

It all starts here...

# Community Connect

PCYC Qld Lottery News  
December 2018

## Message from CEO

As the year draws to a close, I am reflecting back on PCYC Queensland's 70th year of working together in the community.

A highlight since our last newsletter has most certainly been the delivery of the fourth Annual Indigenous Beach Touch Football Tournament, part of the Sport & Culture Corroboree, Bunburra. The competition saw over 160 young people participate in annual competition. Well done to the winning Cherbourg Boys and Logan Girls teams and all the staff and volunteers who make this event possible.

We wish Brittany Roll - one of Australia's best up and coming boxers - all the best with her ongoing journey in the world championships in Budapest this year. Brittany is a wonderful example of how you, as a VIP Lottery supporter, can help young people reach their potential and make positive life choices.

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to all of our VIP supporters for your ongoing contributions to the PCYC Lottery. Your support makes all the difference in the lives of young Queenslanders. Together, we are building safer, healthier communities through youth development.

I look forward to the next edition of Community Connect in the New Year of 2019. All the very best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.



Phil Schultz  
Chief Executive Officer



## Giving the gift of a brighter future

This year PCYC Queensland and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) celebrate 70 years of working together in the community to achieve brighter futures for young people. As the festive season approaches, I am grateful for the chance to reflect on the countless young people who we have been able to help across Queensland at a time when many may need it most.

When Holly, a 15-year-old from regional Queensland, first came to PCYC Queensland, she was starting to disengage from school. After a year of being bullied, she was experiencing anxiety every day and no longer felt safe. Recognising Holly needed an opportunity outside of school, her mum visited their local PCYC Queensland club.

Holly enjoyed the initial contact and started attending the club more often. The PCYC Queensland club manager eventually offered Holly a volunteer gymnastics coaching role and supported her coaching accreditation course. Through her role at the club, Holly began to overcome the shyness and anxiety, and began to positively engage and give back to her local community.

Thanks to the skills gained while coaching young gymnasts, Holly has also been brave enough to attend our State Youth Leadership Program (SYLP). SYLP is a three-stage youth development program, focussing on leading self, leading others and leading in the community. Holly came home from SYLP a different person – happy, with more direction, confident and equipped with strategies to cope with anxiety and bullies at school. Skills that Holly is also applying to her gymnastics studies and coaching. Holly now spends a lot of time at the PCYC Queensland club, referring to it as her safe place, and her second home.

It is thanks to your generosity and that of others who purchases PCYC Lottery tickets that we can continue to help young people like Holly across Queensland.

## Event calendar

20 December 2018 | Art Union 68 drawn

21 February 2019 | Art Union 69 drawn



70  
years  
working together

Building safer, healthier communities through youth development

[pcyc.org.au](http://pcyc.org.au)

It all starts here...

# Community Connect

PCYC Qld Lottery News  
December 2018

## Our lucky Lottery winner!

After supporting PCYC Queensland by purchasing raffle tickets since 2013, Gregg Sparks from Wishart was one of our lucky winners in April 2018, taking home a brand-new Toyota Prado. Like many of our PCYC Lottery supporters, Gregg never thought he would be one of our lucky winners and was happy to support his local community and the work that PCYC Queensland does around the state. When Gregg told his wife Leigh that they were the lucky winners Leigh rang the PCYC Lottery line back as she could not quite believe it!

As young parents, Gregg and Leigh remember fondly dropping their two children at PCYC Carindale to attend activities and Blue Light Disco's. These days, they still see the impact that PCYC Queensland programs have in their local community at PCYC Mt Gravatt and Gregg has already got his tickets in the next Lottery!



## PCYC Hervey Bay's boxer ready for world boxing titles



Since 1948, PCYC Queensland has been proud to deliver boxing programs for young Queenslanders. PCYC Hervey Bay boxer, Brittany Roll, who trains under Rodd Hanns, has evolved into one of Australia's best up and coming boxers. Brittany scored second place at the state boxing titles and followed this up with victories at both the

national and Oceania youth championships. The world championships are to be held in Budapest, Hungary and will be a whole new challenge for the 18-year-old boxer. Brittany is a key example of how your support of PCYC Queensland is helping young Queenslanders reach for their dreams. Everyone at PCYC Queensland is delighted to hear of her continual successes and wish Brittany the best of luck in the world championships!

## Bunburra 2018

Congratulations to all the young people who recently took part in Bunburra, our Indigenous Beach Touch Football Tournament, part of the Sport & Culture Corroboree. Now in its fourth year, over 160 players from 10 Indigenous communities came together at Surfers Paradise beach and attracted thousands of spectators throughout the day.

Bunburra is a fantastic Indigenous Community Sports and Recreation Program for young people aged 14 to 17. The event supports pride, identity and achievement, and players often develop the confidence and ability to play a key role in sports development and community engagement within their own communities.

Congratulations to all our young players for showing commitment and good sportsmanship in both the lead up and during the weekend.

