

# Queensland Social Enterprise Development



Social Ventures Australia (SVA) has pioneered work to support the development of social enterprises in Queensland, with the support of the Australian and Queensland Governments. Most recently, this has been through the Queensland Inclusive Social Enterprises Project (QISEP), Youth Enterprises Partnership (YEP), Supporting Social Enterprises Project (SSEP) and the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI)'s 'Participate in Prosperity' Project.

With the increasing focus on social enterprise from government, the commercial sector and the non-profit sector, SVA has targeted the development of social enterprises that support employment for people who have been excluded from the labour market, such as people experiencing mental illness or disability, long-term unemployed and at-risk youth.

In partnership with the Queensland Government, SVA has and will continue to support the growth of social enterprises by providing:

- Business training and mentoring
- Pro bono support in finance, law and marketing
- Procurement opportunities
- Financial investment.

## **Australian Indigenous Youth Academy (AIYA)**

Brisbane, Queensland  
[www.aiya.com.au](http://www.aiya.com.au)

Australian Indigenous Youth Academy (AIYA) is an Indigenous social enterprise operating in Queensland, committed to closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians through providing school-based traineeships and fee-for-service cultural and fitness programs.

## **Baillie Café**

Toowoomba, Queensland  
07 4632 4688

Located in Toowoomba at the Baillie Henderson Hospital, the café is being re-developed and will create employment for people with mental illness who are members of the Toowoomba Clubhouse.

## **Brothers Acts of Random Kindness (BARK)**

Townsville, Queensland  
07 4795 2920

Brother Acts of Random Kindness (BARK) provides services in vegetation management, park maintenance and pest control. BARK employs primarily Indigenous ex-offenders and provides culturally relevant support to their staff.

## **Changing Landscapes**

Ipswich, Queensland  
[www.changinglandscapes.com.au](http://www.changinglandscapes.com.au)

Changing Landscapes provides landscaping, horticultural and vegetation services. An initiative of Challenge Employment, Changing Landscapes was established to create education, training and employment opportunities for the disadvantaged and unemployed in the Ipswich region.

## **Entekom**

Brisbane, Queensland  
[www.entekom.com](http://www.entekom.com)

Entekom is a computer recycling and refurbishment business, aiming to provide wider access to technology both locally and internationally by offering low cost computers and training to those on low incomes, while creating employment opportunities for people who have been excluded from the labour market in the past.

## **Espresso Train Café and Catering**

Brisbane, Queensland  
[www.espressotrainscatering.com.au](http://www.espressotrainscatering.com.au)

Espresso Train, located next to Nundah Train Station, provides beautiful food through the café and catering services. Espresso Train is a part of the Nundah Community Enterprise Co-operative.

## **Food Connect**

Brisbane, Queensland  
[www.foodconnect.com.au](http://www.foodconnect.com.au)

Food Connect Brisbane sells affordable fresh food direct from farmers and has a gourmet catering service using fresh organic produce. Food Connect was established to provide a fair price to farmers and also provides a supportive and fair work environment for people from all walks of life including long-term unemployed and young people disengaged from school.

## **Ipswich Healthy Hampers Co-operative**

Ipswich, Queensland  
[www.tivolimc.com.au](http://www.tivolimc.com.au)

Ipswich Healthy Hampers Co-operative (IHHC) sells low cost food for families that are experiencing financial hardship, as well as employment opportunities for people excluded from the labour market. IHHC sources food through a mixture of donations and bulk purchases.

## **Lagoon Creek Catering and Function Centre**

Caboolture, Queensland  
[www.lagooncreekcafe.com.au](http://www.lagooncreekcafe.com.au)

Lagoon Creek Catering and Function Centre, located at Longman's Campus in Caboolture provides high quality catering, conference and meeting facilities in Caboolture, Queensland. An initiative of Caboolture Community Work Co-operative, it provides a supportive work environment for people with a mental illness.



