

About us

Community Action Inc has a vision for a socially inclusive community: a community without poverty, homelessness or violence; a community where individuals and families are valued; a community where everyone can participate in community life.

Our Mission

To provide appropriate housing, social services and programmes to those in need in our community.

Our staff

Manager - Michelle Hine
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Housing Services Newsletter

November 2016

Hello and welcome to the

Community Action – Housing Services Newsletter

2016 has flown by and its already time for our end of year tenant party.

Wednesday 14th December is the day and Nelson Reserve is the place. We will have lots of fun activities planned for all our tenants including food, games, a hot rod display and a lucky door prize. The animal nursery will be there again this year and so will the snow cones. Save the date because we would love to see you all there for some end of year fun. An invitation with all the details will be sent out closer to the day.

Tenant Survey

We really appreciate your feedback and have included a survey form with your newsletter. Please take the time to complete the form and return to our office so that we can get a clear picture of how our properties are suiting our tenants and any areas where we can make improvements.

Sleepout

The 2016 Sleepout for Homelessness was another great success. This year we spent the night of 5th August at the Gympie Showgrounds sleeping in and around the grandstand area. This represents one of the many places that homeless people may seek shelter and safety when they don't have any other place to sleep. Over 80 people attended the Sleepout, with 59 people sleeping out.

So far this year we have raised over \$16,750 to help relieve homelessness in Gympie. That brings our total raised since our first Sleepout in 2013 to \$65,000. Part of this money goes to buying swags that we give to people who are sleeping rough, the remainder of the money is put towards our goal of establishing generalised crisis accommodation in the future.

Funding

Community Action – Housing Services is funded by the Queensland Department of Housing and Public Works.

What we do

Community Action Inc has 3 service areas including Community Housing, Youth Services and Domestic Violence Services. These services have significant experience in: tenancy management of housing for low income tenants, supported housing for young people in crisis, supported housing for women and children escaping domestic and family violence, provision of emergency relief to young people experiencing financial crisis, provision of other youth programs and services.

The organisation receives funding for its programs from various state and federal funding departments and other one off grants, support and donations.

Currently, some 170 units of accommodation are offered ranging from crisis, medium term to long term tenancies, including share-houses, studio units, units/duplexes and houses. Support services include programs and assistance for young people and support for women and children escaping domestic and family violence.

Check out our webpage: www.communityactiongympie.com.au
Or you can find us on Facebook

This time of year can be tough financially. Here are some local services that can help ease the burden:

No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) – for essential items such as a fridge, washing machine, TV or bed. You can borrow between \$200 - \$1200 and repay within 12 – 24 months. To be eligible you must hold a Health Care Card, be a low-income earner, receive a Centrelink pension or payment and have been living at the same address for at least 3 months. For more info contact St Vincent de Paul on 5482 2737 or visit them at 2 John St Gympie near One Mile State School.

Salvation Army – Doorways Caseworker Julie can assist with financial counselling, budgeting and emergency relief phone 5482 1710 to make an appointment.

St Vincent de Paul – Monday, Wednesday & Fridays from 12pm to 3pm. No appointment necessary, but a current Centrelink Income Statement will be required. Visit them at 2 John St, near One Mile State School.

Victory Care Services - Weekdays between 5pm & 6pm. Saturdays between 9am & 11am. Food hampers cost \$30. Everyone is welcome at their shed at 1 Barter St.

Community Action - Youth Service – Monday to Friday 1pm to 3pm. Must be between the ages of 12 and 25. No appointment necessary. Visit them at 24 Lawrence St. A current income statement from Centrelink will be required.

Uniting Care Communities – Free counselling phone 5480 3400

Gympie & District Women's Health Centre – Counselling and health services for women phone 5483 6588

KEIHS – If you or someone you know is having trouble managing their tenancy call KEIHS for tenancy case management on 5483 6743

QSTARS – for tenancy law advice & advocacy phone 1300 744 263

There are many support services in Gympie, if you are experiencing any difficulties just let us know and we will refer you to a service that can help.