river. We are also willing to talk to and assist other PCYC's with obtaining canoeing qualifications or running the Dukes program.

Many thanks for the loan of the new canoe trailer from Brisbane. We have tested not only the canoes and lifejackets but also how water proof ness the "water tight" barrels really are, luckily our car started with wet



keys. Thanks also to Martin Worth from WorthWild, who came up to train us at very short notice. Not only did we get our certification, we also learnt a lot more from him on organizing and running activities – thanks Martin.

Relay for Life

Young people from the Redcliffe PCYC "REDHOTS" Youth Management Team and the Deception Bay PCYC again took part in the Redcliffe Relay for Life over the weekend of 16 – 17 October 2010. This is the third year that the Team has participated in this event.

Relay for Life is an 18 hour event, full of fun, festivities and camaraderie, celebrating those who have survived cancer, remembering those who have lost the battle and importantly, raising money for cancer research, support education and early detection programs. The relay, involved our team of 13 young people taking turns in keeping the team's baton moving around the Redcliffe Showgrounds for the entire 18 hour period!

The event kicked off celebrating the lives of those who have battled cancer, with the first lap honouring cancer survivors and carers. At nightfall the poignant and moving candlelight ceremony took place, as candles were lit to remember those lost to cancer or to celebrate survival. Singers, bands and a Zumba class, kept our young people entertained as they continued to walk throughout the night!

As our team was asked to think about whom, for or why they were relaying, we discovered that cancer is something that has affected almost all of us in some way. Reflection on the courage and strength of those affected, provided our team members with the motivation required to continue walking throughout the night, despite the wind, cold weather, sore feet and fatigue! At the closing ceremony we all made a pledge to fight against cancer in our own special way.

Our team donated over \$1,000 to the Cancer Council Queensland for this event, fundraised throughout the year through various Club and community activities including canteen sales at our monthly dance parties NUZU and Pla-Doh as well as assisting at the Jetty2Jetty Fun Run.

Brooke Johnston, Emma Gillan, Sheridan Addison and Andy Stewart participating in the Relay for Life.



ROCK n ROLL ALIVE AND WELL AT PCYC

What a night. The rave reviews are still coming in about PCYC's 17th and best ever Annual Gala Dinner. The Brisbane Convention Centre's Great Hall hosted Elvis, Buddy, Paulini, Frankie J, Doug Parkinson, Kiss, The Beatles, and just about every other rock n roll legend on Saturday 6th November and over 1300 people turned up to party with them.

Bill McDonald our resident Network Ten host turned up the fun as we welcomed over 100 kids from Trevor Green's Young Australian Talent Company in a spectacular opening to the event complete with a fleet of hotrods. The Clem Jones Group and Patron Del Townsend also received rousing thanks as they were inducted into our Sponsors Hall of Fame in recognition of their 10 year commitment to the Annual Gala Dinner fundraising event.

But wait there's more, what about our five talented young friends from Innisfail PCYC, "No Gravity". When Teisha, Ailie, Jimi, Cushla and Johnny hit the stage, the room erupted onto the dance floor as this fantastic group of young musicians cut loose with their terrific sound. Probably the highlight of the night was the sentiment of quite a few guests. High praise indeed and certainly deserved by the Innisfail PCYC based band of 14 to 18 year olds.

This year we introduced a car as first prize into the evenings raffle supplied by our friends at Sci Fleet Toyota Albion and we soon hit the \$40,000 in sales as it seemed everyone in the room needed a new Yaris for Xmas. The eventual winner Gayle McKay is still talking about the win or was it her husband Mike who is still telling everyone he bought the tickets.

We also had some great results in our silent auction which will guarantee a fundraising total of over \$100,000 from the event to support PCYC's suite of youth development programs. An event like this cannot continue without great sponsors and we would sincerely like to thank the following fantastic group of supporters for putting their collective hands up in 2010 to ensure we could deliver the goods.

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Our 2011 event, "The Swing into Summer Ball" will be held on Saturday 12th November at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre so don't forget to book early. If you would like to become a sponsor or supporter of this event, please contact Sergeant Gary Penny, General Manager Marketing & Fundraising or Ms. Kerry Allingham Coordinator of Events and Fundraising on 3909 9555 or alternatively email gary.penny@pcyc.org.au or kerry.allingham@pcyc.org.au

See you all next year.





