

Queensland Inclusive Social Enterprises Project (QISEP)

Social Ventures Australia (SVA) has pioneered work to support the development of social enterprises in Australia. With an increasing focus on social enterprise from government, philanthropists, 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. These social enterprises create real work for real pay either as a

transition to the open labour market or as a supported employment option for those people who need a supportive working environment.

The Queensland Government's Department of Communities' Queensland Inclusive Social Enterprises Project (QISEP), managed by SVA, provided \$2 million in funding to support the development of three to five Queensland based social enterprises that employ people who have

been long-term unemployed due to mental health issues. Since January 2010, QISEP has invested in 15 social enterprises creating a total of 122 jobs with 82 of these positions for people with mental health issues. QISEP came to an end on 30 June 2011.

SVA is continuing to work with the Queensland Government to support social enterprise development.

Social enterprises who received funding through QISEP

Australian Indigenous Youth Academy (AIYA) * †

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 holistic, school-based traineeships and fee-for-service programs and employment outcomes for Indigenous versus non-Indigenous Australians.

Brisbane, Queensland
www.aiya.com.au

Baillie Café

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.

Toowoomba, Queensland
07 4632 4688

Brothers Acts of Random Kindness (BARK) †

Brothers Acts of Random Kindness (BARK) works predominately with Indigenous ex-offenders, providing employment opportunities in vegetation management, park maintenance and pest control, as well as offering employment services (recruitment, placement, support and mentoring of all staff members). Through their services, BARK aims to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men who experience barriers to meaningful employment, through culturally relevant support.

Townsville, Queensland
07 4795 2920

Entekom ∞

Entekom is a computer recycling and refurbishment social enterprise, 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 experiencing long-term unemployment, as well as those suffering from mental illness who find it difficult to obtain and maintain a job.

Brisbane, Queensland
www.entekom.com

Espresso Train Café and Catering * ∞

Espresso Train Café, located next to Nundah Train Station, provides beautiful food through the café and catering services. Espresso Train is a part of the Nundah Community Enterprises Co-operative (NCEC). The NCEC provides meaningful employment for those who have been excluded from the labour market because of intellectual disability, learning difficulties or mental illness. NCEC offers on-the-job support to staff, providing them with additional income, a valued role in society and important social connection to the community.

Brisbane, Queensland
www.espressotrainingcatering.com.au

Lagoon Creek Catering and Function Centre ∞

Lagoon Creek Catering and Function Centre 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.

Caboolture, Queensland
www.lagooncreekcafe.com.au

Livingin Constructions and Livingin Landscapes * ∞

Livingin Constructions and Livingin Landscapes are social enterprises established by Kyabra Community Association. They design and construct buildings and landscapes that meet the requirements of families with complex needs, while also providing supportive employment for disadvantaged job seekers by employing them to work alongside trained staff and contractors.

Brisbane, Queensland
www.livinginconstructions.com.au
www.livinginlandscapes.com.au

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Mu'ooz Eritrean Restaurant and Catering *

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 these women are struggling to settle into life in Australia with limited English language skills and no formal qualifications, documentation or work history.

Brisbane, Queensland
www.muooz.com.au

North Queensland Green Solutions (NQGS) †

North Queensland Green Solutions (NQGS) is a community recycling venture which provides training and employment in tip recycling and a tip shop for people experiencing barriers to employment for reasons including mental health issues, long-term unemployment and young people discontinuing schooling. Employees are trained in a variety of skills including customer service, repairs and maintenance, and are provided with ongoing employment or pathways to alternative employment.

Townsville, Queensland
07 4775 1113

Nundah Community Enterprise Cooperative (NCEC) Parks and Property Maintenance ∞

The Nundah Community Enterprise Cooperative (NCEC) Parks 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.

Nundah, Queensland
www.ncec.com.au

People Power Cleaning ∞

People Power Cleaning (PPC) was established to provide employment opportunities for the members of Brisbane's African community, whose lack of English language skills and Australian work experience make seeking meaningful employment difficult. PPC works to provide flexible working hours, a style of work the employees can take pride in, and importantly, a sense of being a significant contributor to the growing livelihood of the local African community.

Brisbane, Queensland
www.peoplepowercleaning.com

SEED Parks and Property Maintenance (SEEDPPM) * ∞

Sandgate Enterprise for Economic Development Parks and Property Maintenance (SEEDPPM) offers a wide range of quality property maintenance and commercial cleaning services at reasonable rates. SEED, an initiative of SANDBAG Community organisation employs people in the local community who have been excluded from the labour market due to mental illness, disability, addiction or their status as refugees.

Brisbane, Queensland
www.seedppm.com

Steps Ahead

Steps Ahead Cleaning & Property Maintenance is the social enterprise arm of STEPS, a non-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.

Townsville, Queensland
07 5458 3207

Tasty Fresh ∞

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.

Logan, Queensland
www.loganwomen.com.au

The Big Issue

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.

Ipswich, Queensland
www.bigissue.org.au

* Social enterprises that also received funding from Australian Government Supporting Social Enterprises Project (SSEP).

† Social enterprises that also received funding from Queensland Government Department of Communities Youth Enterprises Project (YEP).

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