

# 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 Low and No vision people of Queensland for over 80 years.

The Association of approximately 700 members, which receives no direct Government support, aims to help people with low and no Vision 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.
- Audio, large print or email Newsletters.
- Publications available in normal print, large print & on our website
  - Catalogue of Low Vision and Talking Products
  - Directory of Concessions
  - Directory of Agencies to Assist People with Low and No Vision
  - Directory of Queensland Support Groups
  - Directory of Suppliers of Adaptive Technology
  - Directory of Suppliers for Building Modifications
  - Directory of Bursaries, Scholarships, Grants & Funding Information

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 Support Groups, which provide services and support for people with low or no vision in Queensland.

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 people with low or no vision 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.

### **Disclaimer**

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## **BRISBANE**

### **BALD HILLS VISION IMPAIRED GROUP**

Venue: Kallangur Memorial Bowls Club Inc  
Main Function Room  
1351 Anzac Avenue, Kallangur Qld 4503

Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month

Time: 9.30am to 11.15am

Contact: Maureen Telephone: 0412 876 915  
Michael 0431 339 315

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

Venue: Donald Simpson Community Centre,  
172 Bloomfield Street, Cleveland Qld 4163

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month

Time: 10.00am to 12 noon

Contact: Debbie Telephone: 3823 1506

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

Venue: Library Meeting Room, Garden City Shopping Centre,  
Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt Qld 4122

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

Time: 9.30am to 12 noon

Contact: Peter Telephone: 3345 7421

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

Venue: Catholic Centre, Lower Ground Floor,  
143 Edward Street, Brisbane Qld 4000

Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month

Time: 9.30am –12 noon

Contact: Jenny Telephone: 3263 4810  
0497 789 751

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

Venue: Nundah Historical Society Rooms  
(Rear of Nundah Library), 1 Bage Street, Nundah Qld 4012  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Time: 9.00am – 11.30am  
Contact: John Telephone: 3266 3452

### **RETINA FRIENDS**

Venue: Community Meeting Room, Brisbane City Library,  
Brisbane City  
Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.  
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am  
Contact: Graeme Telephone: 3849 7752

### **WHELLER LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: 30/21 The Boulevard, Chermside Qld 4032  
Meets: 2nd Wednesday of every second month  
Time: 2.00pm  
Contact: Brian Telephone: 3350 2862

### **WRITING WITH A VISION**

Venue: Brisbane Square Library, Brisbane City  
Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month  
Time: 11.30am to 2.30pm  
Contact: Wendy Telephone: 0422 879 093

### **WYNNUM LOCAL CLIENT GROUP**

Venue: Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, 92 Wondall Road,  
Manly West Qld 4178  
Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Time: 11am – 12 noon  
Contact: Bridget Telephone: 3396 0637

## **SOUTH EAST QUEENSLAND**

### **BEAUDESERT REGION VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Blue Care Building,  
7 Duckett Street, Beaudesert Qld 4285  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month  
Time: 10.00am  
Contact: Marg & Roy Telephone: 5541 2562  
0439 412 562

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

Venue: Congeau House, 34 Banya Street, Bongaree Qld 4507  
Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month  
Time: 9.00am – 11.00am  
Contact: Fred & Dorothy Telephone: 3410 0319

### **CABOOLTURE LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Morayfield Shopping Centre  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am  
Contact: Telephone: 5495 7332

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

Venue: B.A.V.I.A. House, 14 Kalimna Drive, Broadbeach Qld 4218  
Meets: Every Wednesday of each month  
Time: 9.30am - 1pm  
Contact: Rodney Telephone: 0418 660 978

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

Venue: Ipswich Workers Club, Bell Street, Ipswich Qld 4305  
Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 9.30am- 11.30am  
Contact: Val Telephone: 3288 2689



### **REDCLIFFE BLIND & VISION IMPAIRED GROUP**

Venue: Redcliffe Senior Citizens Hall (next to Fire Station)  
401 Oxley Avenue, Redcliffe Qld 4020  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month  
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am  
Contact: Michael Telephone: 0417 633 738

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

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

### **WORKPLACE VIPs**

Venue: Various, contact coordinator  
Meets: Once a month on Saturday  
Time: 9am  
Contact: Jan Telephone: 0484 237 786

## **DARLING DOWNS**

### **BLIND CITIZENS AUSTRALIA**

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

### **SOMERSET VISION SUPPORT INC**

Venue: 15 Peace Street, Lowood  
Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month  
Time: 10am  
Contact: Col Telephone: 0409 481877

## **WARWICK VIP AWARENESS GROUP**

Venue: Condamine Sports Club  
133 Palmerin Street, Warwick Qld 4370  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 11.00am – 12.00pm  
Contact: Frank Telephone: 4661 2860

## **WIDE BAY / BURNETT**

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

Venue: Family Centre, Showgrounds, 1 Kensington Street,  
Bundaberg Qld 4670  
Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month  
Time: 9.30am – 2.00pm  
Contact: Graeme Telephone: 4151 6939  
0407 499 031

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

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

### **HERVEY BAY VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Hervey Bay Neighbourhood Centre, 22 Charles Street,  
Pialba Qld  
Meets: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 10am  
Contact: Sharon Telephone: 0402 770 922

