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PEOPLE OF QUEENSLAND

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The Queensland Blind Association Inc. has provided practical support for Blind and Vision Impaired people of Queensland for over 80 years.

The Association has over 700 members, which receives no direct Government support, aims to help low vision and no vision people to lead independent and fruitful lives.

Vital services, which are provided by the Association to its members, may include the following:
- Information and referral service.
- A 50% discount on one white cane is available to each Member per year.
- Financial assistance towards rates, electricity, house repayments, rental assistance, white goods, some items of furniture and home maintenance.
- Tea & Coffee gift card for our senior retired folk.
- Low vision products on sale from our Resource Department to the public. Discounts apply to membership.
- Reading service by appointment.
- Audio, large print or email Newsletters.
- Publications available in normal print, large print & on our website
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  - Directory of Concessions
  - Directory of Agencies to Assist Blind & Vision Impaired People
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  - Directory of Suppliers for Building Modifications
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You do not have to be a member to access some of our services.

Any queries can be directed to this office by telephoning: 3848 8888.
The information in this booklet is an alpha listing of both Government and private agencies in Queensland, which provide services and benefits for low vision and no vision people and their carers. Against each agency is a basic and brief description of the services they provide. This publication has been compiled by the Queensland Blind Association Inc. to assist low vision and no vision people either in a professional or personal capacity.

**The sale of White Canes to Legally Blind Persons**

The Queensland Blind Association Inc sells White Canes to Legally Blind Persons only. If you are not a member of this Association, proof of legal blindness is required (eg. your DSP Blind or Aged Blind Concession Card). A White Cane cannot be purchased from us unless you can provide proof of your full White Cane Training which you have completed at a Registered Training Centre. White Canes are sold only as a “Symbol of Blindness”. Incorrect use may be a danger to the user, pedestrians and all road users. We highly recommend that persons receive measurement and training from professional trainers, as correct length and style are a must.

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- Fantastic Games and Where to Find Them
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Accommodation

**Carinity**
This organisation provides hostel accommodation for Blind and Vision Impaired people.

**Address:** Wishart Village
14 Glasford Street, Wishart Qld 4122

**Telephone:** 3347 8888
**Admissions Enquiries:** 3550 3783
**Email:** wishart@carinity.org.au

Also provides respite accommodation for people who have a disability at “Our House” at Toogoolawah and “Fassifern” at Boonah.

**Link Vision**
Link Vision provides accommodation services including independent living units for people with Low and No Vision.

**Address:** 9 / 10 Cameron Street, Fairfield Qld 4103
**Postal:** PO Box 6152, Fairfield Gardens, Qld 4103
**Telephone:** 3846 1258
**Fax:** 3846 2085
**Email:** office@linkvision.org.au
**Website:** www.linkvision.org.au

**Queensland Government Homes & Housing**
The Queensland Government provides information on affordable housing options and emergency accommodation.

**Telephone:** 13 74 68
**Website:** www.qld.gov.au/housing
Advocacy Agencies for Blind People

Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia (ADA)
Aged and Disability Advocacy Australia (ADA Australia), is an independent service offering free, confidential and client-focused services including Advocacy support for aged care and community care issues, guardianship matters, and provision of education and information.
For further information, please contact us via the following options below:

Free Call: 1800 818 338
Email: info@adaaustralia.com.au
Website: www.adaaustralia.com.au

Australian Blindness Forum
(ABF) is a not-for-profit organisation funded by the contributions of its members which include major blindness agencies across Australia and the consumer group Blind Citizens Australia.
They aim to operate as the peak body representing the blindness sector for the benefit of people who are blind or vision impaired.
Through a memorandum of understanding, the ABF works closely with National Disability Services, the national industry association for disability services (www.nds.org.au)
Email: rosemaryspry@australianblindnessforum.org.au
Website: www.australianblindnessforum.org.au

Blind Citizens Australia
Blind Citizens Australia provides the following services:
- Peer support, so that vision impaired people can talk to each other.
- Individual advocacy, giving advice on problems with social security, access to services, discrimination, etc.
- Representation to governments, blindness agencies and other organisations, to improve services and influence public opinion.
- Employment Policy Suite
- Regular National and State newsletters to members.
- Photo ID card – worth 25 points when opening bank accounts.
- Publication – Parent News, providing up to date information for parents and people who are blind or vision impaired.
Brisbane Co-ordinator:  Steve Richardson
Telephone:  0412 681 418
Email:  steveric@optus.net.com.au
Website:  www.bca.org.au

Melbourne Head Office:  1800 033 660
Toowoomba Office:  4632 6019  Joyce
Email:  joycejones@bigpond.com

Disability Online
Linking Australia’s disability resources.
Website:  www.disabilityonline.community

People with Disability Australia (PWDA)
PWDA is a national disability rights and advocacy organisation. Founded in 1981, PWDA is a not-for-profit, non-government organisation.
Telephone:  1800 422 015
Email:  pwd@pwd.org.au
Website:  www.pwd.org.au

Queensland Advocacy Incorporated (QAI)
QAI is an independent, community-based systems and legal advocacy organisation for people with a disability.
Address:  2nd Floor, South Central
14 Peel Street, South Brisbane Qld 4101
Telephone:  3844 4200
Website:  www.qai.org.au

Speaking Up For You Inc.
Speaking Up For You Inc is an independent individual social advocacy organisation for people with a disability in the Brisbane and Moreton Bay area including Redlands and part of Ipswich.
Address:  The Precinct, Unit F2, 1st Floor
12 Browning Street, West End Qld 4101
Telephone:  3255 1244
Email:  sufy@sufy.org.au
Website:  www.sufy.org.au
Age, Children, Carers & Disability Support
In your own home & Respite Care

Angels in Aprons
One of Brisbane’s most respected and flexible care and support services, providing in-home aged care, support for people dealing with chronic illness, in-home respite and palliative care and family support. Their services extend from hospital support and social support to help for regional and rural patients, in-home personal and respite care, transport, meal support, 24-hour care and help for new mothers and families. Their warm and caring Angels, including qualified Registered Nurses and Cert III carers, will be there to provide immediate relief in time of crisis, transition care or long-term care offering comfort and with a focus on giving you maximum independence and confidence.

Telephone: 0406 076 885
Website: www.angelsinaprons.com.au

Anglicare
Anglicare offers community services to help you maintain your independence at home through a range of nursing, personal care and household support. Services include: nursing care, home care, carer support, independence and wellness, home maintenance and modification, home care packages and after hospital support.

Telephone: 1300 610 610
Website: www.anglicaresq.org.au

Auchenflower Baby Bridges
Provides a unique 7 week early intervention program for children with a disability from newborn to 5 years and their parents and carers.