Gala Dinner 2010



KAOS

The KAOS program was implemented into the Beenleigh PCYC in February 2010 designed to assist young people who had disengaged from the education system. The intention of the program was to instil confidence, self belief and a basic understanding of reading, writing and arithmetic to enable the students to re enter normal school life.

A literacy and numeracy education program was obtained from the Youth Detention Services which provided incremental levels of achievement for the participants to work through with the assistance and guidance of qualified support teacher and a police officer.

At the commencement of the program it was necessary to build a trusting relationship with the student's but to also quickly identify their individual levels of education. After a few weeks of one on one discussion which delved into personal lives and school based occurrences, openness and expression was clearly visible in the classroom. The battle had begun!

The young people on the KAOS program had been indentified to the PCYC through numerous agencies who had been working closely with them and their respective families. These young people were recidivist truants who had allegedly turned their backs on Education; this was clearly evident in one young person's case. Shane at 14 years of age was unaware of his birth date and was incapable of reading words such as "cat, dog, tie or tree".

Shane would walk with his chin on his chest, drag his feet, would make no eye contact during conversation engagement and mumbled his speech.

Shane's emergence began with a pack of 52 simple picture cards displaying "cat, dog, tie and tree", after a few attempts the embarrassment was eclipsed by a willingness to achieve, after a month each and every card could be read!!

To see such elation on a boys face was absolutely incredible, to see it come from a young man that had given up was priceless.

After 3 months, Shane now walks 6ft tall, speaks with confidence and has the ability to hold a conversation, he has achieved.

The remainder of the group with the assistance of Paula Bielenberg (Youth Worker) and Brendon Pidgeon (Fitness Centre Manager) have established a fantastic bond amongst themselves; they have developed an understanding of difference and the ability to respect it.

As a group over the year, the young people have been given numerous opportunities to participate in activities that they believed were beyond their capabilities. The group developed a passion for cooking and on many occasions within the last two months the boys have cooked the most amazing dinners not only for themselves but for the entire staff

of the Beenleigh PCYC. They have developed the confidence to knock on office doors and politely ask staff if they would like a meal and the ability to write the correct order and return it to the kitchen. More importantly they have established "Team Work" and it is amazing to watch them working in the kitchen on their respective task.

The KAOS program was nothing short of Chaotic at the start but with hard work, dedication and hours and hours of communication, the program has been a complete success. Over 15 young men have engaged in the program but only 5 have lasted the distance, they have not yet realised how far they have come but in time they surely will understand the values that have been instilled into them.

This program would not have been possible without the support from the Queensland Police Service Crime Prevention Fund which has enabled us not only to assist the young people but make a difference to their families.

The staffs that have well and truly gone beyond their call of duty, Sarah McLennan coordinated the program and developed a truly magical rapport with the young people. Shannon Gundry volunteered every single session, earning so much respect from the group. Paula and Brendon pulled the group together with many words of wisdom and sporting activities which will have developed skills that will remain in their memories for a long time.

Thank you to the Bornhoffen staff for your patience and invaluable input on our two visits to you also, they had a blast.

Mark Haestier
Assistant Branch Manager
Beenleigh Police Citizens Youth Clu



Programs

Deadly Sports Day

Tuesday 23rd November 2010 will prove to be a day over 130 Yarrabah school children remember for a long, long time. Yarrabah PCYC hosted 24 Olympic, International and State sporting champions including members from the Northern Pride, Australian touch football, Australian cricket, softball, soccer, triathlons, swimming and basketball. The day was put together by basketball coaching legend and now guru of "Deadly Sports Days" – Brian Kerle. And what a day it was! Beginning of the wet season meant constant showers and sometimes heavy rain, but everyone soldiered on and participated fully. From the first whistle to the last, not a single student became disengaged and even the coaches, athletes and players all came back soaked but laughing and cracking big jokes with the kids.

Australian swim coach legend Lawrie Laurence backed up for a toddlers instructional lesson in the pool and seven young mums and their very young babies took lessons in Laurie's fantastic early swim program called "Living with Water". What a memory to tell as they get older – "Your first swimming lesson was with Laurie Lawrence!"

Yarrabah PCYC catered for the event and staff were kept busy preparing 130 scones, 150 wraps, 130 lamingtons, cold water for all, and platters of fresh fruit throughout the day.