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

Venue: Parkside Café, Adelaide Street, Maryborough Qld  
Meets: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month  
Time: 10.30am  
Contact: Kath Telephone: 0437 282 360

## **SOUTH BURNETT VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Kingaroy RSL, Cnr Markwell & Sport Streets,  
Kingaroy Qld 4610  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 10.30am  
Contact: Jenny & Ken Telephone: 4163 1262  
Email: [jenny66@netspace.net.au](mailto:jenny66@netspace.net.au)

## **FITZROY**

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

Venue: Boyne Island Community Hall  
Cnr Wyndham & Hayes Avenue, Boyne Island Qld 4680  
Meets: 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month  
Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm  
Contact: Cecily Telephone: 4973 7445

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

Venue: Talbot Estate Hall  
Meets: Last Tuesday of each month  
Time: 9.00am – 11.00am  
Contact: Kath Telephone: 4926 2801

## **MACKAY**

### **MACKAY LIONS LOW VISION ACTIVITY GROUP**

Venue: Hibiscus Centre, 349 Shakespeare Street,  
Mackay Qld 4740  
Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month  
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am  
Contact: Rebecca Telephone: 0451 117 232

## **FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND**

### **MARLIN COAST COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP**

Venue: Level 2, Main Street Arcade,  
82 Grafton Street, Cairns Qld 4870

Meets: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month

Time: 10am – 12.00pm

Contact: Wendy

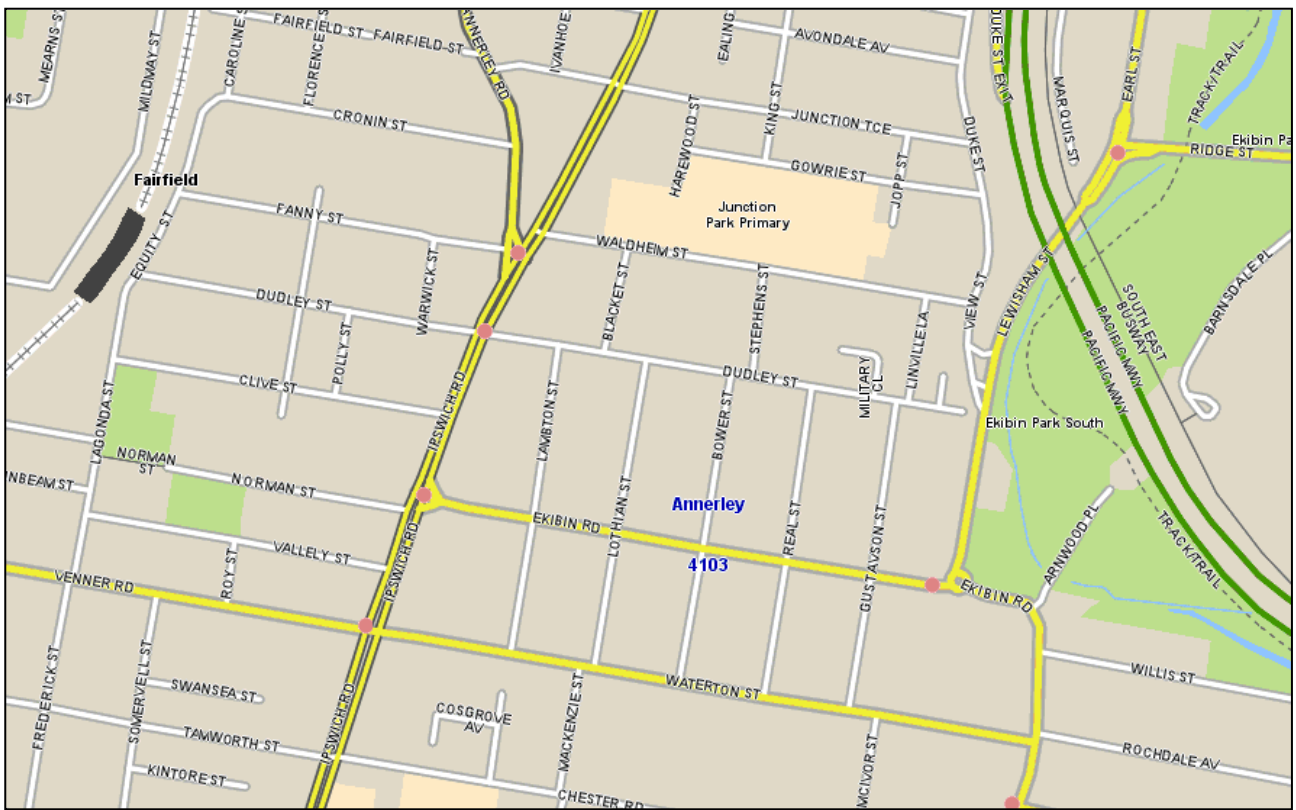
Telephone: 0407 353 858

## **SUPPORT GROUPS VIA EMAIL**

### **COLOUR BLIND AWARENESS & SUPPORT GROUP**

Email: [colourblind@optusnet.com.au](mailto:colourblind@optusnet.com.au)

Website: [www.members.optusnet.com.au/~doverton](http://www.members.optusnet.com.au/~doverton)



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.