Telephone: 3871 0530
Website: https://www.developingfoundation.org.au/contact-us.html
**Australian Network on Disability**
The Australian Network on Disability is a member-based national powerhouse of public, private and for-purpose organisations actively committed to inclusion of people with disability in business. The Network supports its members to build confidence and capability to welcome people with disability as employees, customers and stakeholders.

**Telephone:** 1300 363 645  
**Email:** info@and.org.au  
**Website:** www.and.org.au

**BlueCare**
To assist you to remain home as independently as possible providing Domestic Assistance where trained staff can assist you at your home with:
Disability services, Help at Home, Palliative care, Spiritual and Pastoral Care, Aged Care Homes and Respite services.  
Before your service commences a care plan will be developed based on your needs and will outline the time and agreed tasks.

**Telephone:** 1300 986 458  
**Website:** www.bluecare.org.au

**Bolton Clarke**
Bolton Clarke provides more services in aged care, supporting and enabling more people right across Australia. Costs vary depending on eligibility for programs such as Home Care, Community Nursing and Community Care packages.

Bolton Clarke services include:
- Home Care Packages
- Retirement Living
- Transitional Care
- Residential Aged Care

**Telephone:** 1300 221 122  
**Website:** www.boltonclarke.com.au
Carers Qld Inc.
Carers Queensland is the state-wide voice for family carers. They provide carers in Queensland with support, information and services in their caring role. Services include: Counselling, advice, advocacy, education, training.
Address: 15 Abbott Street, Camp Hill Qld 4152
Telephone: 1800 242 636
Website: www.carersqld.asn.au

Centacare
For more than 50 years, Centacare has been providing support services to the people of South East Queensland. Services include Aged Care, Disability Support, Relationship Services, Childcare and Pastoral Care.
Address: Level 1, 229 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane Qld 4000
Telephone: 1300 236 822
Email: centacare@bne.catholic.net.au
Website: www.centacarebrisbane.net.au

CODA
Established to meet the needs of families caring for an adult with a disability in their own homes. Funded by the Department of Communities, as well as funding received through Community Care and Disability Services. CODA is continuing to evolve into a service that recognises the continuing changes in lifestyles, and therefore endeavours to provide a flexible service that meets clients, carers and communities’ needs.
Address: 2168 Logan Road, Upper Mount Gravatt Qld 4122
Telephone: 3393 0766
Fax: 3393 1830
Website: www.codadisabilitysupport.org.au

Commonwealth Carer Resource Centre
The Centre provides a single point of contact for carers seeking information and advice about the full range of services and other support available. Their centres can give you up-to-date, relevant information about all the government programs that give support to carers.
Free Call: 1800 242 636
Website: www.carersqld.asn.au

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Commonwealth Home Support Program (CHSP)
CHSP provides entry-level home support for older people who need assistance to keep living independently.
Free Call: 1800 020 103
Website: www.agedcare.health.gov.au/programs

Complete Aged Care Placement Solutions
Provides a service for individuals and their carers, seeking personalised assistance through the aged care placement. The fee structure varies depending on the level of service provided. Services include: Consultation, direction & search for Residential Aged Care based on YOUR needs & in the areas of YOUR choice. Assistance with completing & lodging Residential Aged Care application documents.
Telephone: 1300 188 698

Family Relationship Service for Carers
A free of charge family mediation and counselling service, that is available to help families who are considering future care arrangements for a disabled family member. Helps with issues such as the division of responsibility. For example, the roles within the family for medical, financial, living or social issues of the disabled family member. The service is able to assist families with these difficult issues by introducing a neutral mediator or trusted professional to help Negotiate favourable outcomes best suited for each individual family unit. Counselling, Mediation, Information and Referral to other organisations will be offered when necessary. All services will be offered in the local area of the family concerned where possible.
Contact: Centacare
Telephone: 1800 737 732
Website: www.familyrelationships.gov.au

Home Care Packages Program
The Home Care Packages Program provides older people who want to stay at home with access to a range of ongoing personal services, support services and clinical care that help them with their day to day activities.
Website: www.agedcare.health.gov.au/programs/home-care-packages-program

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**Home Instead Senior Care**
A specialist national provider of high quality in-home care services, supporting seniors to live independently at home. Services can be provided on an occasional/adhoc or regular basis from a few hours a day, including overnight and 24-hour care. Services are available seven days a week including weekends and public holidays. We pride ourselves on providing flexible and reliable services and can commence immediately. Our CAREGivers are screened, trained and carefully matched to your personal needs and preferences. We provide services on a fee for service basis and are also an approved provider of government subsidised home care packages.

Services include:
- Personal Care (Basic everyday tasks including showering and toileting, mobility, communication and companionship)
- Home Care (Meals, housekeeping and laundry)
- Medication reminders
- Transport for Appointments, Shopping, Errands, and Social Outings
- Respite and Convalescence Care
- Dementia and Alzheimer’s Care

**Corporate Address:** Level 10, Toowong Tower
9 Sherwood Road, Toowong Qld 4066

**Telephone:** 1300 008 018
**Email:** info@homeinstead.com.au
**Website:** www.homeinstead.com.au

**Inclusion Works**
(Formally known as Noah’s Ark) is a Queensland based not-for-profit charitable organisation which provides specialist services and support for children with disabilities and additional needs. They provide a lending library of education resources.

**Telephone:** 1300 497 437
**Website:** www.inclusionworks.com.au
LifeTec Queensland
A team of health professionals including occupational therapists, speech pathologists, and physiotherapist. Experts in recommending the correct use of assistive technology, displaying hundreds of helpful items in a smart home, and have an extensive online database of many more.

LifeTec Services Include

- Expert assistive technology consultations prescription and assessments
- Augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) prescription and support
- Home modification design, AT integration and maintenance capability
- Low vision and visual impairment prescription and support
- Workplace ergonomics prescription and support
- Online assistive technology product search
- AT learning development and education
- Regularly updated resources and research, available free on our website

They are registered NDIS providers and can work with you to determine how to best fund the service that you require.

Brisbane
Address: Level 1, Newmarket Village
Newmarket & Enoggera Rds, Newmarket Qld 4051
Telephone: 3552 9000 / 1300 543 383
Email: mail@lifetec.org.au
Website: www.lifetec.org.au

Townsville
Address: Shop 3a, Domain
103 Duckworth Street, Garbutt, Townsville Qld 4814
Telephone: 4759 5600
Open: Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 4.30pm
**MY Aged Care**
Provides a website designed to help you find information about services you may need and what you need to do to receive them.

**Telephone:** 1800 200 422  
Monday to Friday 8am – 8pm  
Saturdays 10am – 2pm

**Website:** [www.myagedcare.gov.au](http://www.myagedcare.gov.au)

**MyTime**
MyTime groups provide local support for Mums, Dads, Aunties, Uncles, Grandparents and anyone caring for a child with a disability or chronic medical condition.