The day was run under the Department of Communities "Find your 30 minutes of activity every day" program. After all the activities had finished, Brian Kerle marshalled the troops inside the main hall and the coaches and athletes spent a long time answering health and fitness questions and relating their own experiences. It was the first time for a long time that you could hear a pin drop in the hall!

All the students were rapt in the stories relayed by the athletes and the message of healthy and active lifestyles was driven home with each speaker.

As a memento, the children were all presented with a basketball, a football, a drink bottle and other sports related paraphernalia to keep as a constant reminder of their special day with the sports stars. Regardless of the weather, a fun filled and engaging day was experienced by all participants, with a very strong message portrayed by athletes at the top of their game and so very well received by the students. Thanks Kerley! When's the next one?



People

Xceler8 Xtreme Adventure Crew

In response to local youth surveys the Sunshine Coast PCYC started the Xceler8 Xtreme Adventure crew. It was identified that young people wanted to take part in exciting activities, at low cost with transport provided. They also wanted to be able to opt in and out of activities. So the Xceler8 crew was born. PCYC negotiates with activity providers to take our group at low cost for various activities. So far the businesses have been great offering heavily reduced prices and the PCYC has managed to keep every activity under \$20. The PCYC sponsors the bus travel with their 19 seater. This has allowed activities that would normally be quite costly, affordable for young people. Branch Manager Sergeant Marty Hunt said "It's great to be able to offer these fantastic experiences to young people, particularly those that I know are from families who struggle financially. These providers have been great and in helping us out they have certainly created advocates for their businesses".

The crew has been operating for over a year and have undertaken adventures such as light aircraft flying, snorkelling on Moreton Island, Kite Surfing, Jet Boating, Mountain Climbing, Sand Tobogganing and Zorbing. Some of the adventures are also subsidised through Youth Development grants through the Business Supporters Club. Sergeant Hunt said "It's been a great way of engaging these young people into programs and allowing me as a Police Officer to interact with them in a social environment. Many of the young people who take part regularly are recruited into our leadership programs."

If you would like to be a part of this program contact Marty Hunt at the Sunshine Coast PCYC marty.hunt@pcyc.org.au to get on the email list.





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Nestled in the PCYC Family

Setting out on our annual pilgrimage to the Drumley Walk, our youth delegation, Uncle Frank and I embarked our Sky Trans flight bound for Cairns. These was a very daunting experience for three of the youth as they had never been on a plane before and were a little apprehensive about being away from their families and community for the first time. Our concerns were quickly put to rest when the giggling and eager chatter commenced as the first bit of air turbulence was being negotiated. They quickly settled into the flight routine with occasional oohs and ahhs as they flew over towns and mountains.

With a six hour lay-over in Cairns, a quick call to Scott at the Cairns PCYC resulted in his arrival at the airport with a bus to whisk the kids away to sample the sights and sounds of the city. This generosity absolutely stunned the kids and was the start of their experience of the care and attention that would be provided to them by virtue of their membership in the PCYC family. However, to the further shattering of my

ego, they must have thought Scott looked young and fit because they kept asking me whether he was my son.

The kids really enjoyed flying at night and their unbridled enthusiasm caught the attention of the Virgin Blue Cabin Crew who shouted them free drinks and lollies and gathered around them to hear them speak excitedly about their adventure. When asked where they came from the kids replied, "We're the PCYC Mob". Upon landing, the Captain made an announcement about "the PCYC Mob" being special guests on the plane which was met with a round of applause by our fellow travellers.

Arriving in Brisbane, our group were treated to the hospitality of our Sister-Club, Beenleigh. Mark and his team did everything possible to make us feel at home and ensure that this first time away from home would be a very pleasant experience. In addition to providing us with accommodation and transport, Mark was able to line up a special one-on-one training session with his Boxing Coach, Junior, as a special treat for one of our boys. This young man has suffered unbelievable hardships in his short life and this special opportunity will be one he always remembers.

Michelle Lindley from PCYC State Office struck up

an immediate rapport with the kids and was able to acquire some warm jackets and sleeping bags that the Kids and Uncle Frank really appreciated. [Please note that when the temperature drops below 25 on the island, the locals start rugging up and talking about the prospect of snow!!!]

Through the tremendous efforts of Michelle, we were able to link up with the Adventure Development Team that visited the island earlier in the year. On the last day of trip, we were treated to a canoeing lesson by Mike. After repeated assurances that there were no crocodiles in the Hinze Dam, the kids really enjoyed the experience. To show their appreciation to Mike for his kind gesture, Uncle Frank and the Boys gave him a workshop on spear-throwing using a Woomera.

