

YMCA of BRISBANE  
Y-CARE (SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND) Inc.

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# COMMUNITY IMPACT



# 2016-17 REPORT

Healthy Living  
Empowering Young People  
Social Impact



# YMCA BRISBANE GROUP

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF BRISBANE INC.  
Y-CARE (SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND) INC.

## CAMPING

Camp Leslie Dam, Warwick  
Camp North Pine, Kurwongbah  
Camp Warrawee, Joyner

## CHILD CARE

Early Education Centre, Acacia Ridge  
Early Education Centre, Strathpine  
Early Education Centre, Sunshine Coast  
Family Day Care and In Home Care, Brisbane  
Family Day Care and In Home Care, Gold Coast  
Limited Hours Care, Jamboree Heights

## COMMUNITY CENTRE

Community Centre, North Lakes,  
Springfield Lakes, Youth Space

## EDUCATION

Accredited Education and Training, Bowen Hills  
Vocational Schools  
– Ipswich, Kingston and North Lakes

## FITNESS AND RECREATION

Aquatic Leisure Centre, Acacia Ridge  
Fitness and Recreation Centre, Bowen Hills  
Fitness and Recreation Centre, Jamboree Heights  
Fitness and Recreation Centre, Marlin Coast  
Fitness, Recreation and Aquatics Centre  
– Victoria Point  
Fitness, Recreation and Aquatics Centre  
– Warwick  
Gymnastics Centre, Acacia Ridge  
Gymnastics Centre, Caloundra  
Gymnastics Centre, Enoggera

## HOSPITALITY

325 on George Restaurant, Brisbane City  
George Williams Hotel, Brisbane City  
Heritage Hotel, Kurwongbah  
North Pine Country Park, Kurwongbah

## HOUSING

Melville Place, Nerang  
Nowell B. Taylor House, Nerang  
Residential Units, Southport

## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC)

Albany Creek, Ashgrove, Aspley, Berrinba East, Boondall,  
Bray Park, Camira, Dakabin, Darling Heights, Dutton  
Park, Edens Landing, Enoggera, Flagstone, Goodna,  
Grovely, Gumdale, Helensvale, Kedron, Mitchelton,  
Musgrave Hill, Rainworth, Rochedale South, Seven Hills,  
Springfield Lakes, St Paul's, Strathpine, Upper Mt Gravatt,  
The Gap, Virginia, Warrigal Road.

A further five stand-alone vacation care services offered  
programs at Victoria Point, Jamboree Heights, Bowen  
Hills, Joyner and Smithfield in Cairns.

## SOCIAL IMPACT

Meals for the Homeless  
Op Shop, Upper Mt. Gravatt  
School-based Mentoring  
– Ipswich, Kingston and North Lakes  
Schools Breakfast Program  
– 94 locations across South East Queensland  
Specialist Outside Schools' Hours Care  
– Aspley and Mitchelton

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

Queensland Youth Parliament  
Youth Leadership Programs

# MISSION



The YMCA works, from a base of Christian values, to provide opportunities for all people to grow in body, mind and spirit.



# VISION

We are making a positive difference by providing each and every person with the opportunity to be healthy, happy and connected.

# WELCOME TO YMCA BRISBANE .....

FOR 153 YEARS, THE YMCA OF  
BRISBANE HAS BEEN CREATING  
HEALTHIER, HAPPIER COMMUNITIES

## OUR APPROACH

The YMCA understands that lasting meaningful change results from development of the whole person, which requires focusing on body, mind and spirit. It is this approach that differentiates the YMCA in its service provision and has ensured it has remained relevant for the last 150 years.

When a young person is homeless or arrives at school hungry, their first priority is not about learning. Striving to help young people meet their fundamental needs first, enables the YMCA to have a significant impact on their education and subsequently offers them a real opportunity to lead fulfilling lives.