**Website:** [www.mytime.net.au](http://www.mytime.net.au)

**Ozcare**
Ozcare is a leading non-profit organisation providing Queenslanders with a wide range of services both in-home and in our centres. Our 3,000 staff support more than 15,000 people from 60 locations around the state.

Find out how we can help you with:
- Aged Care / Dementia Care
- Time out for Carers
- NDIS, Disability & Health Services
- Community Support Services

**Telephone:** 1800 692 273
**Website:** [www.ozcare.org.au](http://www.ozcare.org.au)

**Palliative Care Queensland**
Palliative Care Queensland is the peak organisation in Queensland representing the interests and aspirations of all who share the ideal of quality care at the end of life for all. Palliative Care Queensland is a membership based organisation. The membership includes palliative care service providers, clinicians, allied health professionals, academics, consumers and members of the general community.

**Address:** PO Box 1379, North Lakes Qld 4509
**Telephone:** 0475 882 511  
1800 660 055
**Email:** enquiries@palliativecareqld.org.au
**Website:** [www.palliativecareqld.org.au](http://www.palliativecareqld.org.au)
Queensland Community Care Services
If you need help to stay living at home and in your community, you may eligible for assistance from Community Care. They provide support to people with a disability who are under 65.
Telephone: 13 74 68

Queensland Stay on your Feet
Helping older Queenslanders stay healthy, active, independent and on their feet.
Falls prevention is about eliminating or reducing the risk of physical and psychological harm associated with falls in older people. It is also providing older people with information about how to stay healthy, active, and independent and on their feet.
Website: www.health.qld.gov.au/stayonyourfeet

Raising Children Network
Raising Children Network is a parenting resource for all stages from pregnancy to newborns to teens.
Website: www.raisingchildren.net.au

Suncare Community Services
Suncare provides care, support, and information and referral services to members of the community including carers and the aged, all ages with disabilities and those in need of mental health support.
Suncare offices are at Hervey Bay, Bundaberg, Rockhampton, Brisbane North, Sunshine Coast and Gympie
Telephone: 1800 786 227
Website: www.suncare.org.au

TADQ – Technology for Ageing and Disability Queensland Inc.
TADQ is a not-for-profit organisation and registered charity that custom-makes and modifies equipment for people with disabilities and the frail aged to assist with their everyday life. Our Custom Solutions Team designs, modifies and creates unique pieces of
equipment, which are not commercially available, to specifically suit our clients’ requirements.

TADQ accepts requests directly from clients or by referrals through rehabilitation professionals. TADQ is NDIS-registered.

Telephone: 07 3216 1733  
Email: info@tadq.org.au  
Website: www.tadq.org.au

TransitCare Ltd
TransitCare Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation providing community transport for eligible clients in the Brisbane South and Logan and Townsville areas. To discuss if you are eligible please contact the office on:
Telephone: 1300 463 593  
Email: admin@transitcare.com.au  
Website: www.transitcare.com.au
Communication

Queensland Radio for the Print Handicapped 4RPH
A community radio station providing a news, information and reading service directed towards the needs of the vision impaired and those people who are print handicapped either through disability or inability to read the printed word. Broadcasted at 1296 on the AM Dial they can be heard throughout Brisbane and most parts of the near north and south Queensland coasts and further away at night-time. We are on the air 24 hours a day, 10.00pm to 6.00am though a live relay of BBC World Service.

Address:       Suite 3, Level 1, 17 Henry Street
               Spring Hill Qld 4000
Telephone:     3831 1296
Website:       www.4rph.org.au
Financial Counselling Australia
Who to call for financial advice:
• Legal Aid Queensland 1300 651 188
• Mackay Regional Financial Counselling Service 4957 2626
• MoneySmart 1300 300 630
• National Debt Helpline 1800 007 007
• Qld Public Interest Law Clearing House 3846 6317
• Townsville Community Legal Service 4721 5511
www.financialcounsellingaustralia.org.au/Home

Good Shepherd Microfinance
No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS)
A community based program providing no interest loans for families and individuals on a low income, enabling them to access fair and safe loans for the purchase of essential goods and services. NILS is not for emergency relief, e.g. bond or rent money, living expenses or debt repayment.

StepUP Loans
StepUp Loan is a low interest loan between $800 and $3000 for individuals and families on a low income. Loans can be used to purchase household items, second hand cars, and computers, medical and dental expenses and house repairs.
Telephone: 13 64 57
Email: info@gsmicrofinance.org.au
Website: www.goodshepherdmicrofinance.org.au

Hillsong Brisbane City Care
Offer financial assistance and support in the form of grocery hampers, food and prescription vouchers and utility bills in extreme emergencies. To meet the eligibility criteria, you need to be assessed as being in financial crisis and live within the Mt Gravatt area. This service is available by appointment only. We also offer referral to other community services.
Telephone: 3422 8500
Website: www.hillsong.com/citycare
**Lifeline**
Lifeline is a national charity providing all Australians experiencing a personal crisis with access to 24-hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.

**24 Hour Crisis Counselling Line** 13 11 14
**Website:** [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)

**Red Cross**
Red Cross social connection programs can support you and link you to other people and your community. Programs include home visits, social outings, group activities, peer support and social phone calls.

**Telephone:** 1800 733 276

**Red Cross Telecross**
A free Red Cross service providing social telephone calls to people in the community looking for support, friendship and community connection.

Telecross calls each morning, 365 days a year. Times may vary depending on location and volunteer availability.

For information on receiving or volunteering for this service

**Telephone:** 1300 885 698

**Relationships Australia (Qld)**
Provides relationship support services to individuals, couples and families throughout Queensland. Our services aim to strengthen and build relationships, resolve relationship breakdown issues and support the best interests of children through family separation.

We also offer a number of specialist counselling services, courses and education programs.

**Telephone:** 1300 364 277
**Website:** [www.relationships.com.au](http://www.relationships.com.au)
**St Vincent De Paul Society**
The St Vincent de Paul Society offers a variety of services throughout Queensland to assist the disadvantaged.
These services include accommodation services, home visitation, home maintenance and modifications, referrals, family care and support, budgeting counselling and food distribution.

**Telephone:** 3010 1000  
**Email:** state.admin@svdpqld.org.au  
**Website:** www.vinnies.org.au

**The Salvation Army**
Offers a range of support options to help with social difficulties. They provide unlimited practical assistance for low-income families and individuals who are struggling to make ends meet.
They can help in every situation – unemployment, homelessness, poverty, abuse, self-help, aged & disabled care and much more.
Community Services Centre: May offer cash/cheque for: food vouchers or parcels; toys and food hampers for Christmas; clothing, furniture and other household items; accommodation; housing costs; electricity, gas, rates and other household bills; public transport fares; and medical and educational expenses.
Financial Budgeting: Moneycare is a free and confidential financial counselling service for people facing financial difficulties or wanting to avoid financial difficulties in the future.