The Drumley Walk and associated activities had their toll on the kids who slept for a majority of their return flights to Mornington Island. There is little doubt that their contentment and happiness came as a direct result of being nestled in the PCYC family.

Dave Ives
Branch Manager
Mornington Island PCYC

RECYCLE YOUR OLD MOBILE PHONES AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN AND ANIMALS!

PCYC Qld in partnership with Bravehearts and RSPCA Qld, have joined forces with Mobile 4 Charity to make a difference to the environment and to raise money for a very good cause, children and animals.

According to a recent study by Nokia, only 3% of mobile phone users recycle their old phones. If each of the three billion people owning mobiles brought back just one unused device we could save 240,000 tonnes of raw materials and reduce greenhouse gases to the same extent as taking 4 million cars off the road.

This Christmas period PCYC would like to ask all supporters to empty their drawers at work and at home of unused or broken mobile phones and drop them at their local PCYC's in Queensland. All Police-Citizens Youth Clubs have specially marked green recycling bins in their foyers that can be used to dispose of unwanted mobile phones. Once the phones are collected, they are cleared of data and resold to emerging mobile phone markets overseas. The

value of each phone will depend on the model and its working order but can fetch between \$5 and \$120. PCYC, Bravehearts and RSPCA will then distribute the donations between each charity which will see children and animals ultimately benefiting.

Our goal is to collect 10,000 mobile phones before the New Year, and with Christmas only months away and many company's and individuals upgrading their

phones, now is the perfect opportunity to discard your unused mobile phones whilst assisting three very worthy causes.

Mobile Phones can be dropped at your local PCYC branch from December 1st.

Julie Sampson
Fundraising Development Manager

WE NEED YOUR UNUSED OR BROKEN MOBILE PHONES

Recycle your mobile phones and make a difference to Children and Animals!

This christmas give a gift that clears your cupboards and drawers. Recycle your old mobile phones.

Mobile recycling bins are located at all PCYC's in Queensland. Don't dump it — donate it!!



Program for Indigenous Young People

PCYC Fortitude Valley

458 Wickham St, cnr Church St, Fortitude Valley

Saturday nights

from 6pm - midnight



NUMURRING

- Free BBQ
- Cultural Arts, Craft and Dance
- Pool table, basketball and other sporting activities
- Youth Workers available

This is an alcohol and drug free activity available for those under 26 years of age

Outreach and transport available from 6pm, contact Indigenous Liaison Officer Shelton Murphy on 0423 712 826 to organise transport

Proudly supported by PCYC Valley, Brisbane City Council and Queensland Police Service



National Baton Twirling Championships

Hosted by ROCKHAMPTON PCYC Baton Twirlers

The Rockhampton PCYC Baton Twirling Club was selected to host the National Championships from 1 - 3rd October 2010. This was a mammoth task for the club as usually the Nationals are hosted by a State. QLD has not held the Championships since 1999.

We were very pleased with the entries having over 300 competitors in attendance from NSW, VIC and Queensland. The competition was a huge success and a huge thanks goes out to the parents of the club. This was really a 4 day commitment as we hosted the Judges meeting, The AGM as well as International Cup Trials and the National Competition itself.

Being a low profile sport the girls did not know what to expect but once the competition commenced they were all in amazement at the possibilities with a positive attitude and a bit of dedication. Competitors ranged in age from 6 years to adults and at the moment Australia has one male adult twirler who is considered a National Treasure. Adam Gates from Victoria won a victory over a female dominated sport to win the Champion of Champions event.

Baton Twirling at the Rockhampton PCYC is only in it's infancy for competing and this was the first time we have competed at the Nationals. The girls did the club proud bringing home two x third places in Junior and Juvenile Teams. The standard was very high this year and the judges had commented on how well represented the Rockhampton team was and how well they competed for the first time.

It has been a very exciting year for the club (and of course the highlight was the Nationals) but, the girls managed to perform at many local events including the Rockhampton Show, Fire Twirling at a conference at Zilzie, Golden Mount Festival in Mount Morgan as well as other performances. The club competed at the State Championships in August which saw every girl in the club qualify for Nationals in most cases in more than one event.

The energy and enthusiasm for the sport is a credit to the club. We are hoping to send a team of athletes to the National Championships in Sydney next year."

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