## **Livingin Constructions and Livingin Landscapes**

Brisbane, Queensland  
[www.livinginconstructions.com.au](http://www.livinginconstructions.com.au)  
[www.livinginlandscapes.com.au](http://www.livinginlandscapes.com.au)

Livingin Construction and Livingin Landscapes designs and constructs buildings and landscapes that meet the requirements of families with complex needs. The businesses, owned by Kyabra Community Association Inc., also provide supportive employment for disadvantaged job seekers by employing them to work alongside trained staff and contractors.

## **lowercase**

Brisbane, Queensland  
[www.lowercase.net.au](http://www.lowercase.net.au)

lowercase provides digital media, animation, film, vision mixing and sound services. It is a business with a target market of young people run by young people. lowercase employs creative young people experiencing barriers to employment or disengaged from school.

## **Mu'ooz Eritrean Restaurant and Catering**

Brisbane, Queensland  
[www.muooz.com.au](http://www.muooz.com.au)

Mu'ooz Eritrean Restaurant and Catering Service provides a unique cultural dining experience in the heart of Moorooka Brisbane. Mu'ooz employs refugee women from Africa, either as a long-term option or as a springboard to other employment, many of whom are struggling to settle into life in Australia with limited English language skills and no formal qualifications, documentation or work history.

## **North Queensland Green Solutions (NQGS)**

Townsville, Queensland  
07 4775 1113

North Queensland Green Solutions (NQGS) is a community recycling venture operating near the Herveys Range landfill located on the outskirts of Townsville. It operates

a recycling and tip shop open to the public and employs people experiencing barriers to employment for reasons including mental health issues, long-term unemployment, and young people discontinuing schooling.

## **Nundah Community Enterprise Co-op – Parks and Property Maintenance**

Nundah, Queensland  
[www.ncec.com.au](http://www.ncec.com.au)

Nundah Community Enterprise Co-op (NCEC) – Parks and Property Maintenance provides corporate contract services in parks maintenance. NCEC provides meaningful employment for people in Brisbane who have been excluded from the labour market because of intellectual disability, learning difficulties or mental illness.

## **People Power Cleaning (PPC)**

Brisbane, Queensland  
[www.peoplepowercleaning.com](http://www.peoplepowercleaning.com)

People Power Cleaning (PPC) is a non-profit commercial cleaning business in Brisbane set up to help fellow refugees facing long-term unemployment because of a number of reasons such as poor English and lack of work experience. Services provided include bond cleaning, domestic and commercial cleaning and lawn mowing.

## **SEED Parks & Property Maintenance**

Brisbane, Queensland  
[www.seedppm.com](http://www.seedppm.com)

Sandgate Enterprise for Economic Development (SEED) offers a wide range of quality property maintenance and commercial cleaning services at reasonable rates. SEED is a Queensland based social enterprise that aims to employ people in the local community who have been excluded from the labour market due to mental illness, disability, addiction or their status as refugees.

## **Steps Ahead Cleaning & Property Maintenance**

Townsville, Queensland  
07 5458 3207

Steps Ahead Cleaning & Property Maintenance is the social enterprise arm of STEPS, a not-for-profit community service organisation. Steps Ahead provides commercial cleaning and property maintenance services on the Sunshine Coast and plans are to expand to Townsville. Steps Ahead employs people with mental illness.

## **Tasty Fresh**

Logan, Queensland  
[www.loganwomen.com.au](http://www.loganwomen.com.au)

Tasty Fresh is a catering service providing healthy tasty fresh food. An initiative of Logan Women's Health and Wellbeing Centre (LWHWC), Tasty Fresh employs women who are carers for family or friends and provides valuable flexible paid work and social connection for their staff.

## **The Big Issue**

Ipswich, Queensland  
[www.bigissue.org.au](http://www.bigissue.org.au)

The Big Issue is an independent current affairs magazine sold in cities and towns throughout Australia by people experiencing homelessness and/or long-term unemployment. It provides an opportunity for vendors to positively change their lives by earning an income and interacting with the mainstream community. The funding covered the expansion into Ipswich.

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