**Telephone:** 13 72 58  
**Website:** www.salvos.org.au

**Wesley Mission Queensland**
Offers Emergency Relief Service responding to people from all walks of life who are disadvantaged through poverty, unemployment, ill-health, homelessness, relationship breakdowns, and times of sudden crisis.
Assistance includes food, housing and emergency support, disability and NDIS services, residential aged care and mental health services.

**Telephone:** 1300 920 865  
**Website:** www.wmq.org.au
**Education**

**Link Vision**
Advocates for better educational and vocational opportunities for children and adults with low or no vision. As computer skills are now an integral part of a child's learning environment, Link Vision recognised that a computer mentoring program, targeted specifically for children with low or no vision, using voice to text software would be beneficial. The children learn to use a keyboard and computer from experienced mentors.

Our computer club mentors travel to the child's school, and at times their home, at a time that is suitable for the parent/teacher/school.

Appointments are necessary.

**Telephone:** 3846 1258  
**Email:**  office@linkvision.org.au  
**Website:**  www.linkvision.or.au

**Narbethong State Special School**
We offer an Early Childhood Developmental Program (ECDP) from birth to pre-Prep and a school-age program for students with a vision impairment and intellectual impairment from Prep to Year 12.

Educational programs are offered to students who are vision impaired, intellectually impaired and in some instances have additional disability areas.

Vision Impairment services include: Alternative format library and production service, Paediatric low vision clinic, Statewide braille music, Statewide vision impairment equipment and loans service

**Address:**  25 Salisbury Street  
Buranda Qld 4102  
**Telephone:**  3823 0777  
**Fax:**  3823 0700  
**Email:**  office@narbethongspecs.eq.edu.au  
**Website:**  www.narbethongspecs.eq.edu.au
**Stepping Into Internships**
The Australian Network on Disability (AND) is a national, membership based, for-purpose organisation that supports organisations to advance the inclusion of people with disability in all aspects of business.

With Stepping Into Internships you’ll gain relevant hands-on work experience in a prestigious private or public-sector organisation.

The internships run for a minimum 152 hours (four weeks, if working full time). They are paid and take place during summer and winter semester breaks.

**Telephone:** 1300 363 645  
**Email:** applications@and.org.au  
**Website:** www.and.org.au

**TAFE Queensland**
Specialises in catering for the needs of people who are blind or Vision impaired.

**Telephone:** 1300 308 233  
**Website:** www.tafeqld.edu.au

**University of Qld**
Free support, services and facilities for students with a disability, illness, injury or mental health condition at UQ.

**Telephone:** 3365 1704  
**Email:** inclusion@uq.edu.au  
**Website:** www.uq.edu.au/student-service/disability

**VET Student Loans**
(Replaces VET FEE-HELP) gives eligible students access to quality higher level VET qualifications, particularly those students who could not otherwise afford to pay upfront.

**Telephone:** 1800 020 108  
**Website:** www.education.gov.au/vet-student-loans
Emergency & Home Safety Services

Safe Home
Queensland Fire Emergency Service (QFES) can provide you with a free on-the-spot advice regarding fire safety. Operation Safehome is one of QFES's premier community safety initiatives and enables you to obtain life-saving information in your home.

As part of the program, fire fighters will inspect your home and advise on the best location for smoke alarms, assist in the formulation of a home evacuation plan and address the specific needs of householders such as the correct and safe storage of chemicals.

Telephone: 13 74 68
Website: www.qfes.qld.gov.au

State Emergency Service
Queensland is no stranger to natural events and disasters and the State Emergency Service (SES) provides a vital emergency response to communities during storm and flood emergencies.
If you require help from your local SES during floods or storms there is only one number to call.

Telephone: 132 500

It is important to note Triple Zero (000) remains the number to call for life-threatening emergencies but for help from the SES you can call 132 500.

A booklet titled “Storm Preparation Booklet” is available from this office. Please contact us on 3848 8888 for a copy.
**Employment Agencies**

**Australian Disability Enterprises (ADE)**
The Australian Disability Enterprises are businesses providing supported employment to people with disabilities.
**Website:** [www.ade.org.au](http://www.ade.org.au)

**Disability Employment Australia**
Undertakes a range of functions designed to support our members to achieve best practice services provisions in their role to find employment outcomes for people with disability. They advise, advocate, train, inform as well as undertake events to promote the sector.

**Disability Employment Services** help people with disability find and keep a job. Disability Employment Services has two parts, Disability Management Service and Employment Support Service.
**Telephone:** Job Access 1800 464 800
**Website:** [www.dss.gov.au](http://www.dss.gov.au)

**EPIC Assist**
EPIC Assist are a leading not-for-profit organisation assisting people with disability to prepare for, find and maintain meaningful employment. Epic Assist also delivers education and training and provides services under NDIS.
**Telephone:** 13 3742
**Website:** [www.epicassist.org](http://www.epicassist.org)

**Help Enterprises**
Help Enterprises help people with disability and other disadvantaged job seekers find sustainable and meaningful roles.
**Telephone:** 3868 1765
**Website:** [www.helpenterprises.com.au](http://www.helpenterprises.com.au)
JobAccess
JobAccess is the national hub for all things disability employment. It is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services helping people with disability to find and keep jobs, upgrade or expand their workplace skills, and more.
**Telephone:** 1800 464 800  
**Website:** [www.jobaccess.gov.au](http://www.jobaccess.gov.au)

Job Centre Australia
Job Centre Australia Ltd is a not-for-profit community-based organisation that provides services to people with a disability through State and Federal Government funding. Job Centre Australia have a range of training, support and employment opportunities to help people with a disability, illness or health condition.
**Telephone:** 1800 466 046  
**Website:** [www.jobcentreaustralia.com.au](http://www.jobcentreaustralia.com.au)

Mylestones Employment
Mylestones is part of CPL - Choice, Passion, Life, a profit-for-purpose organisation that provides vital support to more than 5,000 people with disabilities across Queensland and northern New South Wales. Our businesses are focused on creating more opportunities for people with barriers and disabilities to find work, earn an income, gain independence, develop new skills and follow their passions.
**Telephone:** 1800 957 980  
**Email:** myemployment@cpl.org.au  
**Website:** [www.cpl.org.au](http://www.cpl.org.au)

National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO)
The program aims to help people with disability to move between school, Vocational Education and Training (VET), university and work. NDCOs can help with information and advice about post-school options and put you in touch with appropriate organisations to help you undertake further study and find suitable employment.
**Telephone:** 1300 566 046  
Ostara Australia
Ostara Australia is a national not-for-profit organisation works with the Australian Government, member organisations, communities and employers to place people disadvantaged through age, health, disability or cultural background into sustainable employment.
Website:  www.ostara.org.au

