



THE SALVATION ARMY
YOUTH OUTREACH SERVICE

NEWSLETTER

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*You're
invited! ...*

YOS TURNS 30!



**SPIT ROAST
COFFEE VAN
PRIZES
JUMPING CASTLE
SLUSHIE MACHINE
FAIRY FLOSS
FACE PAINTING
MUSIC
FOOD
STORY TELLING
ART
RACES
COMPETITIONS
SIDESHOW ALLEY GAMES**

**JOIN US FOR A STREET PARTY
IN CELEBRATION OF
THE SALVATION ARMY
YOUTH OUTREACH SERVICE
HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE OVERCOME
ADVERSITY & BUILD INDEPENDENCE FOR
MORE THAN 30 YEARS**

**SATURDAY
14TH
OCTOBER
2017**

**SCHOOL STREET, SPRING HILL
10.00AM - 2.00PM**

RSVP IF ATTENDING, BY 29TH SEPTEMBER
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FREE EVENT

30 years ago, The Salvation Army Youth Outreach Service (TSA, YOS) began operations. A humble beginning, YOS was started by TSA Officers using a house in the Eastern suburbs of Brisbane to offer services to the young people in the area. Outreaching services were the prime assistance in the early years.

The values that started the service; genuine concern for others, willingness to want to break the cycles of poverty and despair for young people, unconditional love and advocacy were carried out with a spiritual ferment, ensuring that the work reflected God's love for young people in crisis. While the type of youth services YOS operates have changed, those values embedded at the conception of YOS remain.

COURT SUPPORT PROGRAM UPDATE

MARTI

*Advocacy and Justice Support
Youth Worker*

Hi there YOS Community! Its Marti here, the Advocacy & Justice Support Youth Worker giving you a quick program update. Since you last heard from me in June, I have worked with another 40 young people whilst they have navigated legal issues.

Such an important part of my role is advocating for young people, which means being the voice that speaks up for fundamental needs and rights. Over the past three months I have experienced the impact that advocacy has at the individual level and thanks to this support we have had some great outcomes including:

- The Department of Housing granting a transfer request for a family who have been the targets of racism and violence from their neighbours
- 3 young people were not excluded from mainstream schools as a result of our support and advocacy
- 2 young people feeling supported enough to complete protection orders and speak with Police officers face to face. I was told by these young people afterwards that they felt *really empowered*
- 8 young people have received lighter sentencing as a result of my successful advocacy

Watch this space as it's not just Christmas that is around the corner. History is in the making with the new legislation that will bring young people aged 17 years, into Queensland's Youth Justice System. The new legislation will commence in November 2017 and will bring Queensland into line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the law in all other Australian jurisdictions.

If you or anyone you know would like further information about the Advocacy & Justice Support program please contact me (Marti) on:

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ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM RE-LAUNCHED

LAURA

Youth Worker, Spring Hill

The East Brisbane Accommodation Program has now been christened with a new name, in order to reflect the program's aim and purpose of creating a stable and supportive base for young people to launch into independence: LaunchPad!

YOS has received a Community Grant to fit out and decorate the tenant's community space, and a local artist will be hired to create a spectacular mural to coincide with the renaming of the program. Everyone is excited to see the final results!

All of the new tenants have settled in and are making progress with their goals, and are facing challenges as they arise. They are actively engaging in restorative justice processes in order to resolve conflicts, which help them to understand each other's perspectives and to restore damaged relationships. It can be a confronting process, but a unique opportunity for learning and growth.

One long term tenant has successfully obtained independent accommodation and moved out of the program. The YOS team are happily celebrating his achievements and how far he has travelled in his journey. More celebration is to come with two other tenants proudly completing Year 12 in the next few months, and another tenant accomplishing her TAFE course certificate.

With the YOS 30th Birthday coming up in October, invitations will be sent out to current and previous tenants. Hopefully some old faces will appear and old stories told, and an opportunity to share in their journeys since their time at YOS.

For information on the Launchpad Program, you can contact Laura on: Phone: 07 3854 1245

PIRLIRIPA EDUCATION PROGRAM UPDATE

MAREE

Health & Well-being Youth Worker, Spring Hill

The Pirlirra class students have been working hard in the classroom to achieve their goals and over the last two months have also enjoyed a few excursions, which have been varied and enjoyed by all.

Classroom Painting

Students were involved in completing dots in the background of the dolphin and also the hand prints for the body of the dolphin. They had lots of practice on dots before they started on the artwork and they did really well! Thanks to Indigenous community leader Robert Duncan, who assisted the students with their paintings.



Cat Café

Students and staff attended our local Cat Cuddle Café, located at Red Hill. We had an hour in the cat room, able to pet and play with a total of 15 rescue cats in the space at the time. The cats are so entertaining and all monies go towards maintaining the space as the cats await the new family home.



Volunteer Expo and Open Day for Pirlirra

The Active Volunteering Students researched material and set up stalls for volunteer organisations of their choice that enable young people under 18 years to participate. Other students assisted in the open day by inviting guests to engage with the YOS website on laptops, perception activities and of course food and drink service for the event.



CONGRATULATIONS DESIREE!

The Beach class at YOS Lawnton decided that they wanted to do something special to mark the occasion of their Health and Wellbeing Youth Worker's wedding. Desiree, having chosen to be married in Costa Rica, the class felt that they were being left out of the celebrations and so secretly planned a mock wedding for her!

A visit to the local expensive bridal shop aka the Salvos Stores, produced a beautiful wedding gown. Desiree wore the dress all day until the sequins began to leave a rash.

Andrew and Brendan stepped up as the flower girls, throwing handfuls of small shells (hey, we are the beach class) in front of the bride as she walked to the area designated for the wedding. Youth Worker Ron's brother, Don, took on the duties of giving the bride away. Bec, the excited bridegroom waited as Desiree and Don walked through the grounds. Marriage celebrant Tara wrote special vows for the lovely couple in which they promised to not marry.

The ladies from the Church Home League joined in the festivities as did Major Lyn. Activities Worker Lyn produced a loaded potato lunch where the potatoes had been cooked in an open fire and we all enjoyed sending Desiree off in style.



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