

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 80 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.
- A 50% discount on one white cane is available per year.
- Financial assistance towards rates, rental, electricity, telephone and communication, adaptive technology, air conditioning units, white goods, some items of furniture and home maintenance.
- Talking and Low Vision Products on sale from our Resource Department. Discounts apply to membership.
- Audio, 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 to Assist People who are Blind and Vision Impaired
 - Directory of Concessions
 - Directory of Queensland Support Groups

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.

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 who are Blind or Vision Impaired 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 in a professional or personal capacity.

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: 1st 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: 2nd & 4th 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 Qld 4122

Meets: 2nd Tuesday 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: 3rd 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: 2nd & 4th 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: 4th 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
Email: denian22@bigpond.com

WRITING WITH A VISION

Venue: Brisbane Square Library, Brisbane City
Meets: 1st Friday of each month except January
Time: 11.30am to 2.30pm
Contact: Wendy Telephone: 0422 879 093
Email: wendydartnall@hotmail.com

WYNNUM LOCAL CLIENT GROUP

Venue: Wynnum Manly Leagues Club, 92 Wondall Road,
Manly West Qld 4178
Meets: 3rd Thursday of each month in cafeteria
Time: 11.00am – 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: 2nd 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: 3rd 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 Qld 4218
Meets: Every Wednesday of each month
Time: 9.30am – 1.00pm
Contact: Rodney Telephone: 0418 660 978

IPSWICH VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP

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

REDCLIFFE BLIND & VISION IMPAIRED GROUP

Venue: Various, contact coordinator
Meets: Last Thursday of each month
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am
Contact: Rae Telephone: 3204 9102
Michael 3883 2905

SUNSHINE COAST MEN'S GROUP

Venue: Vision Australia Maroochydore
19 George Street, Maroochydore Qld 4558
Meets: 4th Tuesday of each month
Time: 10am – 12noon
Contact: Trevor

Telephone: 0429 484 744

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: 1st Monday of each month
Time: 10.00am
Contact: Col

Telephone: 0409 481 877

WARWICK VIP AWARENESS GROUP

Venue: Condamine Sports Club
133 Palmerin Street, Warwick Qld 4370
Meets: 2nd Tuesday of each month
Time: 11.00am – 12.00pm
Contact: Frank

Telephone: 4661 2860

WIDE BAY / BURNETT

BUNDABERG BLIND & VISION IMPAIRED SUPPORT GROUP

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

HERVEY BAY BLIND & VISION IMPAIRED SOCIAL CLUB

Venue: Tavistock Court Hall, Gate 4, Torbay Retirement Village,
Tavistock Street, Torquay Qld 4655
Meets: 2nd 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 4655
Meets: 3rd Tuesday of each month
Time: 10.00am
Contact: Sharon Telephone: 0402 770 922

MARYBOROUGH LOW VISION & BLIND PERSONS SOCIAL GROUP

Venue: Maryborough RSL, 163 Lennox Street,
Maryborough Qld 4650
Meets: 1st Monday of every month excluding public holidays
Time: 10.30am
Contact: Kath Telephone: 0437 282 360

FITZROY

BOYNE ISLAND LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Venue: Boyne Island Community Hall
Cnr Wyndham & Hayes Avenue, Boyne Island Qld 4680
Meets: 4th 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: 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month
Time: 9.30am – 11.30am
Contact: Melissa Telephone: 0411 621 712

FAR NORTH QUEENSLAND

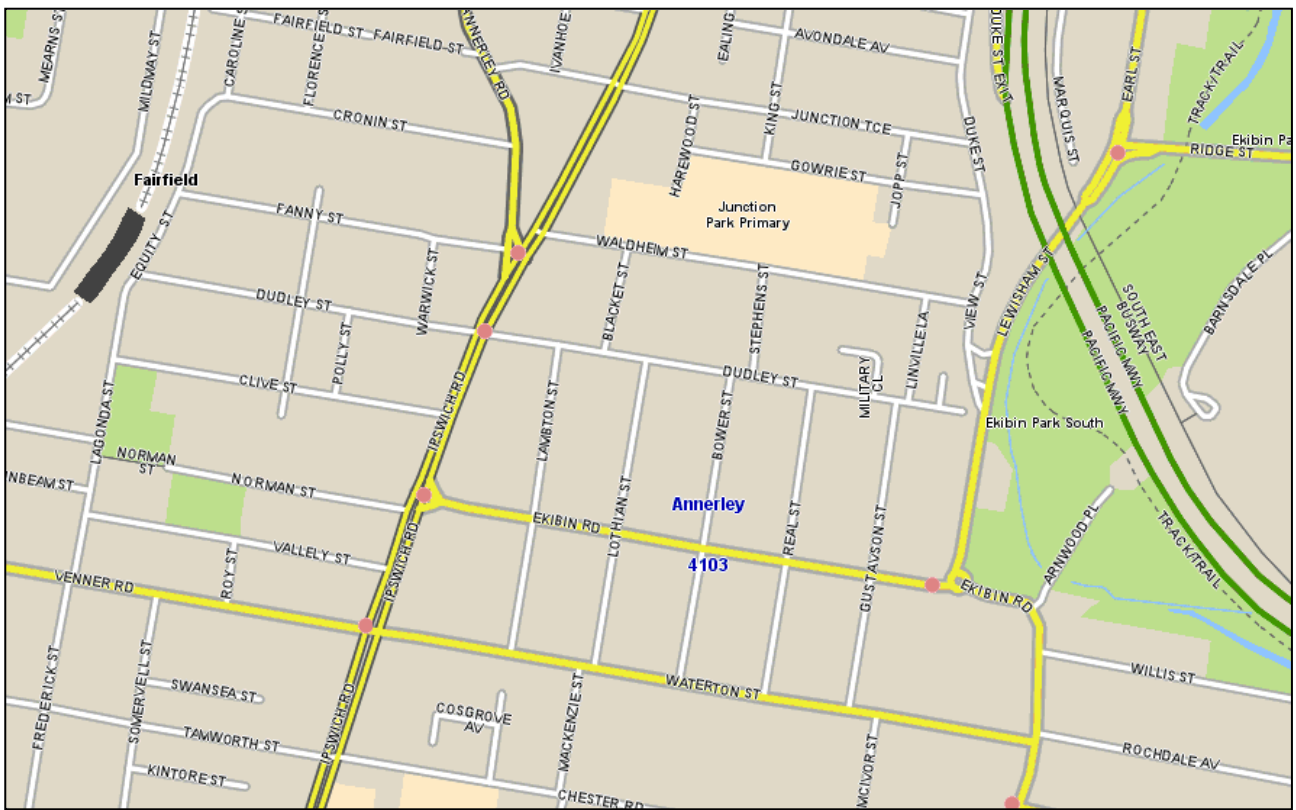
MARLIN COAST COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

Venue: Coral Cafe, Mercy Place, 257 Gatton Street,
Westcourt Qld 4870
Meets: 2nd Thursday of each month
Time: 11.30am – 1.30pm
Contact: Wendy Telephone: 0407 353 858

SUPPORT GROUPS VIA EMAIL

COLOUR BLIND AWARENESS & SUPPORT GROUP

Email: colourblind@optusnet.com.au
Website: 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 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 very large blue metal letter box near the footpath and there is 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.