When a parent cannot find suitable care for their child with a disability it impacts on their ability to gain meaningful work. Offering specialist OSHC programs enables the YMCA to provide respite to parents and the opportunity to foster the child's independence.

When one of the top ten child health problems is obesity, the YMCA works hand in hand with families to educate them on how to make healthy lifestyle choices.

When, in spite of the evolution of digital social networking there is a growing disconnectedness throughout society, the YMCA offers a second home, a place for people to connect and to contribute to their community.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**A**s President of a diverse YMCA, it is very rewarding to see every month a new set of stories on how our YMCA is achieving its Mission and having a positive social impact on the communities it serves.

Back in 2005 we established the benevolent arm of our YMCA - Y-Care (South East Queensland) Inc. - specifically to provide more programs to those in need. This has since led to the establishment of a suite of growing and impactful programs, including the YMCA's Schools' Breakfast Program, Vocational Schools, Affordable Housing, Specialist OSHC and School-Based mentoring programs.

In addition to these, we also expect all of our mainstream services to embed a layer of social impact into their programming. Examples include free places for disadvantaged school students in our camping programs, our free cancer survivors wellness programs, food drives for those in need, meals for the homeless and fee relief for struggling families. This difference is what makes a true YMCA.

Whilst as a not-for-profit, our focus is to support those in need, it is also vital that we build a strong foundation to ensure we can continue to provide this help in the long term. Our current focus is on expanding our established OSHC services, gymnastics and vocational school programs rather than seeking to diversify further into new enterprises. This consolidation is helping us to remain viable, develop efficiencies, and further support our social impact outcomes.

We have been very fortunate to enjoy the long-term support of a number of corporate partners and other not-for-profits who share our vision and together help our YMCA to deliver on our Mission. We are very grateful for their assistance, and many of our benevolent programs would not be possible without these partnerships.

Wherever possible we seek to recognise those who have made positive contributions to our YMCA throughout our history. In July we dedicated our new camp accommodation wing to Henry Dalziel, the one-thousandth Victoria Cross recipient, who officially opened the YMCA's Camp Warrawee site in 1956. We also try hard to keep in touch with our YMCA alumni group, which meets annually to reminisce and recognise the valuable work of past staff and volunteers, as well as learn about our new developments and projects.

Our YMCA continues to rise to the challenge to help more and more Queenslanders feel healthier, happier and connected to their communities. Thank you to my fellow board members, CEO Alan Bray and all of our staff and volunteers whose unwavering dedication and passion have made this possible.

**Ian Smyllie**  
PRESIDENT





## MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Whether it's a focus on healthy living, empowering young people or social impact, our YMCA seeks to identify gaps in community services and provide positive long-term solutions. Why? Because we believe every community deserves a YMCA.

This last year we made inroads into three new communities as well as strengthening our presence in many others. In January we opened a new early education centre at the Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH). Working in partnership with Exemplar Health, our YMCA now manages a new one hundred place centre. Open to hospital staff as well as the general public, the centre is located on the top level of one of the multistorey car parks in the hospital precinct. This is our third early education centre and an exciting opportunity to grow our presence in the sector.

In the last six months we have purchased two new sites including an existing facility in Stafford that will become the permanent base for the current Enoggera Gymnastics Club as well as the head office for our expanding OSHC team. The second site is a block of land in Mango Hill, a rapidly growing community, which will be developed over the next couple of years to offer a gymnastics centre and an additional campus of the YMCA's Vocational School.

This year we also opened three new OSHC services at Boondall, Eden's Landing and Berrinba East and retained the Grovely service that went out to tender. The continued growth of OSHC provides a great opportunity for our YMCA team to expand the positive impact we are having on the lives of a large number of young people, providing them with the tools to be productive and resilient members of their communities.

In January this year, following an internal refurbishment to ensure the new facility was fit for purpose, the YMCA opened its fourth campus of the Vocational Schools. Located one hundred metres from the existing Clem Jones campus, the new facility has been populated by the senior school students. The original Clem Jones campus is now a dedicated middle school campus.

