

# TO ASSIST BLIND & VISION IMPAIRED PEOPLE OF QUEENSLAND



## QUEENSLAND SUPPORT GROUPS

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# ***Queensland Blind Association Inc.***

The Queensland Blind Association Inc. has provided practical support for Blind and Low Vision people of Queensland for over 85 years.

The Association receives no direct Government support and aims to help our membership to lead independent lives.

Vital services, which are provided by the Association to its members, may include the following:-

- Information and referral service.
- Financial assistance towards utility accounts, adaptive technology, white goods, some items of furniture and home maintenance.
- Talking and Low Vision Products from our Resource Department.
- Large print or email Newsletters.
- Publications available in normal print, large print & on our website of
  - Catalogue of Talking and Low Vision Products
  - Directory of Agencies
  - Directory of Concessions
  - Directory of Queensland Support Groups
  - Directory of Suppliers for Building Modifications

You do not have to be a member to access some of our services. We are also a NDIS Provider of Talking and Low Vision Products.

The information in this booklet is an alpha listing of Support Groups, providing services and support for people who are Blind or Vision Impaired in Queensland. Against each agency is a basic and brief description of their services.

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## **BRISBANE**

### **BAYSIDE LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Donald Simpson Community Centre,  
172 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland 4163  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Time: 10.00am to 12 noon  
Contact: Vanessa Telephone: 3821 1089

### **BRISBANE SOUTHSIDE BLIND & LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Library Meeting Room, Garden City Shopping Centre,  
Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt 4122  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am  
Contact: Peter Telephone: 3345 7421

### **CITY LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Brisbane Square Library,  
266 George Street, Brisbane 4000  
Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month  
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am  
Contact: Jenny Telephone: 0497 789 751

### **NUNDAH LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Various, contact coordinator  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Time: 9.00am – 11.30am  
Contact: John Telephone: 3266 3452

### **WYNNUM LOCAL CLIENT GROUP**

Venue: Wynnum Manly Leagues Club,  
92 Wondall Road, Manly West 4178  
Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month in cafeteria  
Time: 12.00am – 1.30pm  
Contact: Bridget Telephone: 3396 0637  
Email: [bridgetbrett1@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetbrett1@gmail.com)

## **SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND**

### **BRIBIE ISLAND VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Congeau House, 34 Banya Street, Bongaree 4507  
Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month  
Time: 9.00am – 11.30am  
Contact: Fred & Dorothy Telephone: 3410 0319

### **GOLD COAST – BLIND & VISION IMPAIRED ASSOCIATION**

Venue: B.A.V.I.A. House, 14 Kalimna Drive, Broadbeach 4218  
Meets: Every Wednesday and Friday  
Time: 9.30am – 1.00pm  
Contact: Tim Telephone: 0452 537 459  
Email: [babiahouse@gmail.com](mailto:babiahouse@gmail.com)

### **IPSWICH VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Various, contact coordinator  
Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 9.30am- 11.30am  
Contact: Val Telephone: 3288 2689  
Les 3202 3966

### **SUNSHINE COAST MEN'S GROUP**

Venue: Vision Australia, 19 George Street, Maroochydore 4558  
Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 10am – 12 noon  
Contact: Trevor Telephone: 0429 484 744

## **DARLING DOWNS**

### **BLIND CITIZENS AUSTRALIA**

Venue: McDonalds Restaurant, Margaret Street, Toowoomba 4350  
Meets: Various dates as required  
Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm  
Contact: Joyce Telephone: 4632 6019

## **WIDE BAY / BURNETT**

### **BUNDABERG BLIND & VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: 1A Civic Avenue, Bundaberg 4670  
Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am  
Contact: Graeme Telephone: 0407 499 031

### **HERVEY BAY BLIND & VISION IMPAIRED SOCIAL CLUB**

Venue: Tavistock Court Hall, Gate 4, Torbay Retirement Village,  
Tavistock Street, Torquay 4655  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month  
Time: 9.30am – 11.00am  
Contact: Wes or Lyn Telephone: 4125 0193 / 0427 809 224

### **MARYBOROUGH LOW VISION & BLIND PERSONS SOCIAL GROUP**

Venue: The Meeting Place, 115 Steindle Street, Granville 4650  
Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month excluding public holidays  
Time: 10.00am – 11.30am  
Contact: Kath Telephone: 0437 282 360