PACE Mentoring
The Australian Network on Disability’s PACE Mentoring helps to bridge the gap to employment for jobseekers and students with disability. You’ll be matched to an experienced professional who will help you identify and reach your personal development goals and build your confidence in a workplace environment. Placements run for a 16-week period and you'll meet with your mentor for a minimum of eight sessions during that time.
Telephone:  1300 363 645
Email:  applications@and.org.au
Website:  www.and.org.au

Salubrious Productions
Salubrious Productions is a Brisbane-based entertainment and production agency representing a diverse range of artists and acts, with a specialty in representing professional artists with a disability.
Telephone:  3855 3048
Mobile:  0414 385 530
Email:  info@salubriousproductions.com
Website:  www.salubriousproductions.com

The Spectrum Organisation
The Spectrum Organisation is making a difference assisting people who have varying degrees of disability to find and maintain open employment. Spectrum Employment is a free service and also offers counselling/psychology services and a Health and Recreation Centre.
Telephone:  3881 3310
Email:  manager@spectrum.org.au
Website:  www.spectrum.org.au
Vision Australia Employment Service
Provides advice and training to help people find and keep a job, make a career change, achieve a promotion or settle into a new role.

We assist people to work in a range of industries from manufacturing and building to finance, administration and hospitality.

Telephone: 1300 847 466
Website: www.visionaustralia.org.au
## Eye Health Support Organisations

### Glaucoma Australia Inc.
Glaucoma Australia is a non-profit registered charity, which aims to minimise visual disability by providing awareness and funding glaucoma research.
Glaucoma Australia offers counselling to sufferers and produces an informative newsletter.

**Address:** Suite 3.02, Level 3, 44 Hampden Road, Artarmon NSW 2064  
**Postal:** PO Box 420, Crows Nest, NSW, 1585  
**Free Call:** 1800 500 880  
**Telephone:** (02) 9411 7722  
**Website:** [www.glaucoma.org.au](http://www.glaucoma.org.au)

### Guide Dogs Queensland
Guide Dogs Queensland provides the following state-wide services:
- Mobility training with a Guide Dog, plus long cane, identification cane, support cane, and electronic travel aids training.
- Guide Dogs breeding and training.
- Residential and domiciliary orientation and mobility and guide dog training programs provided free of charge to the client
- Counselling individuals and their families
- Volunteer Peer Support Program
- Regional services throughout the State
- Community workshops and professional in-service programs.
- Early Learning Mobility Program for children aged 2-5 years
- Guide Dogs Student Camps

### Administration & Breeding and Training Centre
**Address:** 1978 Gympie Road, Bald Hills Qld 4036  
**Postal:** PO Box 5301, Brendale DC, Qld 4500  
**Telephone:** 3500 9001  
**Free Call:** 1800 810 122  
**Website:** [www.guidedogsqld.com.au](http://www.guidedogsqld.com.au)
Guide Dogs Queensland Regional Offices

Bundaberg
- GDQ Shop
- 15 McLean St
- Bundaberg

Ph: 4331 5000
Email: bundy@guidedogsqld.com.au

Gold Coast
- 6 Lawson St
- Southport

Ph: 5644 3900
Email: gold@guidedogsqld.com.au

Rockhampton
- 20 Upper Dawson Rd
- Allenstown

Ph: 4838 9900
Email: rocky@guidedogsqld.com.au

Sunshine Coast
- Shop 4
- 50 Aerodrome Rd
- Maroochydore

Ph: 5352 7800
Email: sunshine@guidedogsqld.com.au

Toowoomba
- 270 Margaret St
- Toowoomba

Ph: 4571 4900
Email: toowoomba@guidedogsqld.com.au

Townsville
- 258 Ross River Rd
- Aitkenvale

Ph: 4421 7300
Email: townsville@guidedogsqld.com.au

Macular Disease Foundation Australia
Macular Disease Foundation Australia is a charity with a mission to reduce the incidence and impact of macular disease in Australia. The Foundation is committed to supporting the needs of those with macular disease, including their family and carers.
The Foundation provides free, expert, independent advice and guidance about all matters relating to living with macular disease including:
- About the various macular diseases
- Information in other languages, including interpreters for Helpline calls
- Understanding Medicare benefits and rebates
- Living well with vision loss
- Latest research

To obtain a free information kit or further information please contact:
Address: Suite 902, Level 9, 447 Kent Street,
Sydney NSW 2000
Telephone: 1800 111 709 / (02) 9261 8900
Email: info@mdfoundation.com.au
Website: www.mdfoundation.com.au
Queensland Eye Institute
Queensland Eye Institute (QEI) Foundation is Queensland’s largest independent academic research institute devoted to eye related health and diseases. QEI Foundation works every day to save sight by providing innovation and excellence in research, education and clinical care to reduce eye disease, improve eye health, and ultimately eliminate preventable blindness in the community. With state-of-the-art facilities in South Brisbane, including the QEI Clinic, South Bank Day Hospital, Queensland Electro-Diagnostic and Imaging Centre, medical library, research and microsurgical teaching laboratories and an auditorium, it is also the home of the QEI Foundation.

QEI Clinic’s Doctors provide medical and surgical management of routine and complex eye disorders with a full range of ophthalmic services including; neuro ophthalmology, oculoplastic, laser eye surgery, retina, glaucoma, paediatrics, cataract, cornea and anterior segment.

QEI Clinic’s opening hours: Monday to Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm.

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm
Address: Level 4, 140 Melbourne Street,
South Brisbane Qld 4101
Telephone: 3239 5050
Email: info@qei.org.au
Website: www.qei.org.au

All profits generated from the South Bank Day Hospital are invested back into the work of the Queensland Eye Institute Foundation.

Retina Australia
Services provided include:
• Information and advice about Retinitis Pigmentosa and associated Retinal diseases
• Advocacy and referral and Information Brochures
• Large Print and audio newsletter
• Social and recreational activities
• Research into retinal eye diseases
Free Call: 1800 999 870
Website: www.retinaaustralia.com.au

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**Stargardt’s Australia**

Stargardt’s Australia is a volunteer organisation dedicated to increasing the awareness of this disease and investigating new methods of treatment, while providing support and information for those with the disease through online newsletters and forum.

Email: info@stargardts-au.org
Website: www.stargardts-au.org

**The CHARGE Syndrome Association of Australasia Ltd**

The Association is committed to improving the health and welfare of children and adults diagnosed with CHARGE syndrome by providing information through online newsletters and articles, and organised events for members.

CHARGE syndrome refers to individuals born with growth defects or with developmental delay of eyes (Coloboma), ears, and other body systems.

Through fundraising, the Association is able to maintain free membership and provide small financial assistance to members in certain circumstances.