The YMCA's Vocational Schools are a self-sustaining model, providing our staff with the opportunity to consistently work with students and to have a lasting positive impact on their lives.

October 2016 saw the running of the inaugural YMCA Rat Race. A cheeky, challenging obstacle course event, Rat Race was designed to help raise our YMCA's profile in the community and raise funds in support of the Schools' Breakfast Program. Whilst we did not achieve the participant numbers we hoped for, feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive setting us up for a big and better event in 2017.

We have encountered many challenges over the last twelve months, with a number of our sectors struggling in very competitive markets. Challenges also bring opportunities, which we can only capitalise on thanks to all the hard work of our dedicated, passionate and skilled board of directors, staff and volunteers.

**Alan Bray**  
CEO



# SNAPSHOT OF YOUR YMCA



## Programs, Services and Participations

In over 60 locations the YMCA offers a range of programs and services that contribute to healthier and happier communities.



### Children's Services

- 24,562 days of centre-based care
- 889,991 hours of home-based care
- 32 outside school hours care services
- 24,042 enrolments in outside schools hours & vacation care
- 631,557 days of outside schools hours care



### Aquatics

- 3 aquatic centres
- 25% growth in Learn to Swim attendance

### Health and Wellbeing

- 277,116 gym visits
- 9,020 group exercise classes



### Camping

- 3 camp sites
- 220 camp groups
- 40,978 activity participations

### Sport and Recreation

- 4,475 gymnasts
- Over 22,000 gymnastics classes every year



### Hospitality

- 85,000 visitors to Old Petrie Town Markets
- 1,882 market stall holders
- 12,812 meals at the Heritage Hotel



### Training

- YMCA is a Registered Training Organisation, delivering 8 qualifications and 3 short courses
- 1,559 course commencements across Queensland.

### Youth programs

- 213 students enrolled in YMCA Vocational Schools
- 8 different youth empowerment programs
- 36 Mentors provided 1,716 hours of mentoring



### And more

- 1 Op Shop
- 1 Hotel
- Over 2,000 meals for the homeless



### People

- 868 amazing passionate staff members
- 109 generous dedicated volunteers

# STRENGTHENING

We strengthen people and communities through ...

Artistic and Rhythmic Gymnastics **Affordable Housing** Gym membership  
**Personal training** Cycle classes **Op Shop** Mummy Meet **10 week challenge**  
Cancer Survivor Program **Learn to Swim** Judo **Dance** Child safety program  
**Early Education and Care** Lap Swimming **Squad Swimming**  
Group Exercise Classes **Education and Training Courses**  
**Gymplay Holiday Program** Community Centre



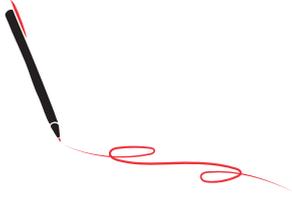
## LIVING WELL THROUGH CANCER

Helping Cancer Survivors refocus, rebuild and live well through and beyond cancer.

Fighting cancer is a scary enough experience – recovering shouldn't have to be. At the YMCA, we're committed to supporting our friends, families and neighbours in their fight against cancer. That's why we offer the YMCA Cancer Survivor Program.

At no cost to the survivor, the YMCA provides a safe ten week exercise program at our four fitness centres (Bowen Hills, Jamboree Heights, Victoria Point and Warwick) for cancer survivors to gain and reclaim their health and well-being.





