

A STRONG, **VIBRANT**, COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

A Word from our *General Manager*

You may have noticed Roseberry, as an organisation, has grown over the past few years. We have increased our programs and staff considerably. As such we decided it was time for a name change in accordance with our growth. We didn't want to treat the name as an afterthought, absent-mindedly settling on either a descriptive mouthful, something whimsical or just using a product name rather than an actual brand name. I was reminded every day that the organisation's name was too wordy, for quite a few, and more often than not, the name used would be incor-

rect. This was often confusing for our clients.

The growth of the organisation was not depicted in the current name. After consultation, we have chosen to keep some of the heritage of the organisation, by retaining Roseberry as part of the new name. There is quite a history with this word and it is of interest to talk about the foundations of the company, when talking about growth.

We thought it best to keep the name simple – two words with reference to locality, historical aspects of the company and

foundation. Our new name of Roseberry Qld gives instant recognition and does not limit the capacity for future growth – we can now be easily recognised as Roseberry.

We will officially launch our new name with the opening of our new site at 21 Dawson Road. The new site will have Roseberry Administration, Roseberry Housing program and the Youth and Family Services programs. We should be ready to move in around December this year – very exciting, and very busy times for Roseberry, stay tuned!



Colleen Tribe

Rockhampton Services

The Prime Minister, Senator Cash and Federal Member Michelle Landry paid a visit to Roseberry's Rockhampton office to announce the expansion of the ParentsNext program. Mr Turnbull was very interested to hear what Participants thought of the program and how the ParentsNext team had assisted them to reach their goals.

The ParentsNext team hold regular Parents Focus Groups in Gracemere, Mt Morgan and Rockhampton that give Participants an opportunity to have their say on what information is important to them and

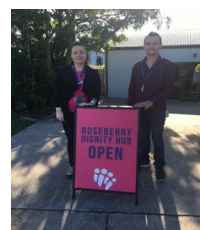
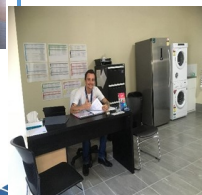
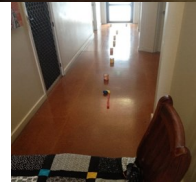
their families, and to have input into how the program is run.

The young people from Jack's House Youth Shelter were very pleased to win the second of the 'My Shelter Rules' competition. This is a friendly cooking competition between Roseberry House and Jack's House Youth Shelters. The young people decide on a country, learn about the customs, language, geography and local cuisine. A menu is developed and the young people cook up a storm for the guest judges.



Roseberry House

Our Young Parents group has been filling Roseberry House with lots of happy noises. With parents exploring ways to develop their child's motor skills, and problem solving skills without impacting on the budget! This was achieved by building an obstacle course out of typical household items. Roseberry Dignity Hub had a soft opening on 22 March, 2017. The Dignity Hub provides laundry facilities, a bathroom and a kitchenette for those experiencing crisis, as well as providing information and referrals to other services. We cannot thank our volunteers enough for their assistance and continued support.



headspace Gladstone

headspace Gladstone continues to be visited by many 12-25 year olds seeking help with their early mental health concerns. Our care pathways offer stepped care via: groups, brief intervention and longer therapy. We help young people with mental health, physical health, alcohol and other drug issues and vocational support. A new program we have is a dietician who is available for individual consultations. We are looking for sponsors for a new program – headspace Hungry Games. The program will give participants 2 CrossFit classes and 1 cooking class each week for 8 weeks at a cost of \$10/week, so \$80. headspace has a sexual health clinic for 14-25yo's who can visit the centre to get help with: contraception advice, testing for sexually transmitted infections and information on negotiating healthy sexual relationships. No referral is required, it is a free service and it is encouraged to make an appointment (tel: 4903 1921). We had a great NAIDOC week including Deadly Choices Sports Day, the Careers Expo, the Flag Raising and the March. The photo shows some of our Youth Reference Group and Leaders with our new indigenous artwork and plaque.



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Youth & Family Services

The Youth and Family Services team has been extremely busy with many new and exciting programs, support groups and youth development programs in progress. We have been very fortunate in welcoming two new staff members, Emily and Shannon, to work in our Branchout program.

The YFS holiday programs continue to be popular with young people aged 12-18yrs. Activities included rock and mountain climbing, bowling and cooking.

Members of the Branchout group have enjoyed working with the Conservation Volunteers Australia group, on their Callemondah project. The YFS team are looking forward to more exciting projects in 2017, including: the Homeless Connect Event, Triple P Parenting (Adolescents) seminars and groups, programs through headspace and sensory play activities.

Please contact Youth and Family Services on 49728200 to find out how you can get involved.



Housing Services

The rising cost of living has become a common topic of conversation as it affects many Australians. Much of the discussion fails to recognise that it is low income households – those experiencing poverty and disadvantage – who are most affected by the rising costs of goods and services.

Exciting times ahead with a pilot being rolled out by the State government to deliver more economical solar energy for vulnerable electricity customers residing in government-owned public housing.

The trial aims to reduce the cost of living burdens for the states tenants in the trial loca-

tions, and will help some of Queensland's most vulnerable electricity customers. To date, tenants have faced multiple barriers to accessing solar power because they are in a rental agreement. This trial seeks to overcome these obstacles and reveal the advantages to all involved.



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