



places **FOR** people

LIVING IN BRISBANE'S INNER CITY

Welcome to the *places for people* information update for Brisbane's inner city.

In this update you will find information about initiatives being undertaken by the community, business and government organisations and individuals in Brisbane's inner city.

What are 'Place Projects'?

Brisbane's Place Projects are a joint initiative between local communities, Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Government.

Place Projects focus on a small number of geographic areas or 'places' in Brisbane that face a range of social and economic challenges. These challenges need local solutions based on a coordinated approach between local residents, community organisations, government and business.

Each of the Place Projects aim to:

- build a stronger and safer community
- increase employment and training opportunities
- respond better to the needs of groups in the local community
- develop more accessible and better coordinated government services
- strengthen community and business networks and encourage partnerships between community members, business and government.

Place Projects form part of Council's vision for our city's future, *Living in Brisbane 2010*, to nurture an inclusive Brisbane where all people are welcome and contribute to our city.



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Places for People is the Queensland Government/Brisbane City Council Place Strategy – an inclusive and collaborative approach between governments, local business and the community to create confident and sustainable communities in Brisbane.

Which communities are involved?

Currently there are three Place Projects in Brisbane.

- The inner city suburbs of Fortitude Valley, New Farm, Newstead, Bowen Hills, Teneriffe, Spring Hill, the CBD and South Brisbane.
- The south-west corridor suburbs of Inala, Darra and Carole Park.
- The northern suburbs of Zillmere and Stafford.

How you can be involved

The Place Project in Brisbane's inner city needs the time, energy, knowledge and skills of local residents and community organisations.

The inner city Place steering committee oversees the local Place Project and a number of working groups formed to address high priority community issues. This steering committee together with the working groups will provide opportunities for local residents to actively participate in Place Projects.

If you would like to know more about the Brisbane inner city Place Project, phone Brisbane City Council on 3403 8888 and ask for the Brisbane inner city Place Team Leader. Alternatively, phone the Department of the Premier & Cabinet on 1800 102 225 and ask for the Place Coordinator or the Place Manager.

What has been achieved so far?

The community of inner city Brisbane has started a number of Place initiatives with the support of Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Government.

Drug use, health and well being

- Brisbane Healthy Options Team (BHOT), an on-going after-hours outreach and education service to recreational drug users in Fortitude Valley.
- The Get Real Challenge, an on-going initiative to respond to paint sniffing amongst Indigenous young people through cultural and recreation activities and peer support. So far 39 young people have participated.
- Emotional Fitness pilot program assisted 90 people dealing with substance abuse, through the use of visual arts, theatre, music and the production of a documentary video.

These projects are delivered by the Indigenous Youth Health Service, Emotional Fitness Program, Camp Fire Group, Fireworks Gallery, Queensland Intravenous Aids Association (QuiVAA), Queensland Health and Brisbane City Council.

Economic development

- The Youth Employment and Training pilot project developed training and employment pathways for 31 disadvantaged young people.
- The Get Set For Work project provided 25 homeless young people with work opportunities into the retail industry.

These projects are provided by the Department of Employment and Training, Brisbane Youth Service, Perpetual Trustees, Retailers Association of Queensland and Brisbane City Council.

Homelessness

- Inner City Outreach and Accommodation Brokerage Service assisted more than 3000 people and provided accommodation for more than 750 homeless people since September 2001.
- Trial of the Red Cross Night Cafe offered a safe place and hot meals to an average of 80 young homeless people two nights a week at the City Hall Cafe.
- Mobile Outreach Health Service Pilot (MOSHPIIT) offering health and support services to homeless people at a range of inner City locations.

These projects are delivered by the Brisbane Youth Service, Micah Inner City Services, Australian Red Cross, Drug Arm, Queen Street Malls Advisory Committee, Departments of Housing, Families and Health and Brisbane City Council.

Culture, recreation and leisure

- The CBD Re-create project aims to increase young people's participation in sport, recreation and cultural activities including basketball, hip hop, circus skills and art workshops.
- Inner North Community Facilities Plan aims to establish two new community facilities offering meeting places and community programs in Herston and Bowen Hills.
- Indigenous cultural arts were showcased in a series of exhibitions: Yarnin – Murri Women's Pottery; Deadly Dreaming – Young Fathers' Artworks; and Urban Landscapes in the Backyard – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander visual arts. Together, more than 50 artists were involved and more than 650 people attended the events.

These projects are delivered by Sport and Recreation Queensland, Brisbane Grassroots Murri Potters, Indigenous Young Fathers Support Group, Meeanjin Treatment Association, North West Aboriginal and Islander Community Association, Queensland University of Technology, Community Praxis and Brisbane City Council.

Community capacity building

- Two community development workers helped local community projects to enhance local participation and networking. The Buzz Project is one example which involved 160 local residents identifying local issues and solutions.
- Two online community hubs located at QuiVAA, and the Brisbane Youth Service, provide access to computers, the internet and training. More than 90 people access the hubs each week.
- The Valley website has been established with information on 11,829 services and programs in Queensland. Visit www.valleynet.org.au

These projects have been delivered by QuiVAA, the Brisbane Youth Service, New Farm Neighbourhood Centre, the Drug Safety and Awareness Subcommittee and Brisbane City Council.

Crime prevention and safety

- Development of the Valley Alcohol Management Plan and a CBD Crime Prevention Plan to pro-actively maintain community safety.

These projects have been delivered by the Fortitude Valley and Districts Chamber of Commerce, Queensland Health, Liquor Licensing Division, Queen Street Malls Advisory Committee, Department of the Premier & Cabinet, Queensland Police and Brisbane City Council.