# JUSTINE'S STORY

**“My experience with the Cancer Survivors Program (CSP) has been an immensely positive one. I cannot speak highly enough of our trainer and mentor who strives for us to achieve our physical and mental capabilities every single day.**

I was diagnosed with Stage III Invasive Breast Cancer in January this year. A week later I was on the operating table, had a lumpectomy and full axillary clearance in my left arm. Two weeks post-surgery I was undergoing Chemotherapy for 5 months with an aggressive regime, having 3 drugs on-board. I put on a lot of weight, with each session, followed by 30 sessions of Radiation every day. My body was foreign to me, my hair fell out immediately, my skin was grey, and I was getting bigger daily. To make myself feel better I would walk 5kms daily, but the chemicals and drugs started catching up with me as fatigue set in. This was a dark time for me. The Breast Cancer Institution at the Wesley Hospital offered a Look Good Feel Good program. But there was nothing else to support my growing concerns about my body and fatigue.

At the completion of my program I went to the GP who offered me a 5 session Pilates course with an affiliated physio. This was great, but still very expensive. After all the treatment and associated medical costs, I was getting more depressed. I entered this program after a friend had heard along the grapevine that it was being offered. I was so excited to hear it was a strength and conditioning program for cancer survivors and was free! This was music to my ears.

The CSP has given me my life back, my body back and I feel I can achieve goals again not only physically but mentally as well. Our trainer customises workouts accordingly and adapts them to our strengths and weaknesses. Every session is rewarding and builds



self-confidence, so I can now work with the other CSP teammates as we catch up independently on Fridays and socially as well. We have all made lifelong friends through this program, we all have different cancers but similar journeys. I have now returned back to full time work, and enjoy feeling my body change shape and become stronger and happier. I am eternally grateful for this program and our trainer who is incredibly knowledgeable and intuitive to each and every one of us and our needs. Gratitude helps us to see our situation in a way that can minimise stress and open up thinking to new solutions.

I believe if I could share this knowledge of the program to other patients at the Wesley Breast Clinic, ladies with similar experiences would benefit from attending this program perhaps at an earlier stage than I attended, to give them hope and a sense of accomplishment throughout their treatment. I value these sessions, I honour them and am eternally grateful to the YMCA for helping me.”



## UPCYCLING FOR CHARITY

Our YMCA opened its first Op Shop in January 2017, with the goals of helping to assist the needy, raise funds for the Schools' Breakfast Program, provide a training opportunity for students from our Vocational Schools and raise the profile of the YMCA.

Fitout of the op shop was assisted by the goodwill of Flight Centre, who not only gifted our YMCA stock to sell, but many of the cabinets in which to display the stock. The generosity of YMCA staff, members and supporters has ensured that the op shop has a constant supply of quality stock.

The op shop supports the retail training programs delivered at two of the YMCA's Vocational School campuses. Giving students real life experience in creating displays, marketing and promotions and customer sales, the op shop ensures the link between theory and practice is achieved.

Whatever the program or service, the YMCA has the underlying philosophy of seeking to strengthen the community in which it operates. The Op Shop allows our YMCA to help those in need through donations of clothing and also provides volunteer opportunities. Our volunteers give generously of their time and skills, whilst gaining a sense of belonging and a sense of self-worth.



## MUMMY MEET

The Springfield Lakes Community Centre offers a free "Mummy Meet" to support new and experienced mums in the area.

One mum who was new to the area was having a rough start to motherhood, with everyone telling her how to do everything. She was hesitant even to leave the house.

Through the Mummy Meet this mother got to know a few of the other mums in the group, gained confidence and has since joined several other groups in the centre. She now visits the centre twice every week and has thanked the YMCA several times for running the Mummy Meet as it changed her whole outlook on motherhood.



# FROM LITTLE GIRLS TO YOUNG LEADERS

## YMCA Gymnastics believes in the power of young people.

This is undoubtedly demonstrated through its junior coaching program which is harnessing the skills and passion of its junior gymnasts and developing them into qualified coaches and more importantly young leaders of their clubs.

The YMCA's junior coaching program provides a structured pathway through the accredited coaching program, under the supervision of an experienced YMCA gymnastics coach. With six different clubs and a number of full-time positions offered, YMCA Gymnastics offers a real employment pathway for those passionate about the sport.



### DID YOU KNOW?

The YMCA is the largest provider of gymnastics in Queensland.

# EMPOWERING

We empower young people through ...

Vocational Schools **Mentoring** Youth Centre **Outside School Hours Care**  
Thrive Program **Family Day Care** In Home Care **Long Day Care**  
**Camping & Outdoor Education** Skate League **Siblings Reconnect**  
Queensland Youth Parliament **TRACTION Program** Vacation Care



## **SKATE BOARDING** OUR WAY TO **YOUTH** **ENGAGEMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION**

February 2017 saw the delivery of the first Australian Skate Park League (ASL) competition in Brisbane, presented in conjunction with YMCA Victoria. Held at Bracken Ridge Skate Park, the event was a positive introduction to Queensland, engaging over 50 people and raising the profile of the YMCA. The winners of the event were invited to compete in the national final held in Melbourne.

Already a successful program in most other states of Australia, the ASL program will provide our YMCA with the opportunity to engage with a whole new youth cohort. Modelled off Queensland Youth Parliament, our YMCA will seek to identify, train and empower a youth executive to support the organisation and delivery of 10 – 12 skate park events in Queensland each year.





## SUPPORTING FAMILIES EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP

**In Home Care (IHC) is a flexible form of child care where children are cared for in their own home.**

Our In Home Child Care teams in Brisbane and the Gold Coast work with families in our community who are experiencing hardship due to chronic illness, mental illness, complex disabilities and social isolation. Through networking with local agencies we have had the opportunity to support many families undergoing personal crises through the provision of in home child care.

Our service supports multiple families where parents have found themselves and their whole

worlds suddenly turned upside down when they discovered that their new born is carrying a life threatening disease and/or illness. Parents are suddenly outlaying costs for expensive medications and needing to create time for multiple medical appointments and hospital admissions, which often results in parents losing their capacity to maintain their work role in the community.

Furthermore children with chronic illnesses and life threatening disease are restricted from many social settings including mainstream childcare. This has an effect on the family's social life and the child's early learning experiences and it is particularly

difficult on the child's sibling who suddenly is expected to adjust their lifestyle to meet the health needs of their brother or sister. YMCA's IHC program offers a solution for families in this situation. It relieves parents' anxiety and supports all children's learning experiences in the safety and comfort of their own home and importantly allows the parents to make some commitment to the workforce, increasing their mental capacity and ability to function during difficult times.



## DISABILITY ACTION DAY

The Warwick Indoor Recreation and Aquatic Centre (WIRAC) continued its work supporting people with a disability through Disability Action Day in September.

With the help of Community Options a number of local children and young people with disabilities spent a day at WIRAC participating in many different activities including games and sports in the stadium and an amazing dance session in the pool. It was smiles all around for both staff and participants.





# EMPOWERING QUEENSLAND'S YOUTH TO HAVE THEIR SAY

8

Youth Bills

1

Week of Debates

93

Empowered Young People

**Albert is a great example of the significant personal development and leadership gain arising out of Queensland Youth Parliament (QYP).**

Albert came into the program as a reserved year 11 student, originating from a refugee background and thus facing multiple cultural and linguistic barriers. Albert heard about the program through his school and he was already a very successful student with impressive academic achievements. However, the QYP executive saw a significant improvement in Albert's confidence and ability to connect with others at QYP.

He came to Forum (start of the program) quite reserved and not sure what to expect of the program. Albert left sitting week (conclusion of the program) as one of the most outgoing and confident participants, ready to put his hand up for any leadership position available. He decided during Residential to give all recreational activities 110% and achieved many intrinsic leadership and communication skills as a result.

Since leaving the program, Albert has been liaising with YMCA staff to engage local young people by establishing a new youth group.



Albert is now an inspirational ambassador to the youth of his electorate and a valuable representative for youth in Australia from disadvantaged backgrounds.