Telephone: 3357 1191
Email: admin@chargesyndrome.org.au
Website: www.chargesyndrome.org.au

**Vision Australia**

This organisation provides support and services to people who have low vision or no vision throughout Queensland. Services include:

- Access advice
- Employment service
- Independent Living Services
- Resource and Training centre
- Education Bursaries
- Guide Dog Mobility
- Library Service

Address: 373 Old Cleveland Road Coorparoo Qld 4151
Postal Address: PO Box 1637 Coorparoo DC Qld 4151
Telephone: 1300 847 466
Telephone: 3727 2345
Fax: 1300 847 329

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Email: info@visionaustralia.org
Website: www.visionaustralia.org

Cairns
Suite 7, Level 2, Mainstreet Arcade
82 Grafton St
Cairns Qld 4870
Ph: 4037 5600

Maroochydore
19 George Street
Maroochydore Qld 4558
Ph: 5409 2200

Robina
Suite 1, Level 1
Easy T Centre
510-514 Christine Avenue
Robina Qld 4226
Ph: 5503 6400

Townsville
7 Fulham Road, Pimlico QLD 4812
Postal Address: 7 Fulham Road, Pimlico QLD 4812
Phone: 1300 84 74 66 and ask for Townsville
or
Direct phone: 07 4434 5800
Annerley Church of Christ
Pantry Assist Programme which supplies low cost food to those who hold a Health Care Card and suitable ID
Address: Annerley Church of Christ,
459 Annerley Rd Annerley QLD 4103
Telephone: 3892 2568
Email: annerleychurchofchrist@outlook.com

Loaves and Fishes Street Meet Care Service
At Loaves and Fishes, anyone can purchase pantry basics, meat, dairy, frozen foods, and fresh fruit and vegetables. Food Parcel is outstanding value: $250 for the cost $50 Administration Fee at Kingston, $55 Administration Fee at Toowoomba and $65 Administration Fee at Caboolture.
Address: Unit 1 / 26 Monte Street, Slacks Creek QLD 4127
Telephone: Food Parcel Hotline 3808 5713
Office 0418 842 080
Website: www.loavesandfishes.org.au/
Email: enquires@loavesandfishes.org.au

Project Pantry Food Support Program
Project Pantry Food Support Program operates a Saturday market day for pensioners one a month. A $10 entry fee allows pensioners to choose from a range of fresh fruit and vegetables and staple foods. Emergency food hampers are also available from the Community Support Office.
Telephone: 3624 2121
Email: www.burniebrae.org.au/services/help-in-your-home/project-pantry-food-support-program/
Qld Meals on Wheels Services Association Inc.
Delivering healthy meals to clients' homes to not only ensure their nutritional requirements are being met, but to provide regular social contact and a friendly check to see all is well. Every day a friendly smile, a chat about the weather, a nutritious meal and knowing someone will drop by to say hello, changes the lives of many Australians and it's not just the clients who value this contact, ask any of the 15,000 Queensland volunteers and they will tell you reaching out and making a difference in somebody's day, makes their day.

**Telephone:** 1300 909 790  
**Website:** [www.qmow.org](http://www.qmow.org)

Trinity Pantry
The Pantry is open Tuesday to Friday every week, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm (except public holidays). If you are in need of help because of some crisis or hard times, you don’t have to make an appointment. Just come to the Pantry during opening hours and bring some identification. They provide a selection of non-perishable food on these days and financial emergency relief on Thursdays.

**Telephone:** 3852 1635  
**Website:** [www.trinityvalley.org.au/pantry](http://www.trinityvalley.org.au/pantry)
Information and Awareness Telephone Lines

Health Direct
Provides 24 hour approved health information and advise
Telephone: 1800 022 222
Website: healthdirect.gov.au

Lifeline Information Service
Email: infoservice@lifeline.org.au
Website: www.lifeline.org.au
**Library Services**

**Audible Audiobooks**
Audible offers audiobooks for download (not CD’s). A membership fee of $16.45 per month entitles you to 1 audiobook per month. You can listen to audiobooks on your smart phone, tablet or MP3 player.
**Website:** [www.audible.com.au](http://www.audible.com.au)

**Brisbane City Council Libraries**

**Postal Service for the Blind**
Libraries will post audio books for free to their members who are legally blind. To apply for this service, you must be a Brisbane resident and you will need to complete and send an application form from any Brisbane City Council library.

**Digital**
Council library members can also access digital content via the online library catalogue, eLibCat. Use your library membership barcode number (displayed on the back of your library card) and PIN number.

**Home Library Service**
The Council libraries offer free home delivery for Brisbane residents who are confined to their homes due to ill health or physical disability. The delivery service is also available to people who are at home recovering from operations. Library staff will select items to suit your preferences and deliver them to you monthly.

To apply for this service, you will need to complete and send an application form from any Brisbane City Council library.

**Telephone:** 3403 8888
**Website:** [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au)
Queensland Braille Writing Association
This organisation provides the following services on site or by correspondence.

- Tuition in Braille reading and writing
- Tuition in Moon reading (a simplified embossed form particularly useful for elderly people)
- Free lending library of both Braille and Moon books
- Brailling of materials on request
- Braille and Moon material are available for purchase

Address: 507 Ipswich Road, Annerley Qld 4103
Open: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 8:30am to 2:30pm
Telephone: 3848 5257
Fax: 3848 8099
Email: coordinator@qbwa.org.au
Website: www.braillehouse.org.au

Queensland Narrating Service
Audio information services for people with print disabilities. Services provided:

- An ‘on demand’ service for individuals, community organisations, government departments etc who require any type of print material transcribed by human voice to audio format.
- QNS produces approximately 60 recreational audio books a year. These books can be borrowed from public libraries around the country. See the catalogue page on our website for a list of titles.
- All print material is transcribed into digital audio format in either CD, MP3 or DAISY format.
- Audio for Websites – MP3
- QNS can advocate on a consumers’ behalf to obtain audio format materials where required.
- QNS produces a radio program ‘From the Book Jacket’ which is broadcast on the second Monday of every month on Radio 4RPH. The radio program promotes new release audio book titles, which are available through the public library service, and provides contact details of current community information that is available in audio format.
• QNS holds a VIP Book Club, which is held twice a year at the Brisbane Square Library (BCC) featuring invited guest authors to speak about their books to the group.

Address: 373 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo Qld 4151
Postal Address: PO Box 1383
              Coorparoo DC Qld 4151
Telephone: 3324 0004
Email: qns@qns.net.au
Website: www.qns.net.au

VA Information Library Service
Members can access the library via the free Vision Australia Connect app on their smart phone, iPad or tablet. Or via your computer, a DAISY player or other compatible device. Wifi and 3G DAISY players are available to rent from the Library.

