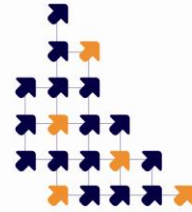


Futures Forum

Queensland Community Services Futures Forum



The Queensland Community Services Futures Forum is an independent coalition of over 40 Queensland state-wide human services, peak organisations, service providers and networks.

The Futures Forum brings together the collective wisdom of the Queensland Not-for-profit Health & Community Services Sector (the Sector) to:

- ❖ Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information;
- ❖ Engage in strategic analysis and future thinking about where we want the sector to be, and how we can position ourselves for ongoing improvement; and
- ❖ Identify activities that can serve as vehicles for proactive change.

Promoting the contribution the Sector makes towards a fair and just society for all Queenslanders is a part of our core business.

Why we exist

- ❖ The Forum comes together because there are some outcomes that can only be achieved collectively.
- ❖ We come together to create a space to envision the future of the sector, and draw on the collective wisdom and experience of members to identify the vehicles for change that will get us there.
- ❖ It is a space for intellectual exchange, where we can engage with big issues and the 'big picture'.
- ❖ We work collectively to do what we cannot do on our own.

Our Strengths

- ❖ We are a loose coalition, which allows us to maintain a flexible approach and diverse viewpoints
- ❖ We are welcoming and have a collective goodwill amongst our members
- ❖ We have shared values in the shape of the [Community Services Sector Charter](#)
- ❖ We have brought together our collective wisdom and experience We include regional voices
- ❖ We can hold our vision, even though we are not a formal or incorporated organisation.

What We Do

Our key strategic goal is to increase recognition of the unique contribution of the Community Services Sector by the broader community.

In 2010 and 2011 we will do this by:

- Developing and beginning to implement a marketing and communications plan for promoting the sector.
- Examining the recommendations of the Productivity Commission's Report into the Contribution of the Not-for-profit sector and identify key agendas to progress.

The Futures Forum also works to embed the goals and principles of the [Queensland Compact](#) by electing representatives on the [Compact Governance Committee](#) and raising issues through this mechanism.

For more detailed information on the projects we're currently working on, you can read our [Action Plan](#) and our [meeting minutes and agendas](#) online. You can also contact Anne Curson at QCSS on 3004 6900 or visit www.futuresforum.org.au for more information.

Our Members

- ❖ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Service (Queensland) Limited
- ❖ Aged Care Queensland Incorporated
- ❖ Australian Pensioners' and Superannuants' League (Queensland) Incorporated
- ❖ Australian Red Cross (Queensland)
- ❖ Bravehearts Incorporated
- ❖ Cairns Alliance of Social Services
- ❖ Capricorn Community Development Association Incorporated
- ❖ Carers Queensland
- ❖ Centacare Brisbane
- ❖ Centacare Cairns
- ❖ Centacare Toowoomba
- ❖ Central Highlands Human Services Sector Group
- ❖ Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health Queensland Limited
- ❖ Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland
- ❖ Community Centres and Family Support Network Association Queensland Incorporated
- ❖ Council on the Ageing Queensland Incorporated
- ❖ Endeavour Foundation
- ❖ Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland Limited
- ❖ Health and Community Services Workforce Council Incorporated
- ❖ Mission Australia
- ❖ Multiple Sclerosis Queensland
- ❖ National Disability Services Queensland
- ❖ Ozcare
- ❖ Peakcare Queensland Incorporated
- ❖ Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council
- ❖ Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Human Services Coalition
- ❖ Queensland Aged and Disability Advocacy Incorporated
- ❖ Queensland Alliance for Mental Health
- ❖ Queensland Association for Healthy Communities Incorporated
- ❖ Queensland Association of Independent Legal Services Incorporated
- ❖ Queensland Baptist Care
- ❖ Queensland Community Housing Coalition Limited
- ❖ Queensland Council of Social Service Incorporated
- ❖ Queensland Disability Housing Coalition
- ❖ Queensland Domestic Violence Services Network
- ❖ Queensland Shelter Incorporated
- ❖ Queensland Working Women's Service Incorporated
- ❖ Queensland Youth Housing Coalition Incorporated
- ❖ Regional Social Development Centre
- ❖ Relationships Australia (Queensland)
- ❖ Spiritus
- ❖ St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland
- ❖ Tenants' Union of Queensland
- ❖ The Salvation Army Queensland
- ❖ UnitingCare Queensland
- ❖ Volunteering Queensland Incorporated
- ❖ Welfare Rights Centre
- ❖ Women's Health Services Network Queensland
- ❖ Youth Affairs Network of Queensland Incorporated

The Role of QCOSS

The Queensland Council of Social Service (QCOSS) has traditionally played a leadership role in cross-sectoral issues to help build and promote a strong community services sector.

A part of this work has been to play a strong role in the Futures Forum by facilitating its operations and providing resources to progress the Forum's actions. This is done by the provision of secretariat support, and the QCOSS Director acting as the Forum's elected Chair.

Members of the Forum do not have to be members of QCOSS, and all members of the Forum (including QCOSS), can participate in its activities.