

Living in Harmony Community Grants 2005

Queensland

Organisation: Bayside Adolescent Boarding Inc
Project Name: Welcoming the Strangers
Suburb: WYNNUM (Brisbane) **State:** Queensland
Amount: \$10,000

Project Summary:

African refugee families settling in Brisbane have faced difficulties securing private rental accommodation. This project seeks to overcome this by providing information and cross cultural training to real estate agents. It will also hold informal social events to bring agents and refugees together to share perspectives and develop relationships. The project will be publicised through local radio and newspapers.

About the Organisation:

Bayside Adolescent Boarding assists young people improve their relationship with their families, existing support networks and broader community. It seeks to promote a positive image of young people and to challenge the structural issues and negative stereotypes faced by young people through lobbying, advocacy and community development.

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Organisation: Brisbane City Council
Project Name: It's Not All Black and White: An African Story
Suburb: BRISBANE **State:** Queensland
Amount: \$50,000

Project Summary:

To respond to issues of discrimination affecting African refugees settling in Brisbane, Brisbane City Council will produce an education kit in consultation with new emerging African communities. The project will pilot a number of events (such as morning teas, discussion groups, and community gatherings) bringing together members of the African communities and the broader communities, including Meals-on-Wheels and Neighbourhood Watch, with the aim of establishing ongoing relationships. The kit will be launched on Harmony Day and will be promoted to a range of groups including schools and sports clubs.

About the Organisation:

Brisbane City Council is a local government authority covering metropolitan Brisbane, including a population of more than one million people.

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Organisation: Corporation of the Synod of the Dioceses of Brisbane
Project Name: Engaging Multicultural Australia - Communities in Conversation
Suburb: CAMP HILL (Brisbane) **State:** Queensland
Amount: \$49,890

Project Summary:

Community conversation sessions will focus on building cross-cultural understanding and breaking down distrust between recently arrived African communities and the majority community in south-west Brisbane. The community conversations will build relationships between young African people and older long-term residents. From these sessions voluntary working groups, reflecting the community mix, will be recruited and supported to become self-directed in working to promote ongoing positive community relations.

About the Organisation:

This project will be delivered by Anglicare Refugee & Migrant Services (ARMS). ARMS was established in 1982 to assist individuals and families from refugee and migrant backgrounds to become productive and participating members of the community.

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Organisation: Hockey Queensland Inc
Project Name: Harmony Hockey Art – We Are All Playing on the Same Team
Suburb: COLMSLIE (Brisbane) **State:** Queensland
Amount: \$15,000

Project Summary:

The recent involvement of remote and Indigenous communities in hockey has exposed discrimination between players and shortcomings in Hockey Queensland's policies and programs. In response, Hockey Queensland will develop relationships, undertake workshops, and use art to express and find solutions to issues of prejudice. The organisation will review its strategies and place information on its website. Workshops will be held in Lockhart River, Cooktown, Cairns, Palm Island and Toowoomba.

About the Organisation:

Hockey Queensland is the peak body for the sport of hockey in Queensland. It aims to foster the sport of hockey and to encourage the playing of hockey competitions. It arranges for the selection, coaching and management of Queensland representative teams. It also seeks to promote, preserve, foster and encourage good fellowship and friendship amongst hockey players; and to promote and foster equity and social justice within the Queensland hockey community.

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Organisation: The Advocacy and Support Centre Inc
Project Name: Women in Harmony - Multicultural Choir
Suburb: TOOWOOMBA **State:** Queensland
Amount: \$39,589

Project Summary:

This project aims to unify and showcase the diversity of women living in the Toowoomba region. Through music, the participants and audiences will be able to share cultural exchange by performing music from the cultures of the choir members. The choir will be a strong symbol that all members of the community can work together in a harmonious fashion and can share cultures. The choir will be drawn from the whole of the community, including Sudanese, Indigenous, migrant and Anglo Celtic women. Activities will include rehearsals and performances.

About the Organisation:

The Advocacy and Support Centre (TASC) provides free legal advice and information as well as referral to legal and non-legal services. It aims to increase access to justice by educating the community about the system and legal rights and responsibilities of individuals. It also seeks legal and social change through appropriate law reform and encourages community participation in the provision of its services.

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Organisation: Townsville Multicultural Support Group Inc in partnership with Queensland Women's Health Network
Project Name: Community Harmony in Townsville - Reshaping Gender Roles Across Cultures
Suburb: NUNDINGBURRA (Townsville) **State:** Queensland
Amount: \$22,792

Project Summary:

This project seeks to create increased mutual understanding between new migrant groups and the wider Townsville community by examining a focus of discriminatory attitudes, the role of men and women in society. The project will involve adult members of African, Afghani, Iraqi and Pacific Islander groups, together with the established local community in a series of workshops on gender issues. There will also be social and discussion evenings to foster relationships.

About the Organisation

The Townsville Multicultural Support Group provides information, services and assistance to newly arrived migrants and refugees to enable them to settle in Australia with a minimum of difficulty.

The Queensland Women's Health Network promotes the health and wellbeing of women through advocacy, information sharing and research.