Hours: Monday to Friday 8.30am – 6pm
Address: 454 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong Vic 3144
Toll Free: 1300 654 656
Email: librarymembership@visionaustralia.org
Website: www.visionaustralia.org under the Library tab

Queensland members who receive the service through the Dept of Veteran Affairs telephone 1800 335 588
Paediatric Low Vision Clinic (PLVC)
Offers direct service provided by the Department of Education to students with vision impairment in state and non-state schools. Services are provided to children with vision impairment, including those with multiple impairments, from birth to school leaving age. The PLVC provides a range of specialised vision assessments, support and information to assist students with vision impairment, their families, school staff and specialist support staff. Assessments assist in developing an understanding of each child's vision condition and associated visual behaviours, facilitate student access and participation, and promote learner engagement. Also provides services to a number of regional centres throughout the state in addition to the clinic services on the campus of Narbethong State Special School.

Address: 17 Churchill Street
Buranda Qld 4102
Telephone: 3823 0747
Email: plvc@narbethongspec.eq.edu.au
Website: www.education.qld.gov.au/students/students-with-disability/vision-impairment

Queensland Eye Hospital
The aim of the Queensland Eye Hospital is to provide a full range of ophthalmic services to all patients at a reasonable cost regardless of their choice of health cover. The Hospital provides excellence in surgical eye care delivered in a personal, caring, cost effective and compassionate environment.

Address: Ground Floor, Leichhardt Court, 55 Little Edward Street, Spring Hill, Qld 4001
Telephone: 3236 9844
Email: info@qldeye.com
Website: www.curagroup.com.au/queensland-eye-hospital
Open: Monday to Friday 6am – 6pm

QUT – Health Clinics - Optometry
Compiled by Queensland Blind Association Inc.
The School of Optometry at the Queensland University of Technology operates a comprehensive Optometry Clinic which is available to the public.

Specialist Services and Clinics:
- **Vision Rehabilitation Centre** - provides services to meet the needs of people with low vision, includes optometry, social work, occupational therapy, orientation and mobility.

  Open Hours: Wednesday & Friday 9.00am – 12.00pm

- **General** eye and vision examinations
- **Contact** lenses
- **Spectacle** sales
- **Pediatric/ Binocular vision**
- **Comprehensive** colour vision assessment
- **Computerised** perimetry
- **Corneal** topography
- **Ocular** photography
- **Retinal** and Anterior eye imaging and analysis
- **Aboriginal** and Torres Strait Islander Optometry services

Appointments can be made Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5.00pm. Referrals to other community services can be arranged if necessary.

**Address:**
QUT Health Clinics
Optometry
Level 1
44 Musk Avenue
Kelvin Grove Qld 4059

**Telephone:** 3138 9777

**Website:** [www.qut.edu.au/about/services-and-facilities/all-services/qut-optometry-clinic](http://www.qut.edu.au/about/services-and-facilities/all-services/qut-optometry-clinic)

**Vision Australia Clinics**
Vision Australia holds Low Vision clinics at the following centres:
- Coorparoo – 3-4 days per week
- Nundah Community Centre – monthly
- Robina – 1-2 days per week
- Maroochydore – 1-2 days per week
- Cairns – 1 day per week

To make an appointment call 1300 847 466
Medical Alert

Carelink Medical Alarm.
Providing a 24 hour monitoring system. It assists seniors and adults with a disability to maintain a lifeline with those who care for them when they are in need of help.
Telehone: 1300 135 500
Email: sel@uccommunity.org.au


OzCare Carelink Medical Alarms
Carelink Medical Alarms is a 24-hour monitoring system that connects you to help whenever you may need it.
Carelink Medical Alarms are designed to assist those who are disabled, elderly or infirm living independently in the community. It can also be used on a short-term basis for people recovering from illness, recuperating at home from surgery, or when elderly relatives visit.

Telephone: 1800 692 273
Website: www.ozcare.org.au
Recreation, Sport & Travel

**Arundel Park Riding for Disabled Inc.**
Arundel Park offers horse riding lessons and recreational horse riding for people with disabilities. There are 20 acres and a roofed area for all weather. There are 25 horses and 100 people with disability riders. Also, carriage driving to offer people who are unable to ride, the only restriction is weight and Doctor’s approval.

**Address:** 387 Brisbane Road, Coombabah Qld 4216  
**Telephone:** 5594 0305  
**Website:** [www.arundelparkrda.com.au](http://www.arundelparkrda.com.au)

**Australia’s Cinemas, Museums and Galleries**
Audio guides are available at Cinemas, Australian Museums and Galleries for visitors who are blind or vision impaired. There may be a small fee to hire an audio guide on top of the admittance fee.

**Website:** [www.mediaaccess.org.au/cinema-arts](http://www.mediaaccess.org.au/cinema-arts)

**Blind Golf Australia**
**Website:** [www.blindgolf.com.au](http://www.blindgolf.com.au)

**Blind Sailing Australia**
**Website:** [www.blindsailingaustralia.org/index.html](http://www.blindsailingaustralia.org/index.html)

**Blind Sports Australia**
Blind Sports Australia is the national sporting organisation for Blind and Vision impaired.

Vision Australia Offices  
454 Glenferrie Road KOOYONG VICTORIA  3144  
**Telephone:** 03 9864 9409  
**Email:** admin@blindsportaustralia.com.au  
**Website:** [www.blindsportsaustralia.com.au](http://www.blindsportsaustralia.com.au)
Brisbane Swish Club
Swish is a modified version of table tennis for blind, vision impaired and sighted people.

Address:  Girl Guides Hall, Villa Street, Yeronga Q 4103
Telephone:  0419 745 287 - President  Graham Guildford
Meets:  Thursdays from 5.30pm to 9.00pm
        Saturday from 12.00pm to 2.00pm

Children’s Audio Theatre
A not-for-profit Australian community organisation dedicated to providing a wide variety of theatrical and cultural entertainment. Its activities include the production of audio plays, especially for vision impaired children and adults.

Email:  theatreforallsh@gmail.com
Website:  www.theatreforall.woodpress.com

Downs Blind Bowlers Club
Address:  North Toowoomba Bowls Club
            Elsworthy Street Qld 4350
Telephone:  4634 1272
Meets:  Every Friday $5.00 for morning tea.
        Bar and refreshments available.
Time:  9.30am – 12pm

Queensland Blind Bowlers Association Inc.
Provides opportunities for competition and recreation for people who are blind or have a severe vision impairment through participation in the sport of lawn bowls.

Email:  qldblindbowlers@gmail.com
Website:  www.bowlsqld.org

Gold Coast-Tweed Golf Club
Our District support the participation of bowlers with disabilities.

Address:  Carrara Golf Course
Telephone:  0490 913 738
Email:  info@gctbowls.org.au
Website:  www.gctbowls.org.au/bowlers-with-disability/
**McIntyre Centre Pony Riding for the Disabled Association**
The main aim is to provide riding lessons for people with a disability and encourage them to ride to the best of their ability.

**Address:** Moggill & Mt Crosby Roads, Pinjarra Hills Qld 4069  
**Telephone:** 3202 6300  
**Fax:** 3202 8059  
**Website:** [www.mcintyrecentre.org.au](http://www.mcintyrecentre.org.au)

**Nintendo Wii Game**
The visually-impaired and the sighted can enjoy the same level and quality of gameplay with a game called “AudioOdyssey”

**Email:** [gamelab-request@mit.edu](mailto:gamelab-request@mit.edu)  
**Website:** [http://gamelab.mit.edu/](http://gamelab.mit.edu/)

**Queensland Blind Cricket Association Inc.**
Catering for people who have a love for cricket and like to be involved in sporting events. People with vision impairments have the opportunity to play cricket at the Club on Sundays and under 16 years are also welcome to join. People must be in receipt of a DSP Blind Pension.

**Playing Field**

**Address:** Yeronga Park 104 Villa Street, Annerley Qld 4103  
**Postal:** PO Box 12419, George Street Brisbane Qld 4003  
**Email:** qldblindcricket@outlook.com  
**Website:** [www.blindcricket.org.au/](http://www.blindcricket.org.au/)

**Qld Performing Arts Centre (QPAC)**
QPAC have audio-described performances for patrons who are blind or have low vision.
Check website for a list of audio described performances.

**Website:** [www.qpac.com.au/useful_information/audio_described_performances](http://www.qpac.com.au/useful_information/audio_described_performances)

**Sailability**
A non-profit organisation dedicated to increasing sailing opportunities for everyone, regardless of age or disability. It caters for people with a wide range of disabilities and sailing experience. It has sailing venues at the Bayside, Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast.

**Postal Address:** PO Box 970, Wynnum Qld 4178  
**Email:** sailabilityqld@gmail.com  
**Website:** [www.sailability.qld.org](http://www.sailability.qld.org)

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**Specialised Walks**
Downfall Creek’s Senses Trail
The Trail features wheelchair-accessible path, interpretive signage with Braille and raise text, cast objects and an interactive activity station. This trail engages all the senses and can be enjoyed by people of any age or ability.

**Address:** Downfall Creek Bushland Centre
815 Rode Road, McDowall Qld 4053

**Telephone:** 3407 2400

**Email:** DCBC@brisbane.qld.gov.au


**Roma Street Parklands Guided Walks**
Roma Street Parklands has a guided Sensory walk designed to stimulate the senses, memory and mood. The Sensory Walk is aimed to stimulate the senses, memory and mood. It is designed for individuals that have vision impairment and individuals living with brain injuries. This walk is largely based around the quiet surrounds of the Spectacle Garden and The Forest. The walk can also cater for individuals and groups looking for a different way to explore the Parkland surrounds. Bookings are essential and are required at least 24 hours in advance. For bookings or enquiries:

**Telephone:** 1300 137 468

**Email:** rsp@cityparklands.com.au

**Sporting Wheelies and Disabled Association**
Encourages, facilitates and co-ordinates programmes and opportunities for people of all ages and level of ability that fall within the areas of Sport, Recreation and Fitness. Including a whole range of sports for Low vision and no Vision people. The Association is State wide and has Sport and Recreation staff.

**Address:** 60 Edmondstone Road, Bowen Hills Qld 4006

**Telephone:** 3253 3333

**Fax:** 3253 3322

**Email:** mailbox@sportingwheelies.org.au

**Website:** www.sportingwheelies.org.au
The Blind Sport Podcast
The Blind Sport Podcast is an audio podcast issued approximately twice per month. Subscribe via iTunes or your favorite podcasting facility or play it directly from the website to listen to a wide selection of sports and physical recreational activity related topics.

Email: mike@theblindsportpodcast.com
Website: www.theblindsportpodcast.com

Crossroads (Qld)
Crossroads’ (Qld) mission is to share Christian fellowship with people with disabilities, their families and their carers. They do this through a range of social, recreational, respite and holiday programs that provide life enriching experiences and relationships.

Other Uniting Care Qld service organisations include:
- Blue Care
- Lifeline Community Care Queensland
- Uniting HealthCare
- Wesley Mission Brisbane/Wesley Mission Ipswich

Address: 91 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West Qld 4032
Telephone: 3867 2518
Email: xrds.info@ucccommunity.org.au
Website: www.crossroadsfellowship.org.au
**Websites**

**All in Play**
Online games that blind / vision impaired and sighted people can play together as equals. Games include Crazy Eights and Poker. The games are designed to be accessible and to work with existing assistive technology. The products work seamlessly with screen readers.

**Website:** [www.afb.org/directory/all-in-play](http://www.afb.org/directory/all-in-play)

**Blind Gamers**
The focus of this site is to provide a list of games accessible to blind players, sorted by average community rating so that you can quickly find the best games. Players can rate games and write reviews so that others can learn more about a game they may be interested in playing.

**Website:** [www.blindgamers.com](http://www.blindgamers.com)

**E-access Bulletin (UK origin)**
E-access Bulletin, a free, independent monthly e-mail newsletter on information technology issues for people with visual impairment and blindness.
The Bulletin covers everything from consumer electronics to the internet, examining design and access issues and technical developments.

**Website:** [www.headstar.com/eab](http://www.headstar.com/eab)

**Fantastic Games and Where to Find Them**
This website lists games to download and can use Speech or Sounds. Some games are free while others you have to pay for. The list is updated regularly.

**Website:** [www.pcsgames.net/game-co.htm](http://www.pcsgames.net/game-co.htm)

**Large Print Puzzles**
This website has a large range of fun puzzles that are easy to read. Puzzles include Sudoku, Word Search and Crosswords. All puzzles are in PDF format. You are able to save them to your computer or print them off the website.

**Website:** [www.large-print-puzzles.com](http://www.large-print-puzzles.com)
Directions to Warwick Street, Annerley

- If coming from the city travelling south:
  Head towards Annerley along Annerley Road. Turn right into Cronin Street and follow this street down to the end which then flows into Equity Street. Turn first left into Fanny Street and head up as far as you can and turn right into Warwick Street.

If travelling by bus the stop number is No 22 Annerley Junction.

- If coming from Moorooka travelling north:
  Travel along Ipswich Road until the road meets Annerley Road (sharp turn left) into Fanny Street. Follow the road around into Warwick Street.

If travelling by bus the stop number is No 22/21 Annerley Junction.

We are the 3rd building on the left with the very large blue metal letter box. There is one visitor’s car park in front of our building for your convenience. You have a choice of a ramp or steps to enter our building.