## **FITZROY**

### **BOYNE ISLAND LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Boyne Tannum Community Centre, Hayes Ave, Boyne Island  
Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 10.00am – 12.00 noon  
Contact: Cecily Telephone: 4973 7445

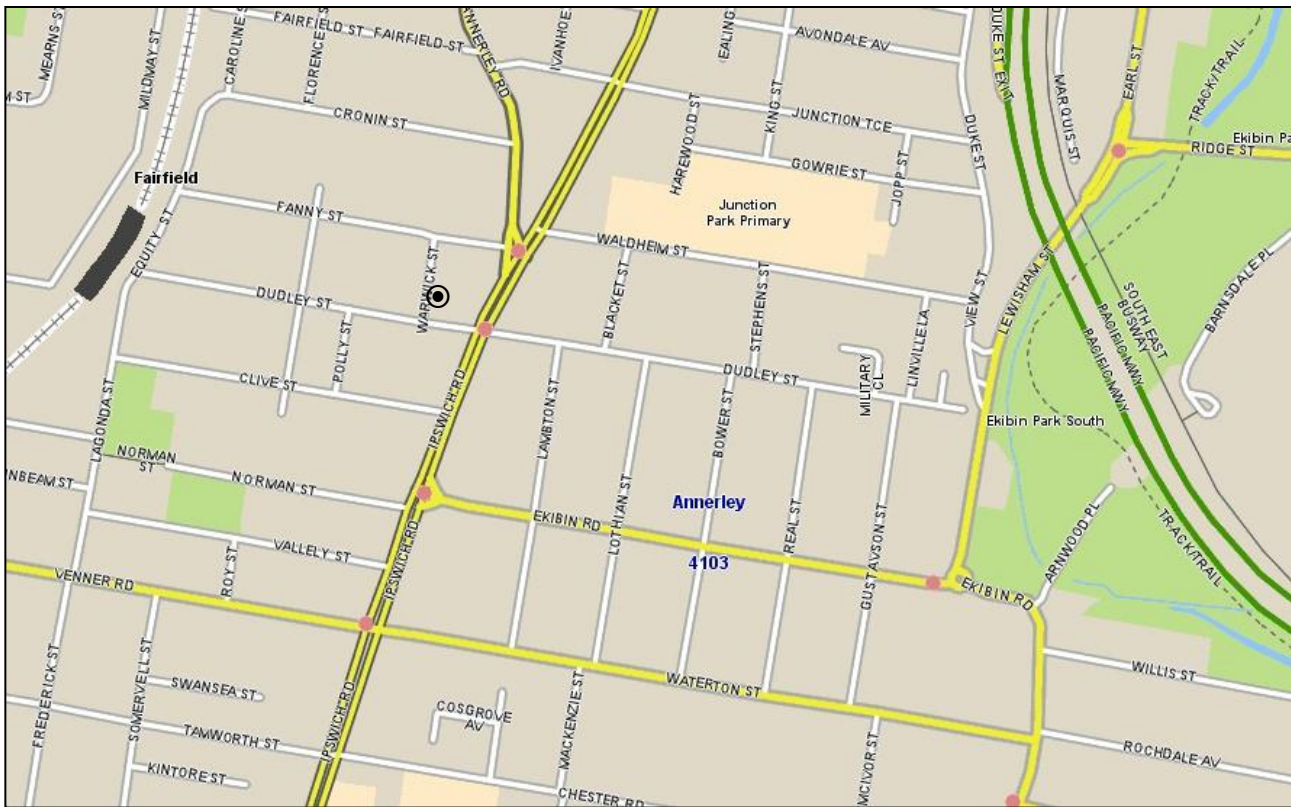
### **ROCKHAMPTON LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Talbot Estate Hall, 228/230A Lion Creek Road, Wandal 4700  
Meets: Last Tuesday of each month  
Time: 9.00am – 11.00am  
Contact: Kath Telephone: 4926 2801

## **FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND**

### **VIS – VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORT**

Venue: Cairns RSL Club, 119 The Esplanade, Cairns 4870  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Time: 11.00am – 12.00 noon  
Contact: Pam Telephone: 4038 3366



## 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 which is a one-way street.

If travelling south bound 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 and turn left into Warwick Street which is a one-way street.

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

Our administration building has a braille trail leading to our front door. You have a choice of a ramp or steps to enter our building. There is one visitor's car park in front of our building for your convenience.