## CHANGING LIVES

This year was difficult for one of our troubled students, who at times struggled to control their emotions. Having worked closely with the teachers and well-being team on strategies to help control their emotions, staff were disappointed when one incident of aggressive behaviour resulted in the student being required to experience some time away from the school.

This clearly was a low point for the student and served to provide some perspective. Whilst absent, the student phoned the Head of Campus enquiring as to

when they could return, adamant that they deserved another chance. However, before they were allowed to return, the student saw their dream job advertised, applied, was successful and is now working full-time.

Whilst relaying this news to the Head of Campus the student asked if their friends had put in their applications to attend the school. Not only had they got their life on track, they had recommended their school to their friends as a great place to get your life together.



**The YMCA's Vocational Schools are consistently having positive, life changing impacts on students as the result of their focus on gaining trust, earning respect and holding students accountable to agreed standards.**



# INSPIRING

We inspire through ...

**Schools' Breakfast Program** Inspired Leaders Program **Charity Golf Day**  
"Fit for Life" for Seniors **Gentle Movers classes** Swimathon **Rat Race**  
**'Off your rocker' Seniors Group** Specialist OSHC **Volunteering**  
Spreading is Caring Campaign **Community Challenge** Meals for the homeless



## RATS WITH A SOCIAL CONSCIENCE

The YMCA Rat Race is an annual obstacle race, designed and developed by the YMCA's marketing and fundraising team.

The 2016 event consisted of an 8km inner city run with 12 fun-filled obstacles including Feisty Fondue, Rat Trap, Ratatouille Rebel and Rat Attack. Fun seekers 16 years and over participated in teams of 2, 3 or 4 and were given a large inflatable cheese to carry with them throughout the race, which they were tasked with protecting from the pest patrol.

Rat Race is designed as an organisational awareness and fundraising vehicle, with funds raised to support the YMCA Schools' Breakfast Program.

The inaugural race in October 2016 saw 520 competitors and 200 volunteers participate. This provided a great foundation on which to build.



# HEALTHY STARTS FOR HEALTHY FUTURES

It is well documented that education is a great driver of positive change. However, if we do not first provide an environment conducive for effective learning, then no amount of education will create the desired change.

The YMCA's Schools' Breakfast Program caters to a child's most basic needs, food and water. Providing an approved nutritious breakfast, the program supports behaviour, concentration, learning and ultimately positive change in the lives of children.

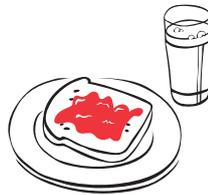
The YMCA's Schools' Breakfast Program is supported by a host of other organisations who donate product and by volunteers who donate their time.

It really does take a community to raise a child.

A total of **561,814 breakfast meals** were provided during the 2016/17 financial year, an increase of 30,185 meals on the 2015/16 financial year.

“The best indicator of the benefits and impact of the breakfast program, is the student who came up to me and said “this really works Miss, I got all my work done yesterday”. Yes, it does really help”.

School Chaplain  
Participating High School



## DID YOU KNOW?

The YMCA has provided over **3 million breakfast meals** since the program's inception in 2006.





## SLICING FOR THE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

After a number of successful years at Gables Golf Club, the 2017 YMCA Charity Golf Day was held at Victoria Park Golf Club.

The venue change provided an opportunity to modify some aspects of the event, offer a different experience for our annual supporters and open up new avenues for sponsorship. We were thrilled to have a full complement of teams and fantastic weather.

Our YMCA's Charity Golf Day has been conducted for ten years and has raised over \$185,000 towards our benevolent community programs and services. The 2017 event raised almost \$26,000 in support of the YMCA Schools' Breakfast Program. At a cost of \$0.37 per breakfast meal, this will support the provision of more than 70,000 meals to those who would otherwise go without. This would not have been possible without the generous support of all of our supporters and sponsors.

For the record, the winner of the event was Savills, with Time Target coming a close second!



## VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers play a vital role at the YMCA. Their ability to enhance our programs beyond the skills and resources of staff is greatly valued. Through the engagement of volunteers, the YMCA is able to further its reach into the community, and grow its social impact. We hope that in return our YMCA provides valuable development opportunities that help our volunteers to be healthy, happy and connected.

In 2016-17, volunteers supported a host of YMCA programs including op shop, mentoring, breakfast program, youth parliament, rat race, skate league, gymnastics, camping, youth and community centres, clothing drives, food drives and many working bees.



## SMALL STEPS, LARGE IMPACT

A gentle movement class conducted by the YMCA Acacia Ridge Gymnastics Club is improving the quality of life of a number of its more mature members, whilst providing fun along the way.

A range of body weight, resistance and circus style exercises is loosening up knees, improving postures, balance and bone density. The social aspect of the group exercise class is also helping to ensure that our members not only stay healthy, but also connected to their community.

# PROJECT DEVELOPMENTS



## NEW CHILD CARE CENTRE

In 2017 the YMCA added a third child care centre to its offering, which is located at the new Sunshine Coast University Hospital. Working in partnership with Exemplar Health, the YMCA manages the centre which is open to hospital staff as well as the general public.

The opening of the child care centre is the result of many years work and is recognition of the value our YMCA can provide to corporate partners seeking to find a point of difference in their project tenders.



## EXPANDING OUR SCHOOL PROGRAM

In January this year, following an internal refurbishment to ensure the new facility was fit for purpose, the YMCA opened its fourth campus of the Vocational School. Located one hundred metres from the existing Clem Jones campus, the new facility has been taken over by the senior schools students. The original Clem Jones campus is now a dedicated middle school campus.

With a focus on student centred learning, our YMCA schools provide a tailored program to each cohort. This additional facility allows the middle and senior students to be separated, further enhancing our ability to deliver on this policy.

The YMCA's Vocational Schools are a self-sustaining model, providing our staff with the opportunity to consistently work with the students and to have a lasting positive impact on their lives.



## PERMANENT HOME FOR GYMNASTICS

In 2008 the YMCA's then gymnastics facility in Windsor was resumed as part of the Northern Busway and Airport Link construction project. A temporary move to a leased facility in Enoggera provided existing families with continuity and allowed the YMCA time to identify a suitable permanent site for the Club.

A commercial property in Harvton Street, Stafford was purchased in January 2017 and will open as YMCA Stafford Gymnastics Club in July 2017.

The facility will also provide a home for the YMCA OSHC's head office team.

## MOVING NORTH

With an eye on the expansion of two existing programs, the YMCA purchased a vacant site in Mango Hill. Our Vocational Schools provide a sustainable model to have a long-term impact on young people, creating much brighter futures. There is inclusion on the plan for the development of a new gymnastics club, which will cement the YMCA's position as the largest provider of gymnastics in Queensland.

Gymnastics provides the best foundation for physical development in young people, creating confidence and self-discipline that carry over to all aspects of life.



# CHILD SAFETY

Strengthening our work in the area of child safety is an ongoing but vital process for our YMCA.

It is within the very fabric and identity of our YMCA to provide programs and services to children, young people and their families and so we continue to work towards a child safe culture across our organisation. Staff training, program audits and incident reviews have all been used to create a culture where the safety of children and young people comes first.

To help identify how well this culture is embedded across our organisation we seek and hold accreditation through the Australian Childhood Foundation.

Our YMCA continues to commit to providing a child safe organisation, one where all children and young people have the opportunity to reach their full potential in body, mind and spirit.



## DID YOU KNOW?

Our YMCA has been accredited as a Child Safe organisation **since 2008**

# YMCA BRISBANE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Mark Mugnaioni, Barbara Jinks, Richard Edwards, Ross Mason, Jenny Chaston, Ian Smyllie (President)  
Tom Stephenson, Toolah Olsen, John Mitchell, Daniel Cheverton, Joe Goodall

# THANK YOU

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