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Fiedler's Focus

It seems like four seasons in one day the year has passed so quickly.

2011 has been a challenge for many people with the number of devastating events that have occurred over the past year. This includes many PCYC members affected by flood or cyclone. We all hope that you are all back on your feet and ready to for a more positive 2012.

Queensland is a great state to live in and while it has been a tough year, the road ahead in terms of job creation, the economy and services such as health, policing and education should improve as the mining sector kicks in and increases the financial position of the state.

It is important to realise though that the Mining community can not be responsible for fixing everything and with the benefits of the mines you also get a few new issues to deal with that will impact on society such as Fly In Fly Out staff, increased housing costs in regional areas and an expectation by regional councils that the mines will pay for everything and shift that responsibility away from Council.

It is important that everyone works together for a solution that maximises the benefit to as many stakeholders as possible. Nothing is simple, but anything worth doing never is. As the demand for PCYCs increasingly is from regional Queensland we are prepared to play our part on how we can best assist the communities we are moving into by offering our services across as large an area as possible.

With Christmas on the doorstep let us all consider what we can give toward making an improvement in our local community instead of insisting what we want someone else to do for us.

I hope everyone has a great Christmas and safe and happy New Year.

Rob Fiedler
Senior Sergeant
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Crestmead PCYC finishes 2011 on a high.....

Crestmead PCYC has finished a mammoth year taking out two prestigious awards; the 2011 Logan West Leader Business Achiever Award in the Community Service and Non-Profit Organisation category and the PCYC Club Achievement Award for members 0 – 1200.

On behalf of the Management Committee, Branch Manager Sergeant Mel Cowie would sincerely like to thank all the wonderful staff and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to ensure Crestmead PCYC is run at the high standard that our community and members have come to know and expect.

A big thank you must also go to the local QPS officers for their assistance in the many crime prevention programs that are run, along with the team at State Office who have assisted Crestmead PCYC in many facets.

We are very much looking forward to 2012 and have set a goal of reaching 500 members.



Beth Henry (Youth Worker), Sommer O'Neill (Volunteer), Mel Cowie (Sgt/Branch Manager), Jess Cowie (Trainee Youth Worker), Darren Harland (Inspector/Committee member).

Lang Park Judo Success

At the AGM of the JFAQ (Qld governing body for judo) on Sunday December 4th, three awards were presented for "Club of the Year 2011".

Lang Park Judo won the award for "Club of the Year - Senior Division". This was based on factors including membership and participation at events throughout the year by our senior members.

The other award winners were Ishindokan Judo Club (based at Pine Rivers PCYC) for the Junior Division, and Hills District PCYC was awarded for Overall.

Great that we won something and are becoming quite well regarded in the greater Judo community.

Great also that out of 40+ clubs Queensland wide, all three winners are PCYC clubs!

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Swinging Into Summer

The Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre was the destination for PCYC supporters and guests to celebrate the PCYC's 18th Annual Gala Dinner.

With over 1100 people in attendance Bill McDonald from Network Ten was once again on hand to compare this major fund raising event for PCYC Queensland.

Entertainment line up was first class with Bevan Addinsall and Band, The Swingin' Martini's and Comedian Paul Martell all ensuring a great night of quality entertainment.

We had some great results in our main and silent auction which will guarantee a fundraising total of over \$80,000 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 2011 to ensure we could deliver the goods.

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Our 2012 event, will be held on Saturday 3rd 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 Ms. Kerry Allingham Coordinator of Events and Fundraising on 3909 9555 or alternatively email kerry.allingham@pcyc.org.au

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Bowen PCYC opens its doors

Bowen's new PCYC facility was officially opened on Friday 25 November. This facility has been completed at a total cost of \$5 million and received funding from the Queensland Government, Sport and Recreation Queensland Major Facilities Program \$1,451,000, \$750,000 from Xstrata Zinc Australia, with the balance of funding from Whitsunday Regional Council.

The official opening of the facility was attended by members of the Bowen community, as well as Xstrata Zinc Australia Chief Operating Officer Brian Hearne, Queensland Police Service Commissioner Bob Atkinson, Whitsunday Regional Council Mayor Mike Brunker and PCYC Chair and Vice-President Robert Osmotherly, and State Member for Burdekin Rosemary Menkens.

The PCYC boasts a large multi-purpose sports hall for basketball and netball, gymnastics, martial arts and other fitness activities, three squash courts, a large function room with a stage, DJ Booth and kitchen, a café, with an outdoor play area and several small meeting rooms.

The establishment of the Bowen PCYC was based on an Xstrata Community Attitudes Survey which showed Bowen residents wanted to address youth crime by providing diversion activities.

PCYC had been using a temporary facility in Bowen prior to the new facility being completed. The transfer of staff and operations to the new multi-purpose centre will have a huge impact on the number of programs that can be delivered to the Bowen Community.

Sport Minister Phil Reeves said the Bligh Government was pleased to contribute \$1.45 million.

"This project has been a real community partnership with a focus on providing more opportunities for locals to get fit and healthy," Mr Reeves said.

"Under our *Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland* initiative, we want to help Queenslanders become Australia's healthiest people by 2020.

"This is why we continue to provide support for programs, projects and facilities which help people of all ages participate in sport and active recreation.

"Developing sport at the grassroots right up to the elite level heightens our chances of hosting events, and reinforces our reputation as the Champions State and the Events State as well.

"We've made the tough economic decisions to ensure we can continue to support local sport and recreation."

Mr Rob Osmotherly, the PCYC Vice-President and Chair stated that this was PCYC's Official 50th branch opening in Queensland. "This is an opportunity to partner with Whitsunday Regional Council to provide a PCYC to the Bowen community that will provide a great range of programs and activities. Mr Osmotherly acknowledged the support from Xstrata Zinc Australia, Whitsunday Regional Council, The State Government, Sport and Recreation Major Facilities Program, QR National, North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation and Transfield Services to have this facility completed.

Appointed Branch Manager of Bowen PCYC, Sergeant Michelle O'Regan stated "I am appreciative of the local support from various community organisations, and individuals during my involvement with PCYC. The community as a whole has shown fantastic support for the Youth of Bowen through the PCYC activities centre. I look forward to overseeing the delivery of programs and activities to the community of Bowen".



Commissioner Bob Atkinson, Mayor Mike Brunker, Whitsunday Regional Council, Sergeant Michelle O'Regan, Branch Manager Bowen PCYC, Mr John Findlay, CEO Whitsunday Regional Council, Mr Rob Osmotherly, Chairman PCYC Queensland, Senior Sergeant Rob Fiedler, CEO PCYC Queensland, Inspector Mike McKay, PCYC State Coordinator.





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Redlands PCYC Sends Youth Global

After working for Redlands PCYC for 7 fantastic years, Acting Branch Operations Manager Sally Cowper has gone where no staff member has gone before – to two global youth forums in one year.

Starting 2011 with a bang, Sally was accepted as a member of the Australian delegation for the 23rd Ship for World Youth which ran from January to March. This program, organised by the Japanese Government, is a 58 day experience living on a cruise ship with 300 like-minded participants from 13 countries across the globe.

Sally was fortunate to experience ten days in Tokyo before boarding the Fuji Maru to cruise the Pacific Ocean and visit the Solomon Islands, Fiji, Brisbane, Vanuatu and Naha, Japan. Along the way she engaged with fellow youth workers from around the world, visited youth welfare organisations, shared her experiences of PCYC with peers and met with professionals from the field of youth development.

Despite the temptation to stay at sea, Sally returned to PCYC with a new perspective on youth development and a broader understanding of the issues that youth face in differing countries around the world. "It's definitely been something that I will never forget and has changed my vision of the world forever. Now, more than ever, I want to expand my networks and continue learning from peers in order to help my local community."

It was this new-found interest in cross cultural practises that inspired Sally to attend the 8th Commonwealth Youth Forum, a week-long feeder event to the 2011 CHOGM which took place in October. Once in Fremantle, Western Australia, Sally immersed herself among vibrant, innovative youth from 56 commonwealth nations who were all there to present their ideas for a more effective Commonwealth for the future.

The group was charged with the task of providing recommendations to CHOGM on behalf of over two billion youth, which set in motion an amazingly intellectual and complex process. "I've never had the opportunity to participate in decision-making at such a high level; and to be able to interact with youth who have had similar experiences to me was really inspiring. It led me to reflect on myself, my values and my beliefs about what I am able to achieve." To top off a big week of negotiation and brain-storming, Sally was awarded the chance to meet with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip.

Sally's participation in both the Ship for World Youth program and the Commonwealth Youth Forum has exposed a desire to help local youth realise their potential and make the most of the opportunities that are available through PCYC, PCYC's networks and the wider community. "With the support of Redlands PCYC I have had several opportunities to expand my

understanding of the world so that I, in turn, can hopefully pass on the passion that I have for generating positive change to the youth that I work with every day." At the end of the day, Sally puts her broad experiences down to being the product of a PCYC doing what it was built to do – improving communities through youth development, and is incredibly grateful for such exciting opportunities.



The delegates of the 8th Commonwealth Youth Forum representing 56 Commonwealth Nations.



The Fuji Maru, docked in Port Vila, Vanuatu.



Sally introduces her friend Ahmed to Queen Elizabeth.



Sally's ship family – The K Group (like home group).

Sunshine Coast Star ALEX READY FOR THE BIG TIME

Sergeant Marty Hunt recalls an 8 or 9 year old Alex Clark-Kennedy joining the PCYC when he first arrived there as Branch Manager around May of 2000. He and his family had joined up for Ju-Jitsu. Ju-Jitsu taught important grappling skills learned in the years ahead as his Junior Rugby League career flourished locally. As Alex got older, he hit the weights in the PCYC gym and spent time learning leadership skills in the Black Swans youth group. His Rugby League career continued to show promise as he made representative teams consistently. Early this year Alex was chosen to play for Queensland Murriss U/16 team in the curtain raiser for the Indigenous All Stars versus NRL All Stars match at Skilled Stadium. Sergeant Marty and a bunch of his old friends from the Black Swans group were there to watch on proudly. Now, in just a couple of weeks, Alex heads south to Melbourne to take up a contract with the Melbourne Storm.



Alex on one of his last gym workouts at PCYC before heading to Melbourne Storm

"Alex was always destined to succeed in whatever he did. He is the most polite and respectful kid, humble, gracious and a leader among his peers. He is an inspiration, particularly to other young Indigenous kids here on the coast. He shows by example that you don't need huge resources to make a difference to your life, you just need dedication, determination and respect." Sergeant Hunt said.

The Sunshine Coast PCYC wishes Alex all the best in what is bound to be an illustrious career in the National Rugby League. He is always welcome back at PCYC.

Kacie Frost

BLACK belt Kacie Frost is shy and reserved until she steps onto a judo mat.

When called upon to train or compete, her gentle smile is rapidly replaced by a fierce focus.

That ability to adjust quickly under pressure is what helped the Ipswich Police Citizens Youth Club competitor to achieve a fine feat in her sport.

Frost, 21, is believed to be the first female judo exponent at the Eastern Heights club to receive her black belt.

"She's very hardcore," instructor Mark O'Dempsey said, having been at the club for 30 years.

"She loves judo and she's really dedicated to it."

"She's the first girl in the club that's ever got to black belt."

"That's a huge achievement."

Frost completed her black belt training during a five-day competition and grading at the recent state titles at Tallebudgera.

She won a gold medal in her over 78kg weight division, also receiving a silver medal in the kata (patterns) competition. Frost and her kata partner Peter Horsfall received the highest rank on the day.

While modest about her success, Frost is happy she progressed from a background in wrestling to traditional judo.

"I just love the sport," the West Ipswich competitor said.

"I love the techniques, the competition, just the whole thing."

Apart from the Ipswich PCYC where she works as a gymnastics coach, Frost also trains at Lang Park in Brisbane.

"My next goal is to try and go for my second (dan) black belt."

About 40 juniors are currently involved in the Ipswich PCYC judo program.





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WHITSUNDAY PCYC GYMNASTS EXCEL AT 1st COMPETITION

Three of Whitsunday PCYC's up and coming gymnasts participated in their first inter club competition over the weekend on the 5th November. Brooke Smith (9yrs), Amy Hungerford (10 yrs) and Shelley Askew (12yrs) competed at the 2011 Tropical Townsville Gymnastics Competition in Townsville.

Brooke Smith did extremely well at the event taking home a gold medal in the over 7's uneven bars. She backed this up with a 5th in vault and receiving a 5th position overall for her age group. The very excited 9 year old was very surprised by her achievement and it has inspired her to work even harder in her chosen sport.

Amy Hungerford did very well in her first year of gymnastics finishing 7th on vault. Amy said the event was lots of fun for her and her friends and was pleased she got to compete in all the events.

Selley Askew finished 7th in uneven bars for her age group and should be very proud of her performance.

All the girls thoroughly enjoyed the thrill of being at a major event and even though they found the competition hard, it has reignited their enthusiasm and dedication to the sport.

Coach Vicki Thompson is very proud of the trio and their results. "They did really well. It was really their first competition and I hope that going gave them a bit of a buzz from being involved" she recently told the Whitsunday Times.

Whitsunday PCYC trains every Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning and are very proud of all their gymnasts and their accomplishments for 2011.

Anyone interested should contact Whitsunday PCYC on 4948 1144.

Whitsunday PCYC Activities Officer

Police PCYC Community Cup

On the 18th of November 2011 the first Police PCYC Community Cup touch football competition was held at Zillmere PCYC. The idea of this program was to get the police and community to interact and identify with each other. The two primary schools involved in the program were Boondall and Zillmere. Each school entered two teams of 10 players.

Six weeks prior to the competition, representatives from Boondall police, Zillmere PCYC and Sandgate PCYC were involved in the coaching of the teams. The kids from Boondall State School were coached by Piet Kailola (ZPCYC), Lori Cramer (SPCYC) and the Boondall's adopt cop Jodie Nouwens. The kids at Zillmere State School were coached by Senior Constable Michael Carmody and Administration Officer Shane Long.

On the day of the competition the kids played three 20 min games in the preliminary rounds. Then a Grand final game was played between the two top teams. The Grand final was between the two Boondall teams. All the groups involved in the program were very pleased with outcomes of the program and wish to expand the program next year to involve at least one other local school in the area.

This program was sponsored by Geebung RSL sub committee, Bracken Ridge McDonalds and Minister of Police Neil Roberts. This program was coordinated by Piet Kailola (Zillmere Indigenous sport and Rec officer) and the SNR Sergeant Craig White.

Mt Gravatt Multicultural Programs

For the past six years Mt Gravatt PCYC in partnership with local community groups has been successfully running the Multicultures Project at Sunnybank State High school. This project started by Clare Apelt was developed to assist the school to create a more cohesive school culture and create a platform for Cultural understandings.

The project is based on a framework consisting of three Key Values identified by the student body, and three Leadership Elements identified from the emotional intelligence literature.

Initial consultation with the student leader group at the beginning of 2009 resulted in re-affirmation of the three key values identified by the previous year's student leaders as most important for enhancing cohesion within the school: Respect, Friendship and Sharing with the three key elements of leadership on which the program had been structured the previous year: Managing Self, Connecting with Others & Making a Difference.

These programs includes a series of Parent Forums or parent Engagement events, Cultural leaders – a series of 10 week Leadership based activities for all year 11 students and Streetwise – a crime prevention/early intervention program for year 8/9 students:

Some of the more exciting projects created this year were: "Life in the workshop" – students worked with one of the Manual Arts staff members to build a boat for a local scout group, "Get Crafty" students made leatherwork gifts for family members including belts, etc and "Urban Music" Recording – which allowed students the chance to write, record and edit their own original song.

Jeanette McGhee
Youth Development Coordinator
Mt Gravatt Police-Citizens Youth Clubs QLD

Biloela PCYC – Says Thanks

The Biloela PCYC applied for a grant through QGC to purchase a vehicle to tow a MERV trailer and to hold activities, mainly Blue Light Dance Parties in Biloela and outlying areas. This project was called Biloela PCYC Mobile Outreach and to the joy of all at the club the application was successful.

In July the Biloela PCYC took possession of a brand new Mitsubishi Triton 4WD 4 door ute complete with tow bar. The ute was supplied by LineMac Toyota of Biloela. LineMac are a great supporter of Biloela PCYC, previously lending the club a vehicle for an extended period. It was good to be able to purchase the vehicle through LineMac. Whilst awaiting the arrival of the MERV trailer the Biloela PCYC has held several Blue Light Dance Parties in outlying areas and have planned many more after the MERV trailer arrives. The Blue Light Association gave the Biloela PCYC a lot of support and advice when applying for the MERV trailer and submitted the application for a MERV trailer on behalf of the Biloela PCYC. This Mitsubishi vehicle supplied by QGC has given the Biloela PCYC mobility that it hasn't had before. QGC also supplied money for some Gymnasium equipment. The Biloela PCYC and QGC signage has already attracted a lot of attention around Biloela and surrounding areas.

Wayne Cummings
BranchManager
Biloela PCYC

YOUR CHOICE PROGRAM

This program is a joint venture with the Tablelands Regional Council, Bendigo Community Bank and Mareeba PCYC proudly supported via grant funds ("Back on Track") by the Department of Communities.

The objectives of this program was to engage, encourage, educate and enrich the lives of disengaged youths between the ages of 10 – 17 years.

A targeted group of youths from the Mareeba area were invited to attend this program which aimed to teach life skills, reintegrate into regular school attendance, and engage in confidence building activities which would assist the youths with acquiring the skill to gain employment and be valuable members of their community.

Some of the activities were: Wood work, basic computer skills, cooking, first aid & bronze medallion, abseiling, canoeing, archery, and also had guest speaking which addressed things such as domestic violence, sexual harassment, alcohol and drug effects, and employment opportunities.

A small group of these youths have dedicated some of their time to gaining certificates and awards which should increase their confidence and their chances of acquiring employment in the near future. Most of the group have gained life skills from this experience and skills learnt are now being used in the home environment and most of the youths have in turn enjoyed participating in group activities.

The staff and volunteers from TRC, Mareeba PCYC and the Bendigo Community Bank have also enjoyed the experience and the Mareeba PCYC would like to thank all of the people and organisations that were involving in making the program a success.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING GREAT to accomplish in 2012?

The Kokoda Track is a legendary trekking destination situated in the heart of Papua New Guinea's largest mountain range. It winds through lush forestry, over stunning ridges, and across raging rivers, and has been deemed one of the most challenging walks in the world. Each year, hundreds of people flock to the area to battle the tough terrain, and realise their own physical and emotional endurance levels. For those looking for an adventure, completing the trek has been described as one of the most rewarding experiences ever.

You can be part of the adventure in 2012 and cross off one of the World's BEST things to do. In May 2012, the Police-Citizens Youth Welfare Association (PCYC) is offering fifteen individuals the opportunity to conquer Kokoda firsthand and join them on this adventure of a lifetime.

These inspirational individuals will trek the 96km long track in seven days. They will step outside of their comfort zone and be challenged physically and mentally. Participating in the trek will make a BIG difference in your life as you form strong friendships,



explore an exciting culture and country and improve your fitness. But the real reason of why they are there will not change; these special individuals are raising funds for PCYC and positively changing the lives of young people in their community.

If you are interested in following in the footsteps of the World War II soldiers and embarking upon this life changing adventure in 2012, register your interest by contacting Julie Sampson at the PCYC State Office on 07 3909 9560 or emailing julie.sampson@pcyc.org.au.

Time 4 Kids

Time 4 Kids brings community leaders, businesses, celebrities and the media together to raise awareness and funds for PCYC's work with young offenders and young people at risk.

It is an opportunity for businesses to get involved and work jointly with QLD Police in supporting their local PCYC and calls for business owner's, celebrities and community leaders to volunteer to be detained in a portable goal cell, under the supervision of a Police Officer. In exchange for their release, the detainee must raise bail for PCYC - a donation minimum of \$500 that supports the work of our local PCYC.

If your business would like to be involved in Time 4 Kids please contact the PCYC State Office on 07 3909 9560.

Donate your phones this Christmas to help children and animals!

Three of Queensland's favorite charities have joined forces with Mobile 4 Charity and Westpac bank to raise money through the recycling of mobile phones.

Bravehearts, PCYC and the RSPCA are proud to announce their consortium with Mobile 4 Charity that will raise much-needed funds from the collection of mobile phones from all Queensland Westpac bank and PCYC branches.

With hundreds of charities competing for the same community and corporate support the alliance will not only help the children and animals they assist but also the environment and will strengthen their fund raising capabilities.

Westpac and PCYC are helping to facilitate the consortium's fundraising efforts by hosting a 'mobile4charity' mobile phone collection bin at every Queensland Westpac and PCYC branch.

The general public can drop their pre loved and unwanted mobile phones in the collection bins at any local Westpac or PCYC branch in Queensland. The goal is to collect 50,000 mobile phones and Christmas is the perfect opportunity to discard unused mobile phones whilst assisting